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2018 in Review

By Melinda Coleman, City Manager

We cut a lot of ribbons, shook many hands, helped hundreds clean out their garages, improved parks and trails, and completely refurbished several miles of Maplewood streets in 2018. It was a busy and productive year.

This is one of many year-in-review pieces you'll be reading, so I'll keep it brief and relevant to our community members and business owners.



Public Safety

While police community relations are under scrutiny across the nation, Maplewood's Public Safety Department, which includes law enforcement, fire and EMS, remains highly respected by our citizens and business community for its responsiveness and professionalism.

The Public Safety Department hosted dozens of joint community gatherings where people could meet our police officers and fire/EMS staff in a relaxed setting. These opportunities were in a range of neighborhoods and settings, including at the Assalama Mosque, in the Karen Community, with our business council, and at senior events.

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State of Maplewood Luncheon



Learn more about 2018's accomplishments and what's ahead for the City.

Thursday, January 10, 2019

11am – 1pm

Maplewood
Community Center/YMCA
2100 White Bear Avenue

Register at bit.ly/zzgoywl



Construction of the Wakefield Community Building and athletic facility upgrades

Elected Officials

- Nora Slawik: Mayor (651) 738-7099
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- Marylee Abrams: Councilmember (651) 249-2000
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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
- 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.

Edward Jones

Join us in welcoming Jamie Colby. He recently opened Maplewood's only Edward Jones to help people in the area plan for retirement and other financial needs.

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Holiday Tea

at Bruentrup Heritage Farm

Saturday, January 12, 2019

Seatings at 11:30 am & 2:30 pm
 Tickets \$35.00

The theme is:
Old Family Recipes
Recipes that will never grow old.

Bring an old family recipe to share and talk about.

2170 East County Road D
 Maplewood, MN

For more information call Raydelle at 651-426-4718

For reservations visit:
MaplewoodHistoricalSociety.org



In 2019, the police department will add two new officer positions to help with outreach and its new proactive, problem-solving units. Our fire/EMS is now an all full-time department, which will help us stay ahead of growing emergency medical response needs and save money on training and equipment.

Public Works

The City now has about three miles of new street and underground utility infrastructure in the Londin-Highpoint and the Farrell-Ferndale neighborhoods. This is in addition to all the great work done by crews who maintain Maplewood's streets, parks and sewer facilities.

In 2019, pending council approval, we're planning to reconstruct more than four miles of road and utilities, including the final leg of Frost Avenue in the Gladstone corridor. It will include more green space and be more bike and pedestrian friendly. Improvements will also help Wakefield Lake water quality.

Community Development

The new Gladstone streetscape will enhance other improvements along the corridor, including new signage at the Savanna about the land's rich history and environmental features. A new market-rate, 55+ apartment complex opened this summer. And properties continue to be re-purposed to meet new retail and housing needs.

On the north end of town around the Maplewood Mall, changes in shopping trends give us a chance to reinvent the area. Working with business leaders, planners, residents and the growing health care community, the City is exploring what the right mix of retail, entertainment, housing and health care space will be.

Parks and Recreation

This spring families from across the City will have a chance to enjoy the improvements at Wakefield Park, including the new community building and upgrades to the athletic fields. In 2018, the Parks and Recreation Department hosted several community events, including the first annual Bruentrup Farm Boo Bash, which drew huge crowds.

There's a new playground at Maplecrest Park. Thanks to all the neighbors who provided valuable input on the project.

Nature Center naturalists conducted a BioBlitz at Fish Creek with staff and volunteers documenting dozens of birds, plants, and insect species.

2019 projects include the installation of a universally designed (ADA-accessible) play environment at Wakefield Park and completing the Nature Center Master Plan.



The view from City Hall only gives me one perspective. I try to get out to as many community gatherings as possible, to hear what you have to say, and see how our plans impact your lives. It's reassuring to hear we're doing well. But I also appreciate the constructive criticism on things we can do better. Your feedback on social media and in our recent community survey have been helpful. For example, 75 percent of those surveyed say Maplewood's overall quality of life is good or excellent. On the other hand, more than 50 percent indicate the city needs to improve our cultural, arts and entertainment offerings.

On behalf of the entire City staff, we look forward to serving you in the year ahead.



