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PUBLIC HEARING

Maplewood's 2019 Budget and Levy Tax

Monday, December 10
7:00 PM

Maplewood City Council Chambers
1830 County Road B East

New police officers, more aggressive debt reduction in 2019 Maplewood budget

By Ellen Paulseth, Finance Director

Maplewood will have two additional police officers on the street next year and will implement a new housing inspection program. The City is also continuing to advance its debt reduction strategies and ensure adequate cash flow to meet ongoing obligations, despite a minimal increase in the tax levy for next year.

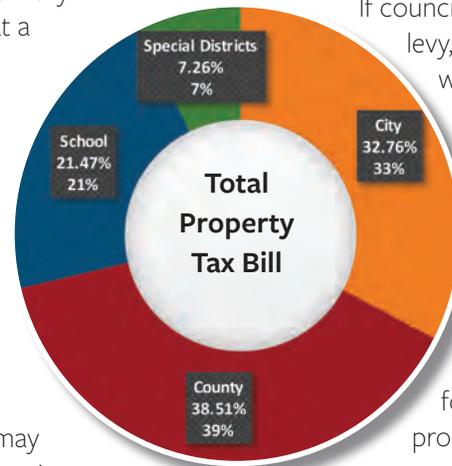
The Maplewood city council adopted a 3% preliminary property tax levy for taxes payable in 2019 at a regular council meeting on September 10, 2018. This represents about a \$640,000 increase from last year's levy.

The \$22 million levy is preliminary until council adopts it in December. This preliminary levy cannot be increased; however, the city council may decrease it before final adoption.

A public hearing has been set for Monday,

December 10, 2018 at 7:00 PM in the Maplewood City Council Chambers. The public is invited to provide input on the city's proposed budget and tax levy.

Please note this discussion pertains to only the city budget and tax levy portion of your overall tax bill, which also includes Ramsey County taxes, school taxes and other special district taxing authorities.



If council adopts the preliminary levy, Maplewood taxpayers with a median value home (which is \$222,500) will pay an additional \$33 per year in property taxes compared to last year. As you can see in the chart titled Property Valuations, home values have increased, accounting for nearly half of the property tax increase.

Property Valuations

Value of Property for Pay 2018	Value of Property for Pay 2019	Taxable Market Value Pay 2019	2018 City Property Tax	2019 City Property Tax	\$ Amount Increase (Decrease)	% Increase (Decrease)
\$ 94,200	\$ 100,000	\$ 71,800	\$ 307	\$ 325	\$ 18	6.0%
\$ 141,200	\$ 150,000	\$ 126,300	\$ 546	\$ 571	\$ 25	4.5%
\$ 209,660	\$ 222,500	\$ 205,300	\$ 893	\$ 926	\$ 33	3.7%
\$ 235,400	\$ 250,000	\$ 235,300	\$ 1,024	\$ 1,061	\$ 37	3.6%
\$ 376,600	\$ 400,000	\$ 398,800	\$ 1,741	\$ 1,797	\$ 56	3.2%

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City Hall (651) 249-2000

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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 for the meeting schedule of the City Council, Commissions and Boards.

Battle of the Parks Results Are In!

From June through August two manufactured home parks (Beaver Lake Estates and Rolling Hills Estates) battled to be the “biggest energy losers.” Homeowners signed up for Home Energy Squad visits to save energy and money.

Congratulations Rolling Hills Estates homeowners. They signed up nine Home Energy Squad visits, winning the Battle of the Parks, and a FREE neighborhood party with food and activities.

Everyone’s a winner with a Home Energy Squad visit. Check out how easy, efficient and cost effective a Home Energy Squad visit is at: vimeo.com/286059911.



To advertise in this newsletter call Joe Sheeran at

(651) 249-2061 or email

joe.sheeran@maplewoodmn.gov.

FOREVERWELL Presents:

Coffee with a Cop



Update on the Department’s 2018 Strategic Plan, which includes community outreach, crime analysis, proactive policing and training.

Wednesday, October 10th • 10:30am

Maplewood Community Center • 2nd Floor

FREE Coffee and snacks provided

On the second 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

Maplewood Fall Clean Up Campaign



Maplewood is holding our annual Fall Clean Up Campaign this month. Republic Services, the City's contracted trash hauler, will collect bulky items curbside at a reduced rate until October 26.

