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Business community gives Maplewood high marks for outreach, responsiveness

By Mike Martin, Economic Development Coordinator

Five years ago, a group of Maplewood brothers started a medical device firm. Modern Catheter Technologies has grown from a five-person operation to now employing 30 people, nearly all of them Maplewood residents in well-paying, highly skilled medical engineering and manufacturing jobs.

“One of our motivating factors for starting this company was being able to hire people from in and around our community,” says Doua Vang, the company’s director of sales and marketing.

Medical device makers and surgeons that need a catheter component to make their inventions operational hire **Modern Catheter Technologies** to get them to the next development step.

It’s one of 15 businesses and organizations that participated in the second annual

Business Retention, Expansion and Attraction (BRE&A) Program, a partnership between the City of Maplewood’s Environmental and Economic Development Department and the Saint Paul Area Chamber of Commerce.

The program, which consisted of in person visits and a questionnaire, suggests Maplewood industry leaders have a favorable view of the city, especially in the areas of public safety, business outreach, education, its central location, and access to major roadways. Businesses say they’re positioned for a strong 2019, with most expecting to keep pace with last year’s positive results and some anticipating growth.

“It’s exciting that our businesses are doing well and realize the value of operating in our city,” said Nora Slawik, Maplewood Mayor. “Nothing’s more valuable to helping our businesses thrive than hearing about their needs and collaborating on how the public sector can help fill those private sector gaps.”

Businesses and organizations’ main concerns are attracting a skilled workforce, hiring workers that better represent the City’s demographics, expanded transit opportunities and reaching younger customers in the digital age.

Struggles connecting qualified workers with open jobs continue to be a recurring theme from businesses and organizations, especially for jobs requiring technical skills.



Lab at Modern Catheter Technologies

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Frequently Called Numbers

- City Hall (651) 249-2000
- Maplewood Community Center (651) 747-0922
- Recreation (651) 249-2120
- Public Works (651) 249-2400
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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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Wednesday, November 14th • 10:30am
Maplewood Community Center • 2nd Floor
FREE Coffee and snacks provided

After November's Coffee with a Cop, we'll be meeting quarterly instead of monthly. Our next event will likely be in February. The meeting notice will be posted in the January edition of Maplewood Living.

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



Doua Vang, Director of Sales & Marketing for Modern Catheter Technologies

One of the BRE&A team’s recommendations is to continue working with community and technical colleges, such as Century and St Paul Colleges to bridge these skills gaps.

Other BRE&A recommendations include, continuing the city’s efforts with partners to expand transit, more fully utilize the Maplewood Business Council to help build stronger relationships and communications channels with industry and organizational leaders, consider ways to better stay in touch and engage companies that apply for city permits.

The BRE&A team met with multiple organizations from the health care and medical device fields, legacy entities such as 3M and the school districts, along with independent businesses in food service and sales, banking and manufacturing. Over the past two years, the city has reached out and met with 35 businesses.



Strengthening area charities

With 21 applications, totaling more than \$64,000 in requests, city council made some tough decisions dividing this year’s Charitable Gambling Funds. As is typically the case, every entity that requested funding, received a piece of the \$30,000 in budgeted gambling funds.

Every one of these organizations serves an important role in helping make Maplewood a better city to live, work and raise a family.

Organization	Award
ARCS - Aquatic Research & Conservation Society, Inc.	\$ 640.00
Carver Elementary PTO	\$ 1,560.00
Dispute Resolution Center	\$ 1,300.00
Erickson Merkel Foundation	\$ 200.00
Friends of Maplewood Nature	\$ 1,060.00
ISD 622 Education Foundation	\$ 1,770.00
ISD 622 Fusion Drumline Booster Organization	\$ 860.00
ISD 622 Northern Lights Show Choir	\$ 1,820.00
Maplewood Area Historical Society	\$ 4,120.00
Maplewood Police Reserves	\$ 1,950.00
Maplewood Youth Scholarship Fund	\$ 2,420.00
North High School Robotics Team	\$ 2,040.00
North Star Museum of Boy Scouting and Girl Scouting	\$ 1,510.00
Ramsey County Care Center	\$ 850.00
Ramsey County Fair	\$ 1,760.00
Silver Lake Improvement Association	\$ 440.00
Special Olympics MN - Maplewood Monarchs	\$ 660.00



Ribbon cutting round up

In the heart of the Gladstone corridor, Sherman Associates recently opened **Frost English Silver**, a 107-unit, market-rate, 55+ community. This is a major step in helping long-time Maplewood residents stay in our community.

