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City Council Workshop and Meeting

April 23, 2018

Maplewood Community Center/
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With improvements, Wakefield Park remains a place for nature in the neighborhood

By Audra Robbins, Maplewood Parks and Recreation Manager, Pete Boulay, Maplewood Heritage Preservation Commission

After significant planning, public meetings, design review and the blessing of at least three city governing bodies, Maplewood is set to break ground on a new multi-purpose community building at Wakefield Park, upgrade the skating facilities, and improve its lake's water quality. Construction is expected to start in the spring and wrap up in the late fall.

The new Wakefield facility will serve as a local "hub" for Maplewood residents, and provide much needed programming space for youth/adult dance classes, art and education programs, preschool classes and City Special Events.

Maplewood will construct the new building using its Green Construction Code with materials that are sustainable and locally sourced, designed to reduce carbon emissions, and conserve water. This grand design will help return Wakefield to its past glory and make it one of the City's signature parks.

With its mix of trees, hills, open spaces and water, Wakefield Park has always been an attractive site for homes to overlook and for people to enjoy a taste of nature.

Its 23-acre lake first appeared on maps as early as 1874, and came to be known as Wakefield Lake after Sara and Lucy Wakefield who homesteaded on the western shore. In the late 19th century, the land was platted around the lake to be part of Gladstone. However, the City did not prosper, and by 1907, the property on the east side of the lake to Kennard Street wound up in the hands of Ramsey County and the City of St. Paul.

The Ramsey County Poor Farm at Frost and White Bear Avenue had a commanding view of the terrain and the cattle preferred the water and good pasture at Wakefield.

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- Farm training program
- Growing food & 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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April – May Commission

Meeting Location Change: All meetings will be held at Fire Station 2 (1955 Clarence)

Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting

April 12, 2018 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Environmental & Natural Resources Commission Meeting

April 16, 2018 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Community Design Review Board Meeting

April 17, 2018 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Planning Commission Meeting

April 17, 2018 7:00 PM - 9:30 PM

Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting

April 18, 2018 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting

May 10, 2018 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

2018 SUMMER CAMPS

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**2170 East County Road D,
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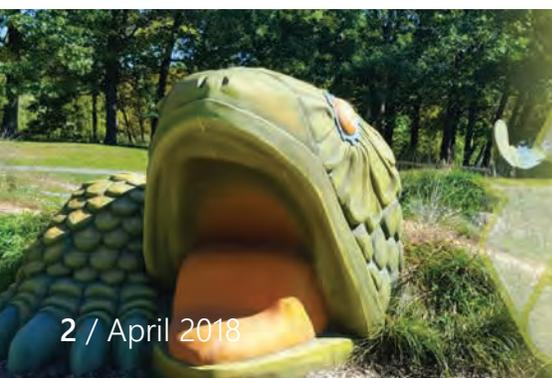
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ANNUAL MAPLEWOOD ALL PARKS CLEAN-UP

Saturday, April 21

The Maplewood Parks & Recreation Commission invites you to participate in our annual spring clean-up. Please consider donating a few hours to spruce up our parks. Clean up materials (bags and gloves) along with coffee and snacks will be available from 8:00 - 10:00 AM (The lower level of the Maplewood Community Center). For further information contact audra.robbins@maplewoodmn.gov.



A cow tunnel was constructed out of flagstone under Prosperity Road to provide access. The surrounding neighborhood of Gladstone turned into a sleepy suburb, with children swimming in the lake in the summer and skating on the ice in the winter. At one point in the 1930s, the lake mostly dried up and proved to be a good hunting ground for pheasants.

The first real change around Wakefield Lake was when Presentation Parish purchased some of the property east of Prosperity Road from the county in 1947 and began to fill in the low area on the east side of Prosperity. North of the church property, home sites were platted and dubbed the Maryknoll neighborhood. Within 10 years, more homes would be constructed to the west and north of the lake. With these new homes came children and Wakefield Park became a much busier place. The many septic tanks for the compact lots began to become an issue. The need for sanitary sewers was one of the driving forces to incorporate as a village.

When Maplewood was incorporated in 1957, a large chunk of the population for the new village was in Gladstone. One of the earliest issues of the Maplewood Review Newspaper ran a headline in July 1962 that swimming lessons were to begin at Wakefield, with free busing from Maplewood Parks to the lake. The beach had many full days in the summer and Devil's Hill across the lake had many sledders in the winter.