All residents that have curbside collection are eligible to schedule bulky item pick up with Republic. Residents who need to get rid of an item but are not included in the City-wide trash service must pre-pay via credit card.

To schedule a bulky item pick up residents must contact Republic Services at (651) 455-8634. For additional details visit the City's website at maplewoodmn.gov/cleanups.



Business Community Engagement Breakfast

Learn about Maplewood's vision for the North End and what businesses have to say about city services.

Community Business Engagement Breakfast

Thursday, November 1

7:30 – 9:00 am

Maplewood Community Center

The event is free, but seating is limited and registration is required at: bit.ly/BizEngagement

Businesses Engagement Review:

This is the second year where the city visited local businesses and organizations (15) in partnership with the Saint Paul Area Chamber of Commerce (SPACC) for a discussion on what they see as top city assets, where we can more closely collaborate and what city improvements would help businesses.

North End Vision Planning:

Anchored by the Maplewood Mall and St. John's Hospital, the North End is an important economic generator for the City of Maplewood and one of the premier activity centers in the northeastern Twin Cities Metropolitan Area. It is critical that the City of Maplewood work with key stakeholders and other important constituents to create a collaborative vision and framework for the North End that will ensure its position as a hub of vital activity well into the future. Perkins + Will is helping us lead this initiative.

Networking and Feedback:

There will be plenty of networking opportunities with City Council members, key city staff, Housing and Economic Development Commission members, and business leaders.

Bulky Items	
Bathtub	\$20.00
Bed (headboard/floorboard)	\$10.50
Bed Frame	\$ 9.00
Book Case	\$12.50
Couch	\$16.00
Couch w/ hide a bed	\$21.50
Desk	\$12.50
Dining Room Table	\$18.00
Dresser	\$13.50
End Table	\$ 9.00
Grill (charcoal)	\$ 9.00
Grill (gas - no propane tanks)	\$13.50
Hutch	\$18.00
Kitchen Chair	\$ 6.50
Kitchen Table	\$18.00
Lawnmower or snow thrower (liquids must be drained)	\$21.50
Love Seat	\$18.00
Mattress or Box Spring (king, queen or twin size)	\$20.00
Office Chair	\$ 9.00
Recliner/ EZ Chair	\$13.50
Roll of Carpet (bundled 4ft length)	\$ 5.00
Tire	\$18.00
Tire with rim	\$21.50
Toilet	\$12.50
Appliances	\$30.00
Electronics	\$35.00

Event price shown before applicable state and county fees



Out in the community

Maplewood's Public Safety Department stepped up in several ways to build stronger community connections. In early September, Police Officers worked with leaders at the Asalam Mosque to power wash away graffiti sprayed by vandals. They came back with the Fire Department, city staff and elected city leaders for what's becoming an annual fall meet and greet.

Our PD also had a chance to cast "reel" community relationship at its Spoon Lake fishing event.



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PRESCHOOL GYMBOREE

At Maplewood Community Center/YMCA

COME JOIN THE FUN!

~AGES 1 - 5

~THURSDAYS, OCTOBER 25 - MARCH 21

~NO GYMBOREE NOV. 22 & DEC. 27

~10:00AM - 11:30AM





EQUIPMENT PROVIDED

- BALLS
- MATS
- GAMES & TOYS
- BOUNCE HOUSE

DROP IN PROGRAM

~COST IS \$5.00 PER CHILD

~CHILDREN UNDER 12 MONTHS ARE FREE

~CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT AT ALL TIMES



For More Information
Call 651-249-2121

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PARKS & RECREATION
Creating Community Through People, Parks and Programs

Seasons

The Greening of Maplewood

Fall 2018

Recycling still matters

By Chris Swanson, Environmental Specialist

People have tried to tell me that recycling is broken; that much of what goes into our recycling bins actually ends up in a landfill. That is not the case in Maplewood. There may be a slump in the recycling markets, but the material collected by the City's recycling contractor, Tennis Sanitation, continues to be recycled through local markets. Locally, WestRock processes recycled paper and Strategic Materials processes glass. Minnesota companies Avon Plastics and Reprocessed Plastics are an end point in the plastic recycled materials market.

