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Councilmember Abrams is now Mayor Abrams

I am honored and a bit humbled to have been appointed Mayor of Maplewood at the January 14th council meeting, filling a vacancy left when Governor Tim Walz appointed former mayor Nora Slawik to lead the Metropolitan Council.

As I said at our recent State of the City lunch, "Mayor Slawik left some big shoes to fill but I'm confident I have the vision to help Maplewood continue dreaming big." My part of the presentation focused on reimagining

the area around Maplewood Mall, redeveloping the Gladstone Corridor and expanding economic development. I'm committed to working collaboratively with business owners, community members and other stakeholders to make Maplewood a great place to live, work and visit.

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State of the City Highlights

By Melinda Coleman, City Manager

Honoring great businesses, exploring inclusion opportunities, and dreaming big about the City's future were some of the annual State of Maplewood highlights. More than 100 business and organizational leaders, City representatives, and community members attended the early January event.

The City was honored to have Ann Anaya, 3M's Chief Diversity Officer, as keynote speaker. She recognized the City for its top strategic goal: community inclusiveness. Her speech focused on strategies that companies, organizations and communities can deploy to attract people from all cultures and backgrounds and ensure their voices are heard and valued. As an Hispanic woman, she used personal examples of times when she experienced bias and highlighted colleagues and leaders who put her in a position to excel.

When it came time to deliver the State of the City address, council took a different approach than in years past. With former mayor Nora Slawik recently taking a position to lead the Metropolitan Council, the three councilmembers presented a joint speech.

Councilmember Marylee Abrams highlighted the City's economic development progress, including work to revitalize the Gladstone Corridor, our North End Vision Planning process, and several important business openings and expansions slated for 2019 and beyond.

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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.

Wakefield Park ice rink opens

The new regulation size hockey rink opened for business in mid-January along with the warming room and outside unisex bathroom access in the Wakefield Park Community Building.

Look for facility updates and schedule of events at maplewoodmn.gov or on Maplewood's social media channels.



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Your two cents! Nature Center needs your input

By Nature Center Staff

We want your input on planning for Maplewood Nature Center's future!

Naturalists with the help of HKgi consultants are visioning what's next for the 40-acre site and visitor center, including buildings, trails, programs and exhibits!

The Nature Center Master Plan will guide future investments and ensure that site amenities, facilities, partnerships, and programming are grounded in a strategic vision, sensitive to the site's natural resources, and positioned to meet the demands of the next 20 years. Maplewood Nature Center's mission is to enhance awareness of land, water and wildlife resources, and to empower the community to become stewards of the environment.

Master Planning began in November 2018 with stakeholder meetings, listening sessions, and an assessment of the Nature Center facility and grounds. Winter of 2019 is devoted to establishing a vision, goals, and strategies to carry them out. Concepts for the master plan will be developed and refined in the spring. The master plan is projected to be completed in June.



Whether your idea is big or small, we want to hear how you'd enhance your experience at the nature center.

What? You've never been to the nature center? You can still take the survey to help us understand how to provide more awareness of Maplewood Nature Center's mission and programs.

If access to a computer is difficult, we invite you to stop by the nature center and take the survey at the Master Plan Kiosk.

surveymonkey.com/r/MaplewoodNatureCenter



Tell Us Your Vision?

Take just seven minutes to help us keep the nature center a thriving, wonderful space to experience and learn about our environment:

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Explaining the North End vision, a plan to re-imagine the area around the Maplewood Mall and the Health East/St. John's campus, she encouraged the community to stretch their imagination.

"If we Dream Big, the possibilities are limitless," she said. "I see an international market place, selling foods, furnishing and other items that attract our new comers and long-time residents. In the summer, a farmer's market and a skating rink in winter... One business owner would like to see a water park to attract families."

Councilmember Kathleen Juenemann echoed the Dream Big theme in the area of environmental stewardship.

"This issue has become so ingrained as one of our City's priorities, you will see our sustainability efforts weaving through our 2040 Comprehensive Plan," said Juenemann.

"We are aiming to reduce greenhouse gas emissions 20 percent by 2050. We're reaching for a minimum of 50 percent of all electric energy to come from renewable resources by 2040, with 100% of City facilities powered by renewables."

She pointed out a study finding nearly 8,000 Maplewood rooftops are viable for solar, highlighted partnerships to clean up our lakes and waterways and touted City efforts to improve urban gardening as a way to help provide more access to fresh foods.