Firststat Nursing Services, a comprehensive home care and therapy agency, opened a facility in the neighborhood behind the White Bear Ave. Cub and Home Depot.

Design Affair Salon Studio will thrive in Maplewood under new ownership.



New effort to keep Maplewood clean and beautiful

By Chris Swanson, Environmental Specialist

Maplewood has a set of property maintenance codes that aim to prevent blight and promote safe and healthy neighborhoods. Stepping up Maplewood's efforts in this area, staff will pilot a four-month targeted enforcement program in the Gladstone neighborhood (see map). Many of the City's original homes and buildings comprise the area and it is also a major focus for current re-development.

Starting this month, staff will be in the neighborhoods targeting four specific violations:

- Exterior trash and storage
- Long grass
- Parking on an unapproved surface
- Overnight parking

Enforcement Standards

Parking in Yards – No person may park or place any motor vehicle in the front yard area of any lot within the city. A permitted parking area is one which consists of concrete, asphalt, paving blocks, gravel or another city-approved surface.

Exterior Storage of Junk and Garbage – Outside storage of building materials, scrap wood, boxes, metal, refuse, brush, tires, furniture, trash and similar materials is not permitted.

Grass & Weeds – Grass or weeds over eight inches is prohibited. This does not apply to trees or bushes.





Overnight Parking – Overnight parking between 2 am and 6 am is prohibited. If an officer observes vehicles parked in the street overnight a citation will be issued.

Residents violating the listed codes will receive a warning letter. If the property owner fails to address the violation a citation will be issued. A violation of city code is a misdemeanor. If additional violations are found within 12 months, a citation will be issued immediately. Residents can work to proactively address issues at their property before the city becomes involved.

If you have any questions about Maplewood City code please call the Code Enforcement Division at 651-249-2300. To report a code violation complaint in your neighborhood please call 651-249-CODE (2366) or put in a complaint at www.maplewoodMN.gov.



City facilitating a safer way to buy online

Maplewood recently set up a safe exchange zone at the City Hall parking lot near the police department to ensure that private online purchases can be done to give both the seller and buyer piece of mind ahead of and during the transaction. The area is monitored by surveillance cameras and is lit 24/7.

The Police Department with IT and Public Works installed the zone at the end of September. As online, person-to-person retail grows in popularity, the City wanted to be proactive about providing the community a safe exchange zone. This also works well for child custody exchanges.

To paraphrase one community member who commented in a recent Facebook post about the safe exchange zone, if someone isn't willing to meet you in front of the police station, they're probably up to no good.



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Maplewood Mile Meander

by Natalie Bonfig, Maplewood old Resident

My neighborhood in the south end of Maplewood is a beautiful place to live. It is full of open spaces and parks such as Carver Neighborhood Preserve, Pleasantview Park, and the Fish Creek Greenway to name a few.

The Fish Creek Nature Area (part of the Fish Creek Greenway) is the newest addition. A short walk from home, I follow the path along Henry Lane several times a week to get to the park entrance. This particular walk was near the end of August. Even though it borders 494 to the east, it is quiet once you start walking along the path, and you can just relax within nature.

I usually head to the right down a beautiful asphalt path surrounded by trees. The meandering path is wide and smooth leading me up and down hills. Bicycles can easily pass me. The path alternately takes me under a canopy of trees and then out into the bright sun in the prairie. There are many deciduous trees along the way such as Oak, Birch, Aspen, Ash and more. Other parts of the path are lined with prairie grasses and flowers. The bright yellow Goldenrod light up the prairie.

There must be a lot of happy squirrels because acorns are everywhere!