Over the last 30 years, through grant and loan incentives to private recycling processors, Minnesota has positioned itself to be one of the nation's leaders in processing our plastics, papers and metals locally, according to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.

Having said all of that, we still need to do a much better job sorting our recycling at home, work and school.

For years, recycling collected in the United States has been some of the dirtiest in the world, with a contamination rate up to 30 percent. China took in a majority of the material, with low wage workers available to sort out the trash. In an effort to decrease the environmental impacts to their country, China has placed stricter standards on the recyclables it will take in. This has had an impact on the recycling in the United States, specifically on the plastic and paper recycling markets.

The challenge is to ensure these materials are still being recycled, even when the markets are weak. The materials may not have the highest monetary value, but there is value to collecting and reusing them. Recycling takes less energy, produces fewer greenhouse gases, and does less



ecosystem damage than harvesting or mining raw material. Aluminum, for example, requires 96 percent less energy to make from recycled cans than it does to process new materials.

There are ways to make the materials collected in our recycling system more valuable. The contamination of materials usually starts at home in the recycling bin. Leaving food in plastic containers or liquid in soda and juice bottles contributes to this contamination.

There is also an increase in non-recyclable items being placed in the recycling bin. Items like diapers, Styrofoam, needles, and wood are a big problem in Maplewood's recycling system. These items are not recyclable and contaminate the recycling stream. Some of these products, needles for example, may even be hazardous. It's estimated that over 1,400 recycling workers get needle stick injuries each year.

Recycling still matters. And how you recycle at home, work or school matters even more.

Learn more about what's recyclable by watching Maplewood Green Team's Recycling Feud (you can access it from the YouTube banner on the city home page) or visit maplewoodmn.gov/recycling or call Tennis Sanitation at 651-459-1887.

Items that should NOT be recycled

- ⊗ Diapers
- ⊗ Styrofoam
- ⊗ Needles
- ⊗ Wood



Dealing with garbage you can't trash or curbside recycle

By Chris Swanson, Environmental Specialist

There are a number of problem items that should NOT go in your recycling cart, but are STILL RECYCLABLE:



Plastic bags: No longer accepted in the curbside collection recycling carts. Still recycled at a number of local retailers (plasticfilmrecycling.org).

Sharps (needles, lancets etc.): Do not put needles or syringes in the recycling or trash. Bring needles and syringes without medication in them to Ramsey County's household hazardous waste collection site for free (Baywest, 5 Empire Drive, St. Paul). Store them in a plastic container with a tight-fitting lid.



Used oil and filters: The County offers a 24/7 collection shed in Arden Hills that accepts used oil, filters, and antifreeze (1352 Ben Franklin Rd, Arden Hills). These fluids are also accepted year-round at Ramsey County's household hazardous waste site for free.

Household hazardous waste: If a container has the words caution, warning, danger or poison on the label and still has product inside, it does not belong in the recycling or trash. Use Ramsey County's household hazardous waste collection sites for safe disposal. A mobile collection site will be at Aldrich Arena in October.



Shoes and linens: These items are collected through the City's curbside recycling collection, but not in the recycling carts. Put clothing and shoes into the orange bags provided by Simple Recycling. Place the bag at the curb on your recycling collection day BESIDE your recycling cart.

Tennis Sanitation will collect the bags and recycle the items. Need additional bags? Visit SimpleRecycling.com, call 866-835-5068, or e-mail info@simplerecycling.com.

String of lights and power cords: You can bring holiday lights and power cords to Ramsey County's household hazardous waste collection sites for free. Battery packs, electronics or appliances cannot be attached.



Are you the next recycling superstar?

Maplewood is full of Recycling Superstars! Recently, a resident requested a second home recycling cart because his cart was always full. The City confirmed everything in the original container was actually recyclable, then worked with Tennis Sanitation, the City's recycling hauler, to get the family an additional cart for free.

Maplewood is looking to spotlight those kinds of recycling superstars.

