

MAPLEWOOD LIVING

May 2018



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Battle of the Badges

In Maplewood's Battle of the Badges blood drive, the Police and Fire Departments and their team members gave 60 pints of blood. In the end the Fire Department came out ahead with 31 pints donated.

A Good Place to Live: Maplewood residents give City high marks in recent survey

By Melinda Coleman, Maplewood City Manager



The majority of Maplewood community members enjoy living here, rate the City's services highly, feel safe in their neighborhoods, and take advantage of our recreational opportunities, according to a recent Community Livability Report.

quality, affordable housing. It's exciting to see such positive feedback from our community. Our staff and council strive to provide high-quality services, governance, recreational opportunities and outreach to our business community.

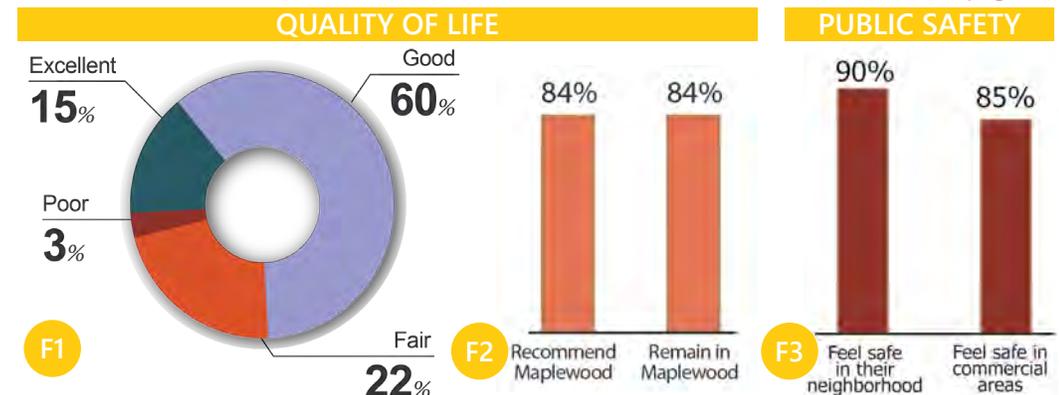
Quality of Life

Seventy-five percent of residents rated Maplewood's Quality of Life as excellent or good (see F1), with more than eight in 10 saying they'd both recommend and remain in Maplewood (see F2). The City leads the national benchmark in areas of mental health care, recycling and

Public Safety

Maplewood residents' number one livability concern is safety followed by the economy, according to the survey. Residents give our public safety services high marks, with 90% feeling safe in their neighborhood and 85% feeling safe in commercial areas (see F3).

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Frequently Called Numbers

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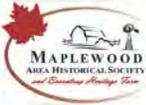
Maplewood Community Center (651) 747-0922

Recreation (651) 249-2120

Public Works (651) 249-2400

Police Non-Emergency (651) 767-0640

Visit the City website at www.maplewoodmn.gov for the meeting schedule of the City Council, Commissions and Boards.



Spring Tea at the Bruentrup Heritage Farm

2170 East County Road D,
 Maplewood

Saturday, May 26, 2018 at 11:30 am

Theme: Minnesota History
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Interested in running for Maplewood City Council or Mayor?

Here are the filing rules

Eligible individuals who wish to run for Mayor (four-year term) or Councilmember (two

four-year term positions) are required to file an affidavit of candidacy with the City Clerk. Filing is open from Tuesday, May 22, 2018 through Tuesday, June 5, 2018.

A \$5.00 filing fee or petition in place of the filing fee must be included with the affidavit of candidacy. Petitions in place of the filing fee must contain at least 500 signatures and may only be signed by persons eligible to vote for the candidate named on the petition.

Mail and in-person drop-offs should be directed to:

Maplewood City Clerk's Office	City Clerk's Office Hours:
Maplewood City Hall	8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
1830 County Road B East	Hours will be extended
Maplewood, MN 55109	to 5:00 p.m. on
	Tuesday, June 5th

State Statute requires that if more than twice the number of individuals to be elected to a City office file for nomination for an available office, their names shall be placed upon the primary ballot for an election to be held August 14, 2018.

For more information, visit our webpage bit.ly/2H3SFxR or contact Andrea Sindt, City Clerk at 651-249-2002 or via email at andrea.sindt@maplewoodmn.gov.



Energy solutions delivered to your door

When you keep your thermostat set in the mid-60s during Maplewood's coldest winter days, you better make sure the energy leaks are sealed. That's why Ted Redmond was eager for his Home Energy Squad visit.

Two experts audited the overall energy efficiency of his mid-century rambler, a typical home for Maplewood. His house was fairly tight, but auditors recommended more attic insulation and put in weather stripping around doors. In addition, the energy experts installed a programmable thermostat, LED light bulbs, and other energy efficient upgrades.

