

# MAPLEWOOD LIVING

September 2017



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## Nature Family Fun!

*This class is offered by the Maplewood Nature Center in collaboration with Early Childhood and Family Education, 622 staff.*

Make nature discoveries, get resources to explore & protect your world together. Parents or guardians stay with their child(ren) during the entire class. Visit the website for class locations.

Time: 10-11:30 a.m.

Sept. 23 Squirrels and Acorns

Oct. 14 Woolly Bears

Nov. 17 Snakes & Salamanders

Fee is \$5 per child per class. To register contact ECFE:

(651) 748-7280 or register online at [www.isd622.org/ecfe](http://www.isd622.org/ecfe).

## Maplewood Fall Clean Up Campaign 4 Full Weeks in October

In October, the City of Maplewood will be offering its annual Fall Clean Up Campaign. During the event, Republic Services, Maplewood's contracted trash hauler, will collect bulky items curbside at a reduced rate. The event is scheduled for the first full weeks of October (October 2-6, October 9-13, October 16-20, and October 23-27).

All residents who have curbside collection are eligible to schedule bulky item pick up with the City's contracted trash hauler during the event (including townhomes and manufactured homes that have not opted into the City's trash program). Residents who wish to use the service but are not included in the City-wide trash service (some townhomes and manufactured homes) must pre-pay via credit card. To schedule a bulky item pick up contact Republic Services at (651) 455-8634. For more details visit the City's website at [www.maplewoodmn.gov/cleanups](http://www.maplewoodmn.gov/cleanups).



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Dresser .....	\$13.50
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Grill (gas - no propane tanks) .....	\$13.50
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Mattress or Box Spring (twin, queen, or king) .....	\$20.00
Office Chair .....	\$9.00
Recliner/ EZ Chair .....	\$13.50
Roll of Carpet (bundled 4ft length) .....	\$9.50
Tire .....	\$18.00
Tire with rim .....	\$21.50
Toilet .....	\$12.50

*\*Event price before applicable state and county fees*

## Elected Officials

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 Marylee Abrams: Councilmember ..... (651) 249-2000  
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## City Manager

Melinda Coleman: City Manager .....(651) 249-2055  
 melinda.coleman@maplewoodmn.gov

## Frequently Called Numbers

City Hall	(651) 249-2000
Maplewood Community Center	(651) 747-0922
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).



# City of Maplewood Now Accepting Applications for 2018 Charitable Gambling Funds

The City of Maplewood is now accepting applications for the use of the 2018 proceeds of the City's 10% Charitable Gambling Tax. The application deadline is Sept. 15, 2017.

In order to qualify, an organization must be a non-profit corporation with an IRS 501(c) (3) designation serving the citizens of Maplewood. The first priority will be given to funding City of Maplewood organizations and second priority to organizations from outside the city proposing to meet the needs of Maplewood residents. In general, requests from organized athletic groups are not funded.

The City Council awarded a total of \$30,000 in Charitable Gambling Tax Funds for 2017. Funds went to the following groups: ARCS – Aquatic Research & Conservation Society, Carver Elementary PTO, CHILD Inc., Dispute Resolution

Center, District 622 Education Foundation, Friends of Maplewood Nature, ISD 622 Fusion Drumline Parent Booster Organization, ISD 622 Gladstone Meals on Wheels, ISD 622 Northern Lights Show Choir, Maplewood Area Historical Society, Maplewood Monarchs S.O. Team, Maplewood Police Reserves, Maplewood Youth Scholarship Fund, North High School Robotics Team, North High School Senior Class Party, Ramsey County Fair, Tubman Family Alliance, Weaver Elementary School PTO, and Webster Elementary School PTO.

The funds are awarded by a vote of the Maplewood City Council. Applications are available on the city website [www.maplewoodmn.gov](http://www.maplewoodmn.gov) or by calling Lois Knutson at (651) 249-2051. The application deadline is Sept. 15, 2017.



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# 2017 Buckthorn Curb-Side Pick-Up and Disposal Information



Buckthorn piled for curb side pick-up

Maplewood residents who remove large volumes of buckthorn from their properties will qualify for free curbside pick-up of buckthorn this fall (**no other trees or shrubs will be picked up**). You must have enough buckthorn to fill more than a large pickup truck. If you do not have enough buckthorn to qualify, recruit your neighbors and we will include your block. This year, pickup is scheduled for the week of **November 13. Register by 3 p.m., Thursday, November 9.** There will be no early or late pick-ups.

To register: send your contact information (name, daytime phone, email and address) to: Maplewood Nature Center, 2659 7th St. East, Maplewood, MN 55119, or email Carole Gernes at [carole.gernes@maplewoodmn.gov](mailto:carole.gernes@maplewoodmn.gov). You will receive a confirmation with stacking and other instructions.