To qualify for the Recycling Superstar Contest for a chance to win a 5-8 Tavern and Grill gift certificate:

- Post a picture of you, your family, or friends recycling on one of the City's social media platforms (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram)
- Tag the post: #MaplewoodRecycles

The drawing will be at the end of November. If you need an extra recycling cart, please call Tennis Sanitation at 651-459-1887.



Business recycling

The Minnesota Chamber of Commerce offers free waste reduction site assessments and grants up to \$2,500 for waste reduction projects. It's as easy as inviting them to your business, congregation, or organization, and they take it from there. mnchamber.com/grow/waste-wise#

Small businesses and churches can opt into the City's recycling program and save money. The cost of the first two 95-gallon recycling carts is \$3.43 per month. Every additional 95-gallon cart is \$1.75 per month. maplewoodmn.gov/1019/Business-Recycling

For more information on specific item reuse, recycling, or disposal please visit RamseyRecycles.com or call 651-633-EASY (3279) 24/7.

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Organics recycling

Recycling your food scraps and non-recyclable paper (tissues, paper towels, etc.) returns essential nutrients to the soil. Ramsey County has several ways to recycle your organics:

- **Ramsey County Organics Drop Off:** Pick up a free organics recycling caddy and compostable bags at one of Ramsey County's yard waste sites. Return bagged organics to one of Ramsey County's Yard Waste sites.
- **Maplewood Organics Drop Off:** Ramsey County has finalized a contract for the construction of an organics drop off site at the Maplewood Community Center parking lot (2100 White Bear Avenue). Look for the grand opening soon.
- **Back Yard Composting:** All you need is a compost bin and a pitch fork. Please place the bin in the back yard at least five feet from the rear and side property lines.



Bring new life to old furniture and household goods

By Shann Finwall, Environmental Planner

When you remodel, move, update, or declutter your home, you will likely be left with furniture and appliances you don't need. These bulky items require special processing to recycle or dispose. So why not try to reuse them?

One option for reuse is an organization called Bridging. Bridging is a non-profit that helps provide basic home essentials to people. Items no longer valuable to you can have tremendous value to a family or individual in need. Residential donors can schedule a fee-based home pickup by calling (952) 888-1105. You can also drop off donations at their Roseville location (1730 Terrace Drive, Roseville). Visit bridging.org for more information.

If your household items have reached the end of their useful life, you can recycle or dispose of them through the City's trash hauling service, Republic Services. It offers year-round curbside bulky item collection (for a fee). Throughout October, Republic Services is partnering with the City of Maplewood for the annual Fall Clean Up Campaign and reducing fees for curbside bulky item collection. For details check page 3 of October's Maplewood Living or visit www.maplewoodmn.gov/cleanups.

What to do with fall yard waste

Fall is here – time to get out the rake for yard clean up. But do you really have to rake and bag all those leaves? Not necessarily! Sam Brauer, turf specialist with the University of Minnesota Extension Service, explains that if you shred the leaves with a mulching lawn mower, they can be left on the lawn, providing they don't form a thick layer. The trick is to make sure the shredded pieces are small enough to fall between grass blades and sunlight can still reach most of the lawn. Small pieces of leaves will help fertilize your lawn and improve your soil! For more information, Google: "UMN raking the leaves".

Yard waste also includes brush, branches, grass clippings, and weeds. Brush and branches can be reused for staking, fencing, trellises, arts and crafts. Create a brush pile for wildlife! Chip wood to use around plants or on trails, or use for firewood. Try home composting! Grass, leaves, and weeds can be home composted.

You can also bring yard waste to a Ramsey County Yard Waste site or dispose of it through the City's trash hauling yard waste collection service. Minnesota state statute 115A.931 prohibits disposing of yard waste with your trash, so be sure you don't add it to the trash bin.



Adopt a storm drain

This raking season, adopt-a-storm drain on your street and keep it free from leaves and debris. Here's why. Leaves and grass clippings washing down storm drains are a major source of phosphorous pollution. The storm drain carries them into a nearby waterbody where they break down and the phosphorus causes algae blooms in our lakes. Your local lake will benefit!



What does a material girl really need?

By Ann Hutchinson, Lead Naturalist

REDUCE, REUSE, and if you can't, RECYCLE!