The whole job, including the audit, took fewer than two hours.

The Center for Energy and Environment (CEE), in partnership with Xcel Energy and Center Point, run the Home Energy Squad visits. The basic energy test and upgrades is \$70. Add \$30 for an enhanced energy audit which includes a blower door test. Free visits are available to income-qualified households.

"You get an awful lot of value for \$100," said Redmond the home's owner and Maplewood Environmental Commissioner. "This is definitely a good first step in creating a more energy efficient home."

Watch Ted's Home Energy Squad Visit and Energy Audit at Youtu.be/Qo5DywCnAWM. To set up a Home Energy Squad visit contact, CEE at 651-328-6220.



Battle of the Parks

As part of the Re-Energize Maplewood! program, the City and CEE will offer reduced or free Home Energy Squad visits to homeowners in the Rolling Hills and Beaver Lake Estates Manufactured Home

Parks. From June 1 until the end of August, the parks will battle for the highest number of scheduled Home Energy Squad visits. The winning park receives a FREE neighborhood party with food and events.

Visit www.maplewoodmn.org/battle-of-the-parks or contact Shann Finwall, Environmental Planner at 651-249-2304 or shann.finwall@maplewoodmn.org.

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Economy

More than 60% had a positive feeling about the City's economic health. Nearly seven in 10 rate Maplewood's shopping opportunities as positive, ahead of the national benchmark. It is also important to note that Maplewood's Economic Development Department in conjunction with the St. Paul Area Chamber of Commerce is conducting another round of interviews with our business community this summer to assess their needs and view of the City and its services. The 2017 results were generally positive and we look forward to collaborating with our private and nonprofit job creators and service providers.

Recreation and Wellness

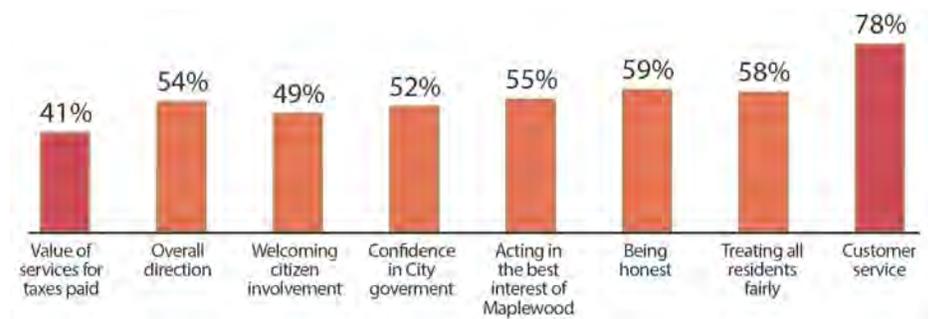
We're a healthy community overall. Eighty percent of survey respondents reported both eating five servings of fruits and vegetables per day and participating in moderate or vigorous physical activity. Residents feel they have enough parks and recreational areas and have access to health

care services. Maplewood is ahead of the national curve in mental health care. High marks on health care are especially reassuring given the time staff and council have invested in collaborating with Health East and other health service providers.

Overall Services

Close to 80% of respondents gave Maplewood positive marks for its overall customer service, with garbage collection, recycling, parks, police and fire among the leaders in this category. A majority of survey respondents have positive feelings about Maplewood's general direction and feel City government is acting in Maplewood's best interest (see F4). While we'd like to see larger majorities in these two specific areas, Maplewood's survey results run with the national average.

We welcome this positive report card. It confirms we're on the right track with many key priorities and has helped identify several growth opportunities, including boosting participation in city-sponsored events, getting more people to our recreational centers and ensuring walking and biking trails go to retail and job centers and better connect neighborhoods.



Actors help Maplewood Police respond to people in crisis

By Commander Dave Kvam, Maplewood Police

Maplewood Police officers are going through intensive 40-hour training to help them better respond to people in crisis or those suffering from a mental illness.

"We are making a lot of investments in our staff so they can be more effective in these situations," said Chief Scott Nadeau. "To the extent we are able, we don't want to incarcerate people that might have a mental illness or who might be in crisis."

The training also puts officers in a safer position, teaching them about the types of mental illness and their symptoms and sharpening their skills to slow down situations and de-escalate tense encounters.

"With this training, the hope is that officers will be less likely to use force," said Chief Nadeau. "We want to ensure [people in mental crisis] receive the

tools and care that they need, from our staff and from some of our partners in the mental health community."

The Minnesota Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Officers Association is conducting the training, which includes in-class lessons on mental health disorders and scenario-based exercises with trained actors.