Don't have enough buckthorn for a pick-up and your neighbors aren't interested? Want to continue removing buckthorn beyond the pick-up date? Bring cut buckthorn to a Ramsey County Compost site that accepts brush. Ramsey County Yard Waste Site information is found here: [www.co.ramsey.mn.us/ph/rt/yard\\_waste\\_collection\\_sites.htm](http://www.co.ramsey.mn.us/ph/rt/yard_waste_collection_sites.htm).

Weed Wrench tools, for pulling buckthorn, are no longer available for checkout at Maplewood Nature Center. Research has shown that pulling buckthorn results in establishment of new invasive plants. Cutting and treating buckthorn stumps with herbicide results in more native plant growth and fewer weed species. Please join our efforts to prevent spread of garlic mustard in Maplewood.

Buckthorn is an aggressive, invasive European shrub invading our woodlands that prevents the growth of native plant species. We encourage residents to remove it from their properties. Unlike native shrubs, it retains green leaves late into the fall, long after other leaves have turned color or

fallen. This is the easiest way to identify buckthorn and the best time for removal. To avoid accidental removal of beneficial dogwoods and cherries, we urge residents to wait until fall before removing their buckthorn.

Tips for identifying buckthorn and effective removal are found in the Maplewood Buckthorn Management brochure, available online at <http://maplewoodmn.gov/documentcenter/view/16488>.

## Free Buckthorn Removal Demonstration

at Applewood Park; Saturday, September 23, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Meet at the Matterhorn entrance. Learn how to identify buckthorn species and beneficial look-alikes to protect. We'll discuss updated best management practices and herbicide safety. Stay to cut and treat buckthorn at the park to earn a Buckthorn Blaster to take home! Wear old clothes: long pants, rubber boots, a hat, and long sleeved shirt. Bring chemical resistant gloves (not leather or cloth). FREE! Registration required by Tuesday, September 19. Register online at [www.maplewoodnaturecenter.com](http://www.maplewoodnaturecenter.com); click on the RegisterOnline-Go button, or call (651) 249-2170.

## Maplewood Buckthorn Herbicide Coupon

Join the City's effort to manage buckthorn in Maplewood. To help with this community environmental issue, these businesses are offering Maplewood residents a discount on buckthorn herbicide products. Make sure to purchase Glyphosate products at a 25% or higher concentration. Triclopyr is effective at 8% or 8.8%. Use water-safe formulations for use within 10 feet of water, wet areas or storm drains.

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# Conifer Ridge Readies for Fall Opening



**Conifer Ridge Development**

The Conifer Ridge Apartments project on County Road D is moving along well and ownership expects the first 50-unit building to open on Sept. 1. From there, a second 50-unit building will open in November, with a third slated to open in January, 2018.

"We're very excited about the project," Regional Property Manager Susan Muellner said. "We're looking forward to being part of Maplewood."

The luxury apartments, owned by North Lakes Property Management, are surrounded by trails, marshes and fully mature trees, giving residents access to nature as well as city amenities. Each of the three buildings will be situated with one side facing the neighboring townhome community and the other side facing wetlands and large trees.

"This project is going to be a great asset to the City," said Economic Development Director DuWayne Konewko. "This kind of complex is going to appeal to variety of people and will help set Maplewood apart."

City Manager Melinda Coleman agreed.

"This is a wonderful project for Maplewood," she noted. "Conifer Ridge is the kind of housing that's becoming more popular, so it's exciting to be able to meet that demand right here in our City."

Apartments will feature stainless steel appliances, vinyl wood planking, full size washers and dryers, and more. The community itself will feature underground parking, a fitness center, and onsite management. The community lounge will also have a large fireplace, a flat screen TV, and walk-out deck.

"Conifer Ridge really is unique because of that mix of nature and big city," Muellner explained. "You'll be able to see deer and ducks out your window, but at the same time, the grocery store is just five minutes away."

Konewko sees Conifer Ridge as an important step forward for the City.

"We're an older community that's largely built-up already, so when we have an opportunity to develop something new, it's critical that we get it right," he said. "This project does that. It meets a housing need we have here in the City but will also attract new residents."

Visit [www.coniferridgeapts.com](http://www.coniferridgeapts.com) for more information.

## BASKETBALL LEAGUES

### GRADES 3-8

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Scholarships are available for qualifying Maplewood residents.

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE • OCT 20 • VOLUNTEER COACHES NEEDED**

This recreational program is for girls and boys grades 3-8 (as of the 2017-2018 school year) and is designed to provide all participants with an opportunity to have fun, learn basic basketball skills and learn how to play as a team. Boys and girls will play in separate leagues according to their grade level. The 3-4 grade divisions will play their games with 9-foot baskets to provide a positive and rewarding experience for the participant while the 5-8 grade divisions will use regulation 10-foot baskets. Teams will begin practice mid-November.