Building inspectors James Weidner, Russell Reiningger, and David Swan with the City's Building Official Jason Brash.



New Panera Bread building on White Bear Avenue, replacing the now demolished Bremmer Bank, comprises several of the nearly 4,600 annual Maplewood permits.

On the job

By Joe Sheeran, Communications Manager

From a major 3M facility renovation to a rambler's home furnace replacement, the City of Maplewood's building inspectors ensure every structure in the city is built to code and is safe.

"We inspect to protect," says Dave Swan, one of Maplewood's four building inspectors.

Framing, plumbing, MN accessibility code, fire prevention, HVAC systems, and almost any other element of a home or commercial building, except electricity, falls within their inspection jurisdiction.

Unless you're a contractor or a homeowner who's pulled a permit, you'll never meet these critical city employees. That's why we're introducing Maplewood's building inspectors to you in the first edition of Maplewood Living's "On the Job" series.

Q: Do people cringe when they see you show up?

A: They shouldn't.

Contractors and homeowner know we're coming. We are not there to be an obstacle, we work cooperatively with them to ensure the project is done correctly and will be safe for occupants long after those doing the work sell the property.

Q: How many permits do you do a year?

A: We're busy, with about 4,600 building permits annually.

Most of the time, it's a routine inspection. On average, we're in and out of about 20 locations a day. More intricate construction projects, especially apartment buildings, could take us weeks just to inspect all of the framing. We are flexible and work with contractors and project managers to show up for inspections as each stage of work is being finished. We don't want to delay a project.

Q: What are some of the job's complications?

A: Contractors who should know better and homeowners who start a complex project without a permit.

Only about 60% of homeowners will pull a permit on a backyard deck project. Why not spend \$146 for the permit to ensure you're doing the job correctly? Most of the time we get a call from a curious neighbor. We'll stop the project, have the homeowner apply for a permit and ensure they finish the project safely. In some cases, there are building violations that need corrections.

For more information about the permitting and inspection process, visit: maplewoodmn.gov/264/Building-Inspections



Office Specialist Lisa Kroll and Administrative Assistant Liz Johnson play a crucial role helping contractors and homeowners apply for permits, schedule inspections and track building records.



Rush Line tour

By Mike Martin, Interim Environmental Economic Development Director

The Rush Line Bus Rapid Transit is set to run along a 14-mile stretch from downtown St. Paul to White Bear Lake, with five Maplewood stops, including at Frost and English, the Transit Center, and St. John's Hospital.

Several city leaders toured the route. We were impressed with how the line connects riders to important employers, residential neighborhoods, medical facilities and retail centers. This is much more than a way to get White Bear and Maplewood residents to and from downtown St. Paul jobs. It significantly helps connect the east metro and makes transit a viable transportation option.

The project is currently in the environmental analysis stage followed by several more years of development, engineering and construction. Visit: bit.ly/2Pwmhs2, or "Google" Rush Line BRT.

Mayor Nora Slawik, Mike Martin, Interim Environmental Economic Development Director, Steve Love, Public Works Director, Front center: Nikki Villavicencio, Parks and Recreation Commission Chair.



Winter/Spring Dance Classes With Mayer Arts

Wakefield Park Community Building • 1860 Hazelwood St.

Wish Upon A Ballet (Ages 3-5)

Mondays, February 4 - June 3
5:15PM - 6:00PM (No Classes February 18, March 11, & May 27)
Cost is \$155.00

Hip Hop and Tap (Ages 5-8)

Mondays, February 4 - June 3
6:00PM - 7:00PM (No Classes February 18, March 11, & May 27)
Cost is \$165.00

Ballet and Tap (Ages 8-12)

Mondays, February 4 - June 3
7:00PM - 8:00PM (No Classes February 18, March 11, & May 27)
Cost is \$165.00

Pre-Ballet and Tap (Ages 3-5)

Tuesdays, February 12 - May 28
5:15PM - 6:00PM OR 6:00PM - 6:45PM (No Class March 12)
Cost is \$155.00

Ballet and Tap (Ages 6-9)

Tuesdays, February 12 - May 28
6:45PM - 7:45PM (No Class March 12)
Cost is \$165.00

How do I register for a Maplewood Parks & Recreation program?
In Person: Maplewood Parks & Rec • 1902 County Road B East
By Phone: 651.249.2111
Online: <https://apm.activecommunities.com/Maplewoodmn/Home>



Floor Hockey

AT CARVER COMMUNITY GYM

Come learn the basics of floor hockey. This clinic is a great way to fine tune your floor hockey skills just before the floor hockey league gets underway. Learn the basics of passing, shooting, and teamwork through drills and fun mini games. Players will also learn how to play every position.