"The actors are doing a phenomenal job! They get into character immediately, and they are able to shift from scenario to scenario every 30 seconds," says Officer Ashley Bergeron, who's been on the job about a year. "That's what really helps with this CIT training, because it feels like you are really in that scenario with them on the street."

For more senior officers, the introduction or refresher to mental illness and disorders has been a real value.

"Knowing more about certain mental disorders -- whether it's a psychosis or a mania or depression -- you know how to talk to the people a little better and how they are going to respond to you," says Detective Ryan Parker.

For Steven Wickelgren, Minnesota CIT Officers Association's clinical director and a long-time Minneapolis Officer, ensuring today's police understand this is an illness and that the person they're dealing with doesn't have a character flaw or a bad attitude is critical to building empathy and gaining a more ideal outcome.

It should take about two years to train most of Maplewood Police Department's officers in the 40-hour CIT course. This is a key initiative in the department's Strategic Plan to train beyond the minimum professional standards and ensure the agency in employing problem-solving policing.

2018

Light It Up Maplewood!

July 4th 4-10 PM at Hazelwood Park

1663 County Road C

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Traditional Family Favorites

Food trucks

Face painting

\$3 Wristbands for giant inflatables: 4pm-dusk

Adult beverages

Music by Good for Gary

Fireworks show at dusk

Adult Bean Bag
Tournament (18+)

4:30 pm start

Two-person teams

Pre-registration required
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No coolers allowed in park

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Emerald Ash Borer gains Maplewood foothold

City staff teamed up with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) on a chilly grey April day searching for evidence of Emerald Ash Borer (EAB). Fanning out from two known infested trees in Maplewood, the group documented an additional 21 EAB sites. See where EAB has been found in the Maplewood region on the MDA's EAB map (bit.ly/2HD8uZn), updated daily.

EAB is a wood-boring beetle from eastern Asia that can kill our native ash trees: green ash, white ash, and black ash. Mountain ash is not a true ash and is not affected by EAB. The EAB larvae bore into trees and proliferate. They eventually disrupt the flow of water and nutrients in the tree, which leads to the tree's death. EAB has devastated ash trees in other states, resulting in almost total loss of ash in some communities.

Over 2000 ash trees grace Maplewood boulevards and parks; most of these will succumb to EAB. There are thousands more ash trees in City natural areas and on private land. To spread removal and replanting costs, the City's EAB Management Plan allows for removing public ash trees before they have EAB. This winter, Public Works crew removed over 100 boulevard ash trees. The City's goal is 1:1 replacement for ash removed. We'll begin replanting with other species this fall.

What should property owners do?

1. If you have an ash tree with woodpecker damage or cracking bark, contact Public Works (651-249-2400).
2. Unless a tree is dead or creating a hazard, please avoid trimming or removing ash trees from May 1 - September 30, the flight time for EAB beetles. Also, please adhere to the general quarantine rules for moving any type of firewood.
3. Chemical treatments can save relatively healthy ash trees. Since insecticides used to treat EAB are not selective and will kill a variety of insects both beneficial and harmful, please weigh the pros and cons carefully.
4. For more information visit: mda.state.mn.us/emeraldashborer and Maplewoodmn.gov/eab

Tree purchase rebates

The City is offering tree rebates to residents and business owners to encourage native shade tree planting. Maplewood will reimburse half of a tree's cost up to \$100/tree, for a maximum of \$200/property annually. Other restrictions and limitations apply.

For more information and to obtain a rebate form go to: bit.ly/2H7n8ul or call Maplewood Nature Center at 651-249-2170.

Diseased Tree Inspections

Maplewood's contracted City Forester, S&S Tree and Horticulture Services, will be inspecting trees for oak wilt and Emerald Ash Borer on both public and private land. To help prevent the spread of these pests, please avoid pruning or removing oak and ash trees between May 1 and September 30 (unless they become a hazard).

If you suspect your tree has oak wilt or Emerald Ash Borer, call the Public Works Department at 651-249-2400 or visit: maplewoodmn.gov/trees.

New faster service to the East Side!

Go directly to the airport or Mall of America from Maplewood and points on White Bear Ave., Maryland Ave. and Arcade St. in St. Paul.

The new Route 54 - with faster service between Downtown St. Paul and Maplewood Mall Transit Center and Park & Ride - will begin on June 9.

The new route extension will cut down on the need for transfers in downtown St. Paul and save time on your way to the airport and back. In addition to the expanded service, trip frequency will be every 20 minutes during rush hours and every 30 minutes during off-peak hours and on Saturdays. New shelters will also be installed at select bus stops and existing shelters will receive lighting and heating improvements.

Keep up to date on this project at metrotransit.org/route-54.