The first two are easier said than done. I look around my house and wonder how in the world did I collect all this stuff? This burden weighs me down. In 1960, the average American generated 2.68 pounds of solid waste daily. By 2015 that increased to 4.48 pounds, according to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Am I just a Material Girl? Growing up in the United States, have I really had 168 times the impact (on the amount of carbon delivered to the atmosphere) of a child growing up in Bangladesh? A quick glance at the extra bedroom suggests this could be true. EPA data on waste generated in the US showed that approximately 66 percent of textiles were land filled in 2015 and 19 percent were incinerated.

I decided to try to improve that statistic by taking my 36 unusable single socks and several well-worn shoes to a USAgain drop box, a nonprofit that takes socks and shoes. Ramsey Recycles lists other resources for usable and non-reusable items.

Wants vs. needs. I need one pair of shoes (maybe a pair of winter boots too). I want 20 pairs. Last summer, my husband "needed" a backpack. We borrowed from a friend. That worked great! Not only did we get to see our friend, we saved money and we got to give it back to her instead of filling up our storage shelves. I think I'd enjoy a cultural shift to France's "doing nothing time" -- time that's spent socializing, cooking, or hanging out with family and friends, instead of shopping!

Wonderful Puppet Show to Celebrate America Recycles Day

Thursday, November 15, 2018

10:30 to 11:45 a.m.

\$4 per child (all ages)

Skunk, eagle and more will teach us about migration, hibernation & recycling! Play the recycle fishing game, make a recycle craft, have a snack. Take a self-guided hike afterward.

Register at maplewoodnaturecenter.com,

or call 651-249-2170.

Tree House

By Oakley Biesanz, Naturalist



Be a recycling hero: Learn to recycle

Like video games? We kid-tested recycling video games that teach about recycling with 7-11 year olds, and here are kid favorites. (They're fun for adults too.)



Vibrant Recycling Game:

You are a recycle bin with funny extend-o arms, trying to grab flying litter to put in your bin. This game takes skill, and learning about sorting can build over time as there are many different levels you can unlock with different kinds of recycling. Independent video game developer Cian Games created it.

★★★★★ Engaging, challenging, silly but educational. vibrantrecycling.ciangames.com



Recycle Roundup:

You are a superhero gorilla named Gus. Your job is to clean the park by sorting all the litter into trash, recycling, and organics in two minutes. National Geographic Kids developed the game.

★★★★★ Cute, quick, simple. kids.nationalgeographic.com/games/action/recycle-roundup-new



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2018 Candidates



Margaret Behrens
Candidate for Mayor

The state of our city shows a need for new leadership.

My proven and successful leadership and experience will enhance and accelerate my vision for our city. The state of our city demands that.

I have 55 years and deep roots in our community. I was elected to three four-year terms on the Ramsey Conservation District board, an office of the State of Minnesota. In most of its 30-year history, it had been operating in the red. In my first term, I helped bring them into the black.

I served on city commissions and task forces. I'm qualified and prepared to serve as mayor.

As a former two-term President of the Ramsey County League of Local Governments my experience and success are proven. I created revenue-generating programs and initiatives which created a substantial surplus. This and my years of leadership experience is a powerful foundation. As a Ramsey County appointed member to the Low-income Housing Committee and the Children's Services Citizens Review Panel for Human Services gives me the added value to work with issues facing our community as our demographics evolve.

My record of public service work has proven positive results. I have a vision for a transparent and responsible Government that is accountable and responsive to the taxpayers. Our government must be inclusive, welcome everyone to discuss and decide our future. I'm very diligent in providing quality representation and protecting our personal and property rights, roads and businesses and emergency services efficiently and effectively while prioritizing to grow a strong and vibrant community. Crime is increasing, our business district is in decline.

I'll work to provide an equitable and reliable foundation for our children, families, seniors and the most vulnerable. I'll work to help all citizens achieve prosperity in our community. I have a lifetime of experience working with all cultures and demographics.

I work to ensure equality, security and contentment for us all as a united community. I always work to eliminate racial and ethnic disparities across our systems including employment, education, housing, justice and health and human services.

My network of partners and I have worked together effectively to build a healthy, sustainable environment; connecting families, aging adults, businesses to opportunities that we all need to help everyone succeed.