Prairie Restoration

The City of Maplewood and Great River Greening partnered on the prairie restoration, which was funded by a state grant. (The Nature Center spent a lot of time working with volunteers on the pollinator plantings after the prairie seeding).

On this late summer day, my husband and I saw six monarch butterflies on a thistle! It was exciting to see so many butterflies since they have been scarce the past number of years.

An inner circle brings me to the highest spot along the path. To the northwest, I can see glimpses of downtown St. Paul, and

a better view emerges once the leaves fall. To the west side, I can see South St. Paul and the Wakota Bridge. Located on the Mississippi River Bluffs, I sometimes see herons, egrets, and even a hawk or other birds of prey flying over. It's truly a magnificent sight!

At the end of my route are some coniferous trees such as White Pine, Cedar and Norway Pine along the trail that ensure there is color year-round. An easy downhill walk completes the loop. I always feel calmer and more peaceful after my meander in Maplewood.

Natalie Bonfig a 27-year resident of Maplewood



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New Maplewood Police unit getting ahead of prolific offenders

By Sgt. Michael Nye

Someone had been stealing from vehicles around Maplewood during the heart of the summer.

A neighbor's home security camera captured the suspect driving away from one of his hits, giving officers from the newly-created street crimes unit a decent description of the vehicle and suspect.

Around five one evening, officers spotted the car. The suspect wasn't around so they set up surveillance in their unmarked unit. The individual they were looking for came back and started driving away. Officers stopped him but as they got out of their undercover unit, the suspect fled. They knew who they were looking for and didn't want to endanger neighbors or drivers by escalating the car chase. The officers stayed in the area and spotted him again. This time he tried to run them down but swerved before hitting the officers. With help from a state trooper's helicopter and a neighboring city's squads, Maplewood police captured the suspect.

This is just one of many examples from the street crimes unit's recent work.

While Maplewood is a relatively safe community, there has been a spike in certain types of property crimes, especially auto theft. When Chief Scott Nadeau became Director of Public Safety, it was an issue he knew the department needed to address immediately. At the beginning of 2018, the department shifted resources to start the three-person Street Crimes Unit. It targets prolific offenders of community crimes such as burglary rings, auto theft and theft from auto operations and street-level drug dealing.

For example, when there is a rash of burglaries, an officer will respond, take a report, canvas the area, warn neighbors to be more vigilant and advise other patrol officers what to look for. As you can imagine, piecing together such an investigation among a patrol unit, which is responsible for dozens of different calls in a shift, is cumbersome and time consuming. The investigations unit is typically busy tracking down perpetrators of more violent felonies, like armed robberies and assaults.

By the time the PD catches up to these types of offenders, they may have struck several more times, not only here but in other communities.

The Street Crimes Unit aims to get ahead of these sprees. Because they're not taking radio calls, they have more time to work a case, using various databases, intelligence sources, informants and counterparts in neighboring jurisdictions. They can identify potential suspects and give more actionable information to patrol units across the east metro. They can also pull warrants and set up surveillance and stings. One recent



example involves a credit card theft. They determined the suspect immediately used one of the stolen cards to order a pizza. They intercepted the delivery, then posed as the delivery guy. Upon delivery, they verified the suspect was in possession of the stolen card. They arrested two people at the home as they tried to flee.

"We have seen great results so far from this unit," says Chief Nadeau. "It strikes at the heart of what we're trying to accomplish, which is proactive, problem-solving, community-based policing. It's great solving crimes, but if we can prevent people from having their cars stolen or houses burglarized, we make Maplewood a safer, more livable community."

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November 15	Wonderfall Puppet Show 10:30 – 11:45 am Nature Center
November 15	Thanksgiving Fun Session, YMCA/MCC 6:15pm – 7:15 pm
December 1	Winter Wisdom 1pm – 3 pm Nature Center
December 9	Breakfast with Santa Reserve seating 9 am, 10 am, 11 am and noon Bruentrup Heritage Farm
Go to MaplewoodMN.gov . Our frontpage calendar has details on these events and more.	



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