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**HOW DO I REGISTER?**

- In Person: Maplewood Parks & Rec, 1902 County Road B East
- By Phone: 651.249.2120
- Online: <https://www.activecommunities.com/Maplewoodmn/Home>



## INTRO TO BASKETBALL

Maplewood Parks & Recreation and North St. Paul High School Basketball are offering Intro to Basketball. Introduce your youngster to the basic skills of basketball in a relaxed, fun and supportive atmosphere. They will learn shooting, passing, dribbling, defense and team play. Basketballs and baskets will be adjusted to meet the needs of each age group. All participants will receive a t-shirt and mini basketball. Space is limited, so register early! For more information call 651-249-2204.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 30

**WHEN: Saturdays, October 7 - November 18**  
 NO CLASS: November 4

**WHO: Boys and Girls Grades K - 2**  
 Grade K: 9:00AM - 10:00AM  
 Grade 1: 10:15AM - 11:15AM  
 Grade 2: 11:30AM - 12:30PM

**LOCATION: Edgerton Gym, 1929 Edgerton St**  
**FEE: \$65.00**



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- By Phone: 651.249.2120
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# National Night Out 2017 Recap

Maplewood enjoyed another tremendous National Night Out on August 1. Hundreds of residents, from across the city, came together for food, fun, and camaraderie. Staff from Maplewood's police, fire, EMS, and public works departments visited several block parties to chat with residents and show off trucks and equipment to excited kids. Members of Maplewood's city council and senior administrative team also attended parties to answer questions, share insights into future projects, and to get to know residents.



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# Be On the Lookout for Scammers

By Maplewood Police Officer Alesia Metry



Do you ever feel like everywhere you go someone asks you for money? At home, the parking lot at the store or even when you're driving in your car? Some times the people asking for money are from legitimate organizations but more and more frequently we at the Maplewood Police Department are getting reports of people being scammed or intimidated out of their money. So what can you do?

First, figure out which organizations or people you truly want to give your money: the Girl Scouts, a local fundraiser, charitable organizations or simply someone who looks like they may need a little help. Schedule a donation with these people or groups ahead of time and then feel free to tell others you have already made your donations for the year. If you do not want people coming to your home and asking for money or trying to sell you things put up a "NO SOLICITING" sign. You can purchase them at any hardware store.

If you don't mind people coming to your door, make certain they are truly who they say they are. Anyone can create a fake ID or photocopy a fraudulent brochure. If you are not certain they are from a legitimate organization ask for documentation about their organization, tell them you will read it over, verify the organization and then make a donation if you chose to do so. People asking for money from a legitimate organization will agree to this. If the person starts to pressure you or refuses to give you information about their organization you should be suspicious it may be a scam. Close the door and let them walk away. You can check out legitimate organizations and scam organizations by doing a search on the internet.

The same rules hold true for people who solicit you in the parking lot of a business. Most business owners do not

want their customers to be bothered by solicitors. For the past two summers customers in Maplewood have been approached by a group of young males claiming they were collecting money for a local high school basketball team. When they were told no they yelled obscenities, became aggressive and in one case damaged a person's car. When the police checked out their story it turned out the team photo they were showing people was from a team in the state of Virginia. The coach from the local high school said none of the young males were on his team and they NEVER send their players out soliciting money. Anytime you get out of your car be aware of your surroundings. If you become frightened by solicitors in a parking lot, tell the store manager, call the police or drive away. Also be very careful anytime you take out your wallet, its easy for a person to grab it and run.

The Maplewood Police frequently get reports that people are on a street corner or freeway exit ramp holding signs asking for money. They generally claim they are homeless and need your help. This is NOT illegal. What is illegal is if they are creating a disturbance or impeding traffic. If you want to hand them money that's fine but please do not block traffic or jeopardize the safety of the person asking for money by having them step into the street. If you want to help the homeless it may be best to donate to organizations like: The Union Gospel Mission, Dorothy Day or Joseph's Coat. These organizations focus on helping the homeless with food, clothing and housing.

Finally, many people are falling victim to scammers who are contacting them over the phone or internet. They claim to be from the IRS, Xcel Energy or Microsoft. They demand money to fix your computer or because they say you owe them money and may be arrested. **NO LEGITIMATE ORGANIZATION DEMANDS MONEY OVER THE PHONE.** If someone calls requesting money, ask them to send their demands in writing. Never pay debts with a gift card, pre-paid Visa or in cash. The money CAN NOT be tracked and it generally can not be recovered once it's gone. Maplewood Police recently took reports in which a person paid out over \$10,000 when he was aggressively threatened by people claiming to be with the IRS. In a second incident a person was contacted on the phone and claimed to be with Microsoft. They convinced the person her computer was being hacked and she sent them over \$500 to fix it. Neither party is likely to get their money back nor is it likely the police will locate the criminals.