Councilmember Bryan Smith focused on community connectedness, especially the collaboration among the Public Safety, Parks and Recreation and Public Works departments. They have coordinated on a series of events that are open and welcoming to all community members.

Police and Fire/EMS, he noted, continue their collaboration to keeping our most vulnerable residents safe. They are jointly working on efforts to ensure seniors have the tools they need to avoid home hazards that cause them to trip or fall and avoid scams. A proactive approach to helping those most likely to experience a mental health crisis will help avoid the need for them or their families to call 911.

"We say it often – a city is a service business. I am both proud of the service we provide, as well as the commitment this team has demonstrated to continually improve the quantity, quality, and efficiency of the services they provide," said Councilmember Smith.

These are tough challenges ahead. We have a bold vision to address them. I'm confident we have an experienced staff, forward-thinking city leaders, and deep community partnerships to ensure we're successful.



Union Cemetery:

Councilmember Kathleen Juenemann with Environmental Sustainability award winners Dominic Pierre and Ralph Pierre of Union Cemetery Association



Venburg Tire:

Then-Councilmember (now Mayor) Marylee Abrams with Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Growth Award winners Kevin McFarlane and Brad Horning of Venburg Tire and Service.



Dog House Bar and Grill:

Council member Bryan Smith presents the Community Contribution Award to (left to right) Chad Hauer, Mike Wegwerth, and BJ Clemings, co-owners of the Dog House Bar and Grill.

As Mayor, I want to dream big on what Maplewood can become. I see an international market place selling food, furnishings, and spices in the Mall area with an outdoor farmer's market in the warm months, and skating in the winter. I see a successful nursing program or a trade school in the old Sears site at the Mall, or even new housing options

My esteemed colleagues, Council members Kathleen Juenemann and Bryan Smith, also shared their vision for Maplewood, covering environmental stewardship and sustainability, and community connectedness, especially the collaboration among the Public Safety, Parks and Recreation and Public Works departments coordinating events that are open and welcoming to the community.

My appointment to Mayor, and Council Member Tou Xiong's election to the House of Representatives means there are now two open seats on the Council. Council received applications through the end of January and two new members will be seated on February 11th. Both Council seats are two-year appointments and will be up for election in November 2020. I am excited by the prospects of welcoming two new community members to the



Council, rolling up our sleeves and getting to work for the residents and businesses of Maplewood.

I am excited about the prospects and what 2019 holds for our city. Change is inevitable and creates new opportunities. You have my promise I will always try my best, to do the right thing, at the right time, and for all the right reasons.



School staff, public safety professionals awarded for saving 12 year old

By Chief Scott Nadeau, Public Safety Director

First responders and two Maplewood Middle School staffers' fast-thinking and training helped a 12-year-old girl survive a cardiac arrest. Back in November, physical education teacher Tyrone Evans and life guard Judy Lallier activated the EMS system, began CPR and retrieved a school AED.

When officers arrived, Ms. Lallier and Police Sergeant Kevin Johnson continued CPR on Jayla Campeau until other officers and EMS got to the scene. After re-establishing a pulse, they provided medications to stabilize Jayla's condition and took her to the hospital.

Statistically, those who suffer from cardiac arrest have less than a 10% chance of survival.

This was an example of all of the links of the chain of survival coming together:

- The arrest was recognized early and the emergency response system was activated immediately
- Immediate high-quality CPR was initiated by Maplewood Middle School staff
- A public access defibrillator was available and employed rapidly
- Advanced life support was at the patient's side within four minutes of the 911 call.

City Council recognized these actions with the Life Saving Award at the January 14 council meeting.

We wish Jayla and her family continued good health and happiness, and commit to continuing to train and respond in a way that gives our citizens the best possible opportunity to survive and live full and healthy lives.





Ensuring safer, suitable rental housing; level playing field for landlords

By Jason Brash, Building Official

Maplewood is a great place to live with a diverse mix of housing opportunities, from affordable to move-up housing. As the City continues to work on its goals of safe and affordable housing, it has begun to look at licensing its rental properties to ensure the safety and quality of life that all of our citizens deserve.

Maplewood has nearly 5,000 rental Units. Most of our landlords keep their apartments and houses in great shape, are responsive to tenants and help Maplewood offer a variety of living options. There are some, however, that have let properties become a hazard to the residents and neighbors and are not responsive to fixing or dealing with problems at the property.