LEGEND

- Bus Route 54
- Timepoint
- Bus stop
- Connecting route
- Point of Interest





WaterFest at Lake Phalen

Saturday, June 2 | 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Come out and help us celebrate our clean lakes and learn how to keep our waterways strong for aquatic life and recreation. WaterFest features free, fun outdoor activities and hands-on learning about local watershed topics.

On the water: Enjoy the lake from a canoe, kayak or paddleboat, learn to fish, or participate in a fishing contest.

In the park: The fun continues with live music and dance, water games, climbing walls, a jump castle, native plant giveaway, Passport Odyssey with great prizes, live animals, food vendors and lots more!

This year's theme is "Follow the Flow," a nod to the area's largest connected chain of lakes. The annual festival is presented by Ramsey-Washington Metro Watershed District.* Maplewood will have a booth at the event where you can learn more about what our city is doing to keep our waterways clean and vibrant.

For more information, visit www.rwmwd.org/get-involved/waterfest.

**The Ramsey-Washington Metro Watershed District works to improve and protect water resources in eastern Ramsey County and western Washington County. The organization works across municipal boundaries to manage about 65 square miles that eventually drain into the Mississippi River, including 20 lakes, five streams and over 1,000 wetlands. Learn more at: rwmwd.org.*

Maplewood has alligator free sewers

By Joe Sheeran, Communications Manager

The still developing handwriting and spelling hint at their age, but their questions' thoughtfulness carry the civic-minded maturity of their parents and grandparents.

As part of a civics project, Mrs. Marsh's 3rd graders wrote letters to Maplewood City leaders calling for street repairs, snow plowing that doesn't impede walk ways, a crackdown on speeders and noisy cars at night and eliminating the hazards of people tossing lit cigarettes on the street.

Most major City departments received at least one letter from the Edgerton Elementary class. They addressed many to Maplewood's Parks and Recreation Department. The general theme of those letters centered on more swings, slides, monkey bars and playground equipment for children their age. One student went as far as suggesting replacing at least one of the playsets for "little kids" with a playground for "bigger kids."

"The children were thrilled to receive our replies," said Audra Robbins, Parks and Recreation Manager, who hand delivered the City's response letters with Public Works Director Steve Love.

"We had great discussions about parks, playgrounds, streets and sewers. The students asked very thoughtful questions about how things get done by the City."



During the discussion, students made a "wish list" for the Edgerton Park playground. The students came up with big ideas, almost too many to fit on the page.

Steve Love wowed the students with little known facts about roads, raingardens and sewers. Did you know, the City maintains more than 135 miles of streets and 500 street signs? City crews also mow 4,000 acres of grass and have nearly 200 maintenance vehicles. Students were both relieved and disappointed that Maplewood does not have alligators in our sewers.

The City of Maplewood would like to thank Mrs. Marsh and Edgerton Elementary for bringing a real life civics lesson to her students and opening up a dialogue with our staff. This project encouraged young people to ask critical questions about how their City's government operates and taught effective ways to reach leaders and elected officials to improve their communities.



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- **TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS, VARIOUS MAPLEWOOD PARKS**
- **JULY 24 - AUGUST 23**
- **BOYS & GIRLS ARE INVITED TO PLAY**
- **2ND/3RD & 4TH/5TH GRADE DIVISIONS**
- **GAME TIMES - 5:30PM OR 6:30PM**
- **FUN, NON-CONTACT SPORT**

COST: \$65.00 (Includes T-shirt)
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JUNE 29
LEAGUE DEPENDS ON PARENT VOLUNTEERS TO COACH & ASSIST

Flag football is one of the fastest growing sports throughout the country. Join us for a five week flag football league, games will begin on July 24th and coaches will have the ability to host optional practices the week of July 16th. Flag football is a fun, non-contact sport that teaches boys and girls the fundamentals of football, while offering lessons in sportsmanship and teamwork. There will be two divisions offered; grades 2-3 and grades 4-5.

Safely dispose of expired or unused medicines

Maplewood Police Department; Free public drop box open 24/7
1830 County Road B East

Safely disposing of unwanted medicine helps prevent crime, drug abuse and accidental poisoning. Not flushing medicines down the drain or disposing of them in the trash protects our environment.

Items accepted at the PD drop off site include pills, capsules, gel packs, IVs, inhalers, creams, and other items. Items not accepted include needles, syringes and lancets. Visit RamseyRecycles.com or call 651-633-EASY (3279) 24/7.

MAKE A SPLASH

SWIMSUIT DRIVE

MAY 1-31

Maplewood YMCA Community Center

Help a child, ages 5- 18, in need by donating a NEW bathing suit, towel or goggles!

Items can be dropped off at the YMCA in Maplewood
2100 White Bear Ave

Contact Member Services with Questions:
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