# Bee-come a Bee Monitor

Join us for an exceptional Citizen Science Pollinator Training and Survey at Maplewood YMCA/Community Center and Fish Creek Natural Area.

Date and Time: Saturday, Sept. 9, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

(Rain date for outdoor portion is Sunday, Sept 10)

Free! Adults. Register online by Wednesday, Sept. 6.

To register, go to [www.maplewoodnaturecenter.com](http://www.maplewoodnaturecenter.com) and click on the Register Online Go button. Call (651) 249-2170 if you need help registering.

**Morning Location:** Maplewood Community Center/ YMCA 2100 White Bear Ave. Maplewood, 55109.

Bees are some of our most important pollinators, but little is known about the bees that live in our natural landscapes. Learn how to distinguish bees from other flower-visiting insects, honey bees from native bees; and methods for monitoring bees. Participants will gain practical experience with hands-on activities including working with pinned specimens, capturing and examining bees in a restored prairie, and practicing methods for standardized data collection. Participants receive a Citizen Scientist Pollinator Monitoring Guide and other reference material.

**Afternoon Location:** Fish Creek entrance is on Henry Lane, just off of Carver Avenue in South Maplewood, 55119. At Fish Creek, we'll practice capturing and identifying, walk

transects, survey for pollinators and learn about the prairie restoration. Data gathered will provide baseline information that will be tracked as the restoration matures. Participants need to be able to withstand tall grasses, uneven terrain. Wear sturdy walking shoes, long pants and long sleeves. Bring a hat, sunglasses, lunch and water bottle.



Green Sweat Bee



Rusty Patch Bumble Bee

Course will be taught by Xerces Society Entomologists, Great River Greening Ecologists and City of Maplewood Naturalists. Funding for this project is provided by the Minnesota Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund.





## FALL HIKES AT FISH CREEK

FOR BOTH PROGRAMS, MEET AT THE GATE ON HENRY LANE, JUST OFF CARVER AVE.





 Fish Creek Forever

Registration required for both programs. Register at [www.maplewoodnaturecenter.com](http://www.maplewoodnaturecenter.com) and click on the Register Online-Go button, or call 651-249-2170.

### BLUFF TOPS, BIRDING AND BAGELS HIKE

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 8:00AM-10:00AM**  
(ADULTS AND CHILDREN 10+ WITH ADULT) All skill levels welcome.

-  Join other bird enthusiasts to explore Fish Creek's scenic vistas for songbirds and raptors riding air thermals. Learn techniques for identifying birds. Binoculars available, or bring your own.
-  We'll provide the Bagels and cream cheese; you provide a beverage.
-  Closed-toed shoes and long pants recommended.

**FEE: \$5. Register by Wednesday, September 13**

### FALL COLOR NATURE HIKE

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6, 10:00AM - 11:30AM**  
(All ages)

- Bring your favorite walking stick and join us for a morning nature hike on the beautiful paved trails! We'll enjoy fall color, identify trees and look for wildlife.
- Bring binoculars or check out a pair from the naturalist.
- We will attempt the 1 mile loop, strollers may be needed for young children. Dress for the weather and wear shoes suitable for hiking!

**FREE. Register by Wednesday, October 4**

## MUSIC IN THE BARN

GATES OPEN 5:30PM • MUSIC BEGINS 7:00PM

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

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## Maplewood Business Council Meeting

The next Maplewood Business Council meeting will take place on September 21 at 7:30 a.m. at the Maplewood Mall. This meeting will concentrate solely on the city's comprehensive plan update and will be focused on eliciting feedback and guidance from the business community to assist with the development of the plan document. Rita Trapp, from the planning group HKGi and working on behalf of the city of Maplewood, will lead a robust discussion that will lead to meaningful dialogue about the city's comprehensive planning effort. It is the city's goal to have the business community influence the direction of the comprehensive plan update so that the end result is a plan that has broad support as it is being implemented. Coffee and roles will be provided.

## Scott Nadeau Sworn in as New Director of Public Safety



Scott Nadeau was sworn in as Maplewood's new director of public safety at the Aug. 14 city council meeting. Before his role in Maplewood, Nadeau

served as police chief in Columbia Heights. He began his career in Brooklyn Center 1987 and served as a commander, sergeant, detective, and officer in that city.

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# Maplewood Rec Run 3k/5k

Come run the Gateway Trail  
At the Maplewood Community Center/YMCA Upper Lot.

Register by Sept. 20 to guarantee a shirt and child's award!

**Saturday, September 30**  
9:00AM-10:00AM: Check-In & Pre-Race Activities

**Pre-Race Activities**  
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Coloring Station • Yard Games  
Pre-race Stretch

10:00AM: Race Starts  
11:00AM: Race Awards

**Race Fee: \$30.00**  
One Adult & One Child (max of 2)

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(max of 4 children)  
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