To ensure there is a fair playing field for all landlords and that Maplewood is offering residents safe, comfortable housing, the City is considering implementing a rental property license like those found in many surrounding communities. The license would also serve as a guide for new landlords or first-time home renters to prevent unanticipated code and compliance violations.

We'll be holding two meetings and have an online survey to get feedback from landlords, renters and other community members interested in weighing in on this issue.

Both meetings will be held at:

Fire Station #2

1955 Clarence St, Maplewood

February 12th 5:00 – 7:00 or

March 5th 2:00 – 4:00

You can give us your feedback @ <https://polco.us/se87a>

The goal is to implement an inspection and maintenance program that corrects substandard conditions, maintains a standard for existing and newly constructed rental dwellings, and ensures neighborhood stability in the City.

Key points of this proposed ordinance include:

- Owners/property managers are required to attend a Crime-Free Multi-Housing Phase 1 training or its equivalent.
- Rental properties must pass a City inspection and continue to maintain the property in accordance to code requirements.
- Owners/property managers are required to screen all potential tenants by using a written rental application which contains sufficient information to conduct a Criminal Background check and a Credit History check.
- Owners/property managers are required to use a written lease for all tenants.
- Leases must require tenants to sign a “Lease Addendum for Crime-Free/Drug-Free Housing.”
- City will conduct a Criminal Background Investigation on Property Owner(s)/representatives.
- Property Owner must provide 24-hour contact information for a person who resides within the Twin City metropolitan service area who is responsible for code compliance of the rental property. This person will be either the owner or agent of the property.
- City Manager may deny or not renew a license and the City Council may revoke or suspend a rental license for failure to address tenant or property issues.

If you have any questions or concerns ahead of the meeting please contact me at: **651-249-2324** or jason.brash@maplewoodmn.gov

Youth Baseball

Various Fields in Maplewood, Roseville and Little Canada

Practices: start mid/late April (weather permitting) **Games:** start late April



C League: for current 2nd and 3rd graders, utilizes pitching machines to induce more playable balls in the field and to develop player batting skills.

Games: Mondays & Wednesdays at 6:15PM
Cost: \$90

B League: for current 4th and 5th graders, an introduction to kid-pitch baseball. All kids, once they have established the ability to hit the strike zone, will have an opportunity to pitch if they choose to do so.

Games: Tuesdays & Thursdays at 6:15PM
Cost: \$100

Both leagues will need volunteer coaches for their teams

How To Register:

In Person: Maplewood Parks & Rec; 1902 County Road B East

By Phone: 651.249.2111

Online: <https://apm.activecommunities.com/Maplewoodmn/Home>



Attraction and expansion in Maplewood

Welcome Aspen Dental, a fast-growing oral health service, which opened on the space that once housed Bakers Square. The newly constructed property at 3088 White Bear Ave will also house a Sprint Store and pizza shop.



Mayor Marylee Abrams and Councilmember Juenemann celebrated the grand re-opening for an expanded Cub grocery store on 100 West County Road B.

If you are opening or expanding a business in Maplewood, let us know. We would love to highlight your business in Maplewood Living.

Please contact Joe Sheeran

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FLOOR HOCKEY LEAGUE

AT EDGERTON COMMUNITY GYM

Game Times:
K - 1st: 9AM or 10AM
2nd - 3rd: 10AM or 11AM
4th - 5th: 11AM or 12PM

Cost: \$55.00

SATURDAYS, MARCH 30 - MAY 11
(NO CLASS APRIL 20)

This league teaches the basic floor hockey skills and promotes cooperation and the value of sportsmanship. Participants will play every position during the season. Volunteer parents needed for each team to assist in game play and substitutions. For more information call 651-249-2121.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS MARCH 15

(Leagues are combined grades of K-1, 2-3, 4-5)