In the summer of 1967 there were plans afoot to upgrade Larpenteur Avenue and to connect Wakefield to Phalen and construct a storm sewer that would drain the bustling Hillcrest development into Wakefield. The pipeline and the sewer were completed by 1968. This changed the lake by filling in the south end with sediment.

Nonetheless, swimming continued at Wakefield through the late 1970s. The swimming lessons were moved elsewhere, but the beach was as busy as ever at the annual 4th of July celebration, topped off with fireworks at dusk. Eventually, the beach was closed due to poor water quality. The old creek that fed the lake from the northeast end was put underground in the late 1970s.

Storm water piped into Wakefield Lake from nearby neighborhoods is the key culprit for poor water quality. The City and Ramsey-Washington Metro Watershed District (RWMWD) have begun implementing projects to help reduce pollutants entering the lake. In 2018, the City



will construct a spent lime treatment structure at Frost and Kennard to intercept phosphorus. Future area street reconstruction will provide opportunities for additional stormwater filtering.

The City leased portions of the park for many years from Ramsey County until December 1, 1996 when the City assumed ownership of Wakefield and six other parks from Ramsey County.

By 2019 a new era will dawn for the park and lake, but it will always be a place to visit nature in the neighborhood.

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Making Maplewood attractive for businesses to stay and expand

By DuWayne Konewko, Maplewood Environmental and Economic Development Director

Truly helping Maplewood business thrive means much more than keeping government out of their way. Over the past several years, the City's Economic Development Department has partnered with the City's Housing and Economic Development Commission and the St. Paul Area Chamber of Commerce (SPACC) in reaching out to businesses of all sizes in gaging future and immediate needs, including infrastructure enhancements, better workforce-educational alignment and community improvements.

The City of Maplewood is happy to announce this relationship will continue in 2018. In collaboration with the SPACC, we'll visit 15 strategically selected businesses and organizations, including giants like 3M, small family-owned companies and our nonprofits. Last year's business survey yielded valuable results. (Read the report here: <http://bit.ly/2FS7mm9>.) Generally, companies had high praise for the City as a partner, highlighting our responsive and professional public safety services, strong K-12 system and efficient business permitting and licensing services. Some challenges included transit access and a disconnect between tech jobs and qualified technical workers.

This year's business retention and expansion program will add a new element: attraction – determining what has and will attract a business to set up shop here.

We're excited by this opportunity and look forward to hearing from our local companies.



FOREVERWELL Presents: Coffee with a Cop

Hands only CPR. Freshen up your CPR skills
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Crews from the Maplewood Fire Department will be providing CPR training for our event. An excellent opportunity to learn this life saving technique.



Wednesday, April 11th • 10:30am
Maplewood Community Center • 2nd Floor
FREE Coffee and snacks provided

On the 2nd Wednesday of each month, Maplewood Public Safety personnel will come out to the Community Center at the YMCA to talk about a variety of topics important to seniors & our community.

ForeverWell is the Maplewood Community Center's fitness and social program for people 55+ years of age



Labor, wits, frustration and success

By Bryan Smith, City Councilmember

I was not raised in a family that could be considered "handy." If it couldn't be fixed with scotch tape, my father was at a loss. My mother, while much more resourceful on home projects, was certainly not one to tackle auto repair. It is ironic then, that since getting my first car, I have loved working on my own cars. Working on cars is dirty, frustrating, and requires a lot of self-teaching, trial and error, and often special tools I may or may not have. I typically break several things in the process, then having to fix those while addressing the original problem. Why do I do this? Why not just pay someone who knows what they are doing? For me, there is something deeply spiritual about applying myself to something tangible that is broken, and through my labor, my wits, and my frustrations, bringing it back to being something whole and functional.

My metaphor is not meant to imply that we have a lot of things broken in Maplewood, rather I know Maplewood is in a very good place today. In those areas we have opportunities to improve, I hope to bring those same skills – my labor, my wits, my frustrations, and my ability to try, fail, learn, and ultimately succeed. I am proud to be a member of a City Council willing to tackle difficult issues, solicit and integrate feedback from residents, and continually work hard to make our City a better place to live, work, and play.