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Nora Slawik
Candidate for Mayor
(Incumbent)

Why do you want to be re-elected as the Mayor of Maplewood?

As a 24-year resident of Maplewood, I am running for re-election to move our city towards an even brighter future. Together with

residents, City Council and staff, we have restored public trust in Maplewood. As we continue to push forward progress, we will:

- *Strengthen public safety through strategic policing, fire and emergency medical services citywide.*
- *Accelerate street improvements and transit access.*
- *Focus on economic development at the Maplewood Mall, St John's Hospital and the Gladstone areas.*
- *Protect our environment, parks and outdoor spaces.*

Briefly describe your experience working on community or public policy issues.

Prior to serving as Mayor, I was elected to seven terms as a State Representative from Maplewood. Under our Council leadership, Maplewood is back on track for a positive future.

My experience as Mayor working with the Council includes:

- *Partnering with local businesses to grow our economic base, adding the 3M Carleton Science Center, Health East Clinic and Specialty Center and numerous small businesses, restaurants and retail shops.*
- *Tackling the Maplewood Community Center's large debt problem by forming a management partnership with the YMCA.*
- *Engaging residents in police/community relations, developing a new city comprehensive plan, and partnering with Ramsey County to open the Fish Creek Greenway, a new 70-acre preserve.*

Tell us about your background and connection to Maplewood.

I love Maplewood – it's where I have lived for 24 years, raised my family, and served my community. My husband Mark and I have four children between us who all attended District 622 schools. I care deeply about our residents and city.

Maplewood has turned a corner under our Council's leadership, and we are just getting started on creating the high quality of life we all deserve. Looking ahead, my top agenda items are to increase economic re-development, improve public safety, and accelerate street improvements. By championing the values of responsiveness, integrity and a safe place to call home we will make a better Maplewood for all residents and generations to come.

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Marylee Abrams
Candidate for City Council
(Incumbent)

Why are you running for Maplewood City Council?

I am honored to have served one term on the Maplewood City Council and am running for re-election. When I ran in 2013, Maplewood was struggling with financial debt and a bad reputation. I promised then to help chart a new course for our community and I believe I have helped to do just that. Maplewood has turned around and is moving in the right direction, but my work is not done. This is a crucial time for our community and I want to help revision the Maplewood Mall and guide future transportation growth to help families and businesses.

Briefly describe your experience working on community or public policy issues.

During my first term as a City Council member, we have tackled some very difficult local issues including the Community Center and our large financial debt. The City was underwriting the costs of the Community Center by at least \$500,000.00 per year, and now the MCC is operating in the black with our partnership with the YMCA, and we have reduced our debt by over \$20 million. We have engaged the community in our Parks Master Plan, 2040 Comp Plan, Police Advisory Board, and our EMS Advisory Board. Our citizen advisory groups provide valuable input to the Council, and they help form the vision for our community. I have served as the Council liaison on the Parks & Recreation Commission, Planning Commission, and Housing and Economic Development Commission.

Tell us about your background and connection to Maplewood

I have been a resident of Maplewood for 23 years and raised two sons here who graduated from North High School. I am a past member of the District 622 Educational Foundation and am active in my local church. I have strong ties to my neighborhood and make it a goal to shop local. I am a member of the Historical Society and frequently enjoy our parks, lakes, and many trails.

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Kevin Berglund
Candidate for City Council

Why do you want to become a member of the Maplewood City Council/Mayor of Maplewood?

We are told day after day, how transparent, how welcoming, how fiscally responsible Maplewood is under today's council. However, check the facts.

- Residents can no longer address the council at council meeting - public comment is ELIMINATED from the agenda.
- Former senior task force told to no longer meet at city hall.
- Public access TV eliminated.
- While long term debt down, tax abatement bonding, bonding against other revenue streams increases.
- Maplewood Community Center. Despite YMCA "partnership," Maplewood obligated to 1.5 million in improvements and an annual \$200,000 subsidization.
- Boondoggle: decimate Bruce Vento "greenway, ecological" Trail for a BRT bus-line better suited for Hwy 61.

Return City Hall to the Residents.

