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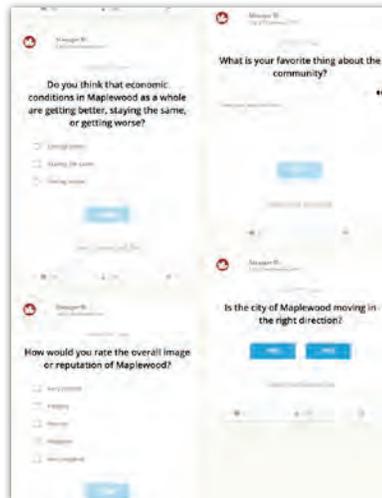
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What's your favorite thing about Maplewood?

Log on to Polco today and tell us

The City recently launched Polco, an innovative engagement tool that allows you to provide us with direct input on a variety of issues. We're starting with the softball question above to get people talking.

We know you don't always have time to come to City Hall for council or commission meetings but we want to hear from you to help us make more informed decisions about the City and its future.

Participate from your mobile device or computer:

Once you sign up, we'll pose questions directly to you about city services, initiatives or development projects we're considering. If the topic interests you, respond, if not, just discard the email.

Get engaged and fill out our initial poll by going to: polco.us/maplewood or download the Polco mobile app.

Polco is committed to