Unlike taking a car from broken to fixed and enjoying immediate tangible results, working to make a city better is a long incremental process. In my time on the council, I have come to appreciate the deliberative nature of what we do. For example, I have been serving on the Gateway Corridor Commission since 2016. Before this experience, I could not have understood why a project like this would take five to ten years to plan. As a marketing professional who needs to continually react to market conditions, that timeline is not even imaginable. Now that I am a part of the process, however I have come to appreciate the need for this careful, thorough approach. When you are part of a group of leaders who are recommending spending hundreds of millions of taxpayer dollars on a project that could change the very nature of how people get to work and how developers and home-buyers make decisions on future investments, this thoughtful approach is clearly essential.

As we face challenges in our City like evolving our fire services to meet the needs of the future, creating a comprehensive plan to guide the next 20 years of development, or enhancing the city's efforts to effectively communicate with residents, business, and other key partners, it is critical to be inclusive, deliberative, and create a vision for the future.

Fixing things in a city our size is not a weekend project like a car repair. It takes time, input and creativity from scores of talented people both in and out of government. I'll continue to do my best to be deliberative and inclusive when working on city business. And when I feel like a project is done and finished, I will go out to my garage and get my tools together for the next project.



Maplewood Spring Clean Up Saturday, April 21

8 AM - 1 PM

🔄 Aldrich 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 and household hazardous waste. Residents can bring sensitive documents (bank and credit card statements, medical records, etc.) and have the documents shredded for free. Residents are encouraged to bring a food or cash donation to support Second Harvest Heartland, a local food shelf. For a full list of items accepted and fees, visit the City of Maplewood's website at www.maplewoodmn.gov/cleanups or contact Chris Swanson, Environmental Specialist, at (651) 249-2305 or chris.swanson@maplewoodmn.gov.

Vehicle Loads

Pick-Up Truck	\$25.00
4' x 8' Trailer	\$30.00
Car	\$20.00
Mini Van	\$25.00

Bulky Items*

Appliances**	\$20.00
Electronics (w/screen)	\$15.00
Car Tires	\$5.00
Furniture Which Cannot Be Reused	\$10.00

Additional Materials Collected at No Charge

- 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

Rice-Larpenteur vision takes shape

By Shann Finwall, Maplewood Environmental Planner

Enough with the dirt paths, whizzing cars, and concrete streetscape marring Rice-Larpenteur. Community members, with guidance from the three cities that border the intersection, have a grander, more inviting vision of what the area should be.

Following a long line of disturbances at Stargate night club, the last of which included a shooting that injured five people and an area that has fallen into disrepair, Maplewood, Roseville and St. Paul came together to re-imagine the neighborhood.

A year of brainstorming and community listening sessions produced several recommendations to make the area more welcoming for community members and to improve pedestrian safety. The project's designer presented the recommendations at a March City Council Workshop. They include creating a gateway from the Rice-Larpenteur intersection to Lake McCarrons, enhancing the street scape, widening sidewalks and improving lighting, creating safer, more accessible street crossings, and building a park at the hub of the space.

"This plan offers tremendous potential and a lot of opportunity to improve the area overall," said Melinda Coleman, Maplewood City Manager, who has been impressed with the level of cooperation among three cities that can at times have diverging development interests. "It's an evolving plan and we must ensure all three cities agree on a base-level of needs and improvements for the area."

One of the main reasons planners from the cities want to increase the area's walkability is the lack of vehicle ownership. Twenty-eight percent of community members in this area do not own a car and about 50 percent of the households are one-car families. Residents say that walking to a nearby Cub grocery



A goal of the Rice-Larpenteur Gateway Area Vision Plan is creating high quality pedestrian environments with wide sidewalks, landscaping, lighting, and reduced curb cuts.



store is a vital link to affordable food. One proposal for the area includes creating a garden-to-market operation.

Some of the broader recommendations for the area call for more multi-unit housing, more concentrated parking to eliminate some of the street-front lots, and improvements at McCarrons Lake Regional Park such as better fishing piers, more picnic shelters, and enhanced recreational programming.

Community organizers have asked the three cities to incorporate the development recommendations into their 2040 Comprehensive Plans, which Maplewood did at the March 12 Council Meeting. Next steps involve the creation of a Rice-Larpenteur Development Collaborative to help implement the changes proposed in the plan. To view the Rice-Larpenteur Area Gateway Vision Plan, visit www.maplewoodmn.gov/rice-larpenteur.

COME OUT AND PLAY!



YOUTH T-BALL

Edgerton Fields

Sunday Evenings, June 10 - August 5

AGES 4-5: 5:00 - 6:15 pm (Tee only)

AGES 6-8: 6:15 - 7:30 pm (Tee or Coach pitch)

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