THURSDAYS, JANUARY 3 - FEBRUARY 7

***Clinic T-shirt included**

Cost: \$55.00

Clinic Times:

Ages 4-6: 5:30PM - 6:30PM
Ages 7-9: 6:30PM - 7:30PM
Ages 10-12: 7:30PM - 8:30PM



How do I register?
In Person: Maplewood Parks & Rec, 1902 County Road B East
By Phone: 651.249.2111
Online: <https://apm.activecommunities.com/Maplewoodmn/Home>





Slowing pollutants' flow to Wakefield Lake

Early November rain and snow gave Maplewood a chance to test City Hall's new rain gardens, which will help clean up Wakefield Lake and our campus pond.

Stormwater from City Hall, Public Works, and the neighborhood to the east makes its way to Wicklander Pond on campus where sand and soil settle at the bottom. Some pollutants like phosphorus continue their way to Wakefield Lake, an impaired waterbody.

The gardens will capture and filter a portion of parking lot and roof runoff. Turtlehead, butterfly weed and catmint will bloom next year and ornamental grasses will add grace and texture. Artist Lisa Elias is creating a metal sculpture for the entry garden.

Ramsey-Washington Metro Watershed District funded the rain gardens and has been working with the City on a variety of projects to reduce storm water pollutants entering Wakefield Lake.

Edgerton Community Garden upgrades

Edgerton Community Garden has joined a tiny, but hopefully expanding, list of ADA-accessible growing plots in the Twin Cities area. Contractors recently installed a paved walkway into the garden for wheelchair access. The City will add four new ADA-accessible raised beds.

The City also improved water access to the gardens. Gone are the days of carting buckets back and forth to the old 1600-gallon holding tank. We've tapped into the park's existing irrigation system and have run lines with spigots directly into the gardens. Our contractor also added ten new garden plots.

Reservations for garden plots opens in March.

Congratulations Maplewood clean water champions

Ramsey-Washington Metro Watershed recently awarded several individuals who live or work in Maplewood for their outstanding efforts in watershed conservation.



Carole Gernes, Maplewood Nature Center naturalist, received the Conservation Champion Award for her work to coordinate volunteer natural resources monitoring and to prevent the spread of invasive plants. She is joined by presenter Cathy Troendle.



Presenter Paige Ahlborg along with Chuck Hanna, principal for Outdoor Lab Landscape Design that recently installed rain gardens at Maplewood City Hall, received the Outstanding Partner Award.

Help Maplewood tackle the EAB problem

By Virginia Gaynor, Natural Resources Coordinator

The Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) beetle was on the move in Maplewood this year. We have 25 documented trees with EAB and more are likely infested but aren't yet showing symptoms. To see if there are confirmed EAB cases in your neighborhood, visit the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) map (mda.state.mn.us/eab).

What's the concern? EAB is a non-native beetle that tunnels beneath a tree's bark, disrupting the flow of water and nutrients. Left unchecked, the trees die. Communities to the east of Minnesota have lost thousands of ash tree to this pest. Without treatment, we anticipate losing most, if not all, ash trees in our region.

Maplewood's tree inventory tallies over 2000 ash trees on boulevards and in manicured parklands; 21% of our inventoried trees are ash. There are many thousands more on private lands and in natural areas. Losing this many trees over the next 10-20 years will have a serious impact on our neighborhoods and urban forest.

What's Maplewood doing? The City's EAB Management Plan calls for removing ash trees on public land and replacing them 1:1 with a diversity of tree species. Priorities are to remove dead and diseased ash. However, to spread out the costs and labor we will also remove ash that don't yet have EAB. In these early years of infestation, our goal is to remove 5%-10% of our public ash trees each year. Removals began last winter and replanting began this fall.

What can residents do?