Briefly describe your experience working on community or public policy issues

As owner of an independent media organization, I report on and produce weekly news programs on meetings held, discussions and policies enacted at all levels of Maplewood's government. As such, we

- Were first to break news of Maplewood's "money-grab" lawsuit against our firefighter's relief fund.
- Attended and reported on every meeting of Maplewood task force that reviewed police use of force policies. These public meetings were held behind closed, locked doors at the police department.
- Reported on the increased use of tax abatement bonding.
- Reported on the FBI investigation of Maplewood's internal operations.
- Reported on Maplewood's elimination of public access TV and "money-grab" lawsuit against the Ramsey Washington Suburban Cable Commission.

Tell us about your background and connection to Maplewood

A lifelong Maplewood resident, I believe we must hear diverse points of view, publicly. While the current council claims to embrace diversity, they place little value on diversity of ideas.

Public discussion must reach beyond Facebook, Twitter. I have

- bicycled extensively on our trails.
- followed nearly every council meeting.
- fought to "protect and preserve" Maplewood parks, trails, wildlife habitat - they are treasures - amenities integral to our quality of life. If City Hall has an eye to sell

Harvester Park for future "development" to justify the BRT "investment" - I will fight to keep Harvester Park whole.

Advocate revisioning Mall for medical, technology, device companies with good paying jobs.

Website: ontheroadtocityhall.com

Phone: 612-481-2519

Precincts & Polling Location Changes

Please check poll location as some election day precincts and polling locations have changed since the 2016 election.

Early Voting: Oct. 30 – Nov. 5

Ramsey County residents may vote at the most convenient location in the county, regardless of where you live! Note the Maplewood location has been moved from City Hall to the Ramsey County Library (3025 Southlawn Drive, Maplewood). Visit Ramsey County's Election website for a map of early voting locations, dates and times.



Kathleen A. Juenemann
Candidate for City Council
(Incumbent)

Why are you running for Maplewood City Council?

I am seeking re-election to the Maplewood City Council because I believe I bring a wealth of experience, a strong work ethic and an historic perspective to this position of service to the community. A former high school teacher, advocate for seniors, a longtime community activist and an experienced councilmember, I have been acknowledged as being persevering, thorough, trustworthy and dedicated. I believe that I have worked hard and contributed to the good place the city is in, and I would like to continue to serve as a well-informed policy maker, resident advocate and city representative.

Briefly describe your experience working on community or public policy issues.

Prior to my initial election to city council, I was a community activist for 21 years, including service on the original Solid Waste and Recycling Task Force and the Police /Civil Service Commission. During my tenure, I have helped develop numerous environmental issues, public safety initiatives, voted for many road projects, park improvements and the transition to our full-time Fire/EMS Services. I have supported all of our current budget and financial policies, and long-term operational and environmental sustainability goals, community inclusiveness and housing affordability.

Tell us about your background and connection to Maplewood

I grew up in the Beaver Lake/East County Line neighborhood; my husband and I have lived in the Parkside area for 43 years. My father was on this council (as a Trustee) in formative years of the Village of Maplewood. Growing up in the early days of Maplewood evolving into a City gave me an ongoing interest in and sense of responsibility to our community. It has been my privilege to serve diligently the people of Maplewood, and I sincerely seek re-election to work one more term for this community.



Nikki Villavicencio
Candidate for City Council

Why do you want to become a member of the Maplewood City Council?

Maplewood is at a critical moment where our diversity is increasing, our businesses are changing, and here our families need community. As a City Council member, I will work to make Maplewood a regional leader through

our strong businesses, and we will give all individuals the opportunity to create new small and micro business. I will assure access to transportation and continue commitment to healthy families.

Briefly describe your experience working on community or public policy issues.

My community work started as an intern at Gillette Lifetime Clinic, where I was first introduced to policy that effects real people. I developed an advocacy training for Gillette consumers. It wasn't long before I realized that if we want policy that works for people's lives, we must elect the people who will fight for those policies! I volunteered for the candidates that said we should all have a good quality of life. I also worked to reach people through grassroots at the MN Secretary of State's Office. Much of my organizing success has been collaborating with organized labor. Through my work with unions, I was on the team that bargained the contract for Minnesota's largest union, SEIU Minnesota Home Care which represents about 27,000 workers. I learned through organizing that if we make community work for people like me, it will work for all. My vision is to always represent the people who have not been represented!