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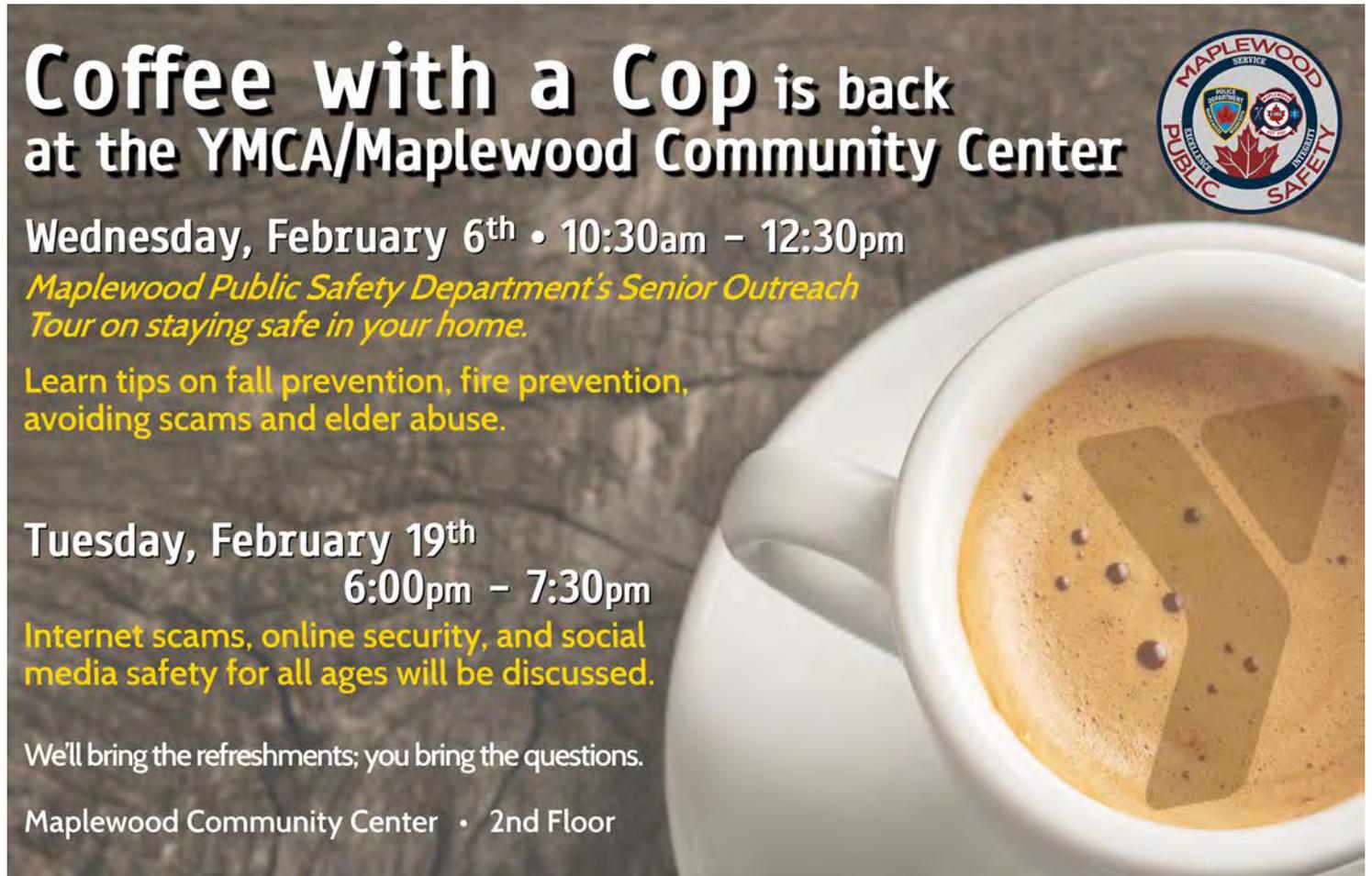
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Coffee with a Cop is back at the YMCA/Maplewood Community Center



Wednesday, February 6th • 10:30am – 12:30pm
Maplewood Public Safety Department's Senior Outreach Tour on staying safe in your home.

Learn tips on fall prevention, fire prevention, avoiding scams and elder abuse.

Tuesday, February 19th
6:00pm – 7:30pm
Internet scams, online security, and social media safety for all ages will be discussed.

We'll bring the refreshments; you bring the questions.
Maplewood Community Center • 2nd Floor

Upcoming Events	February 9	Winter Woodpecker Walk 10:00 – 11:30 am Nature Center
	February 19	Coyote Moon: Snowshoe by moonlight 6:30 – 8:00 pm Nature Center

Go to **MaplewoodMN.gov**. Our home page calendar has details on upcoming events.