1. Learn about EAB at maplewoodmn.gov/eab and view the video.
2. Monitor your neighborhood's trees for EAB symptoms.



3. Report EAB symptoms to Public Works (651) 249-2400.
4. Remove trees on your property with EAB. Dead ash are extremely brittle and dangerous so you'll want to remove them before or immediately after they die. The best time for removing ash is November through April, while the beetles are not active.
5. If you decide to treat your ash tree, please weigh the pros and cons of chemical treatment. The insecticides kill both harmful and beneficial insects. We recommend you hire an arborist to use the trunk injection method.
6. Do not move firewood. Ramsey County is under a quarantine and you cannot move ash or any firewood in and out of the quarantine area without a permit.

Boulevard Ash Tree Removals Start in December!

Maplewood hopes to remove 150-200 public ash trees this winter. Trees to be removed are marked with an orange ring. The marked trees don't necessarily have EAB. We target trees with poor form, in poor health, or in a poor location.



Maplewood resident Randee Edmundson received the Outstanding Educator Award for her contributions as a secondary science teacher and community activist. L-R: District Administrator Tina Carstens, award recipient Randee Edmundson and presenter Jill Danner.



Monica and Terrance Garrity received a Landscape Ecology Awards Program (LEAP) Award for their care in maintaining three large rain gardens installed at their home by the City of Maplewood. L-R: Presenter Mark Gernes, LEAP Award recipient Monica Garrity and presenter Dana Larsen-Ramsay.



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2019 Trash and Recycling Collection Rates

Monthly Recycling Rates

Type of Service	Monthly Fee	2018 - 19 increase
Weekly pick up	\$3.54	\$0.11

Total Monthly Trash Hauling Rates

(Includes \$.75 cart fee and disposal fee, 9.75% county tax and 28% state tax)

Cart Size (gal.)	Monthly Fee	2018 - 19 increase
20 (every other week)	\$7.15	\$0.14
20 (every week)	\$9.78	\$0.24
32 (every week)	\$11.36	\$0.33
65 (every week)	\$12.92	\$0.42
95 (every week)	\$14.66	\$0.52

Contact the following providers with questions or additional information:

Trash: Republic Services (651) 455-8634
maplewoodmn.gov/trash

Recycling: Tennis Sanitation (651) 459-1887
maplewoodmn.gov/recycling

Solid waste: City of Maplewood (651) 249-2300
maplewoodmn.gov/solidwaste

The pricing above represents the City of Maplewood's 2019 contract extensions with Republic Services and Tennis Sanitation. New rates take effect January 1, 2019. Rate increase are due to the terms of the contract and the annual increase in the tipping fee at the Renewable Energy Center in Newport.

Renew your dog's permit before January 1, 2019

Dog Permit Renewal (JAN 1, 2019 – DEC 31, 2020)	
Fees: \$21 Female/Male \$18 Spayed or Neutered <i>The original signed certificate of rabies vaccination from your veterinarian must be submitted with this application.</i>	\$19 Senior's Discount \$16 Senior's Discount (Senior's – 62 years or older – are required to show/mail proof of senior status, such as MN Driver's License, MN ID, etc).
ADD \$5 PENALTY FOR PERMITS PURCHASED AFTER DECEMBER 31, 2018 NEW DOGS ARE EXEMPT FROM PENALTY	
I, _____ residing at _____ _____, Maplewood, MN _____	
Telephone (H) _____ (W) _____	
hereby apply for a permit to keep the below-described dog and do agree to comply with the rules and regulations duly adopted by the lawful governing body of the City of Maplewood and the applicable state and local laws. The information contained in this application shall be deemed public unless private by State Statute.	
Pet's Name _____	Age of Pet _____
Dog Breed _____	Color of Pet _____
Sex <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female Sterilization <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Microchip <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Veterinary Clinic _____	Clinic Phone _____
Signature of Owner _____	Date _____

Maplewood ordinance requires dogs over three months of age have a city issued permit. If your dog does not already have a permit and it is not convenient for you to come to City Hall, you may obtain the permit by mail. Complete the form and mail it along with the appropriate payment and original signed certificate of rabies vaccination from your pet's veterinarian to:

City of Maplewood
1830 County Road B East
Maplewood, MN 55109

Applications can also be obtained online at www.maplewoodmn.gov. Call 651-249-2001 for more information.