Tell us about your background and connection to Maplewood

I grew up in south-central Wisconsin, where I was raised primarily by my mother. Growing up in a rural community with most of my extended family around me was a privilege, but I always envisioned a community free of barriers. I moved to Maplewood in 2012, with my partner Darrell when I was seven months pregnant. We instantly fell in love with all the city, county and state trails. Shortly after, I learned the city was working on the 20-year Master Parks and Recreation Plan. I became a member of the task force appointed by the City Council. Following that work, I was appointed to the Parks and Recreation Commission. As a commissioner, I have become an advisor for Kid City; and was Chair of the Park and Recreation Commission in 2017. The importance of all people engaging in local community is what is important! Voting this November is crucial for Maplewood. I am committed to the diversity of Maplewood. I will always strive to listen to the residents and work to keep our families healthy and safe. I am proud to live in Maplewood and will work to raise the voices of all residents.

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GENERAL ELECTION
November 6, 2018!

In addition to the full slate of federal, state, legislative and county candidates, November's general election features a race for Maplewood mayor and two councilmember positions (all four- (4) year terms).

Absentee/Early Voting

Vote In-Person Absentee: Open now – November 5

Maplewood residents can cast an absentee ballot in-person at Maplewood City Hall, 1830 County Road B East.

Mon – Fri: 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Extended hours: Saturday, November 3, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. and Monday, November 5, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Vote by Mail: Submit your completed absentee ballot application to Ramsey County Elections by mail, email, in-person, or fax.

Military and Overseas Voters: Military and overseas voters can use a special process to get and return their ballot. Contact Ramsey County Elections for additional information.

Vote by Agent: Voters may authorize an individual (agent) to pick up and return an absentee ballot for them. This service is available only within the seven days preceding an election. Each agent is allowed to deliver and return ballots for a maximum of three voters.

November General Election information is available on the City's website, Ramsey County's website and the Secretary of State's website.



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Upcoming Events

October 10	Coffee with a Cop Costco, 1431 Beam Ave 8am – 10am
October 20	Coffee with a Cop Caribou, 1720 Rice St 5pm – 7pm
October 23	Walk When the Moon is Full Nature Center 6:30pm – 8pm
October 25	Halloween Fun Session YMCA/MCC 6:15pm – 7:15pm
October 27	Boo Bash 1pm – 3pm Bruentrup Heritage Farm
November 15	Thanksgiving Fun Session, YMCA/MCC 6:15pm – 7:15pm

Go to MaplewoodMN.gov.

Our frontpage calendar has details on these events and more.

Boo Bash
AT THE BRUENTRUP HERITAGE FARM
2170 COUNTY ROAD D EAST
Saturday • October 27 • 1:00PM - 3:00PM

- Live Animals from the MN Raptor Center
- Wagon Rides •Puppet Show
- Sensory Scavenger Hunt
- Concessions available for purchase

Join us at the farm for a **FREE** family friendly event for all ages!
We'll have activities, crafts, and games.
Costumes are encouraged but not required.
This event will be held outdoors, please dress for the weather.

Logos: MAPLEWOOD PARKS & RECREATION, FRIENDS OF MAPLEWOOD NATURE, MAPLEWOOD NATURE CENTRE, MAPLEWOOD (with logo), GO GO SQUEEZ

HOLIDAY FUN HOUR

AT MAPLEWOOD COMMUNITY CENTER/YMCA
2100 WHITE BEAR AVENUE

HOW DO I REGISTER?
IN PERSON: MAPLEWOOD PARKS & REC, 1902 COUNTY ROAD B EAST
BY PHONE: 651.249.2120
ONLINE: [HTTPS://APM.ACTIVECOMMUNITIES.COM/MAPLEWOODMN/HOME](https://apm.activecommunities.com/maplewoodmn/home)

HALLOWEEN SESSION

THURSDAY • OCTOBER 25, 6:15PM - 7:15PM
COST: \$7/CHILD

THANKSGIVING SESSION

THURSDAY • NOVEMBER 15, 6:15PM - 7:15PM
COST: \$7/CHILD

Register for both sessions & the cost is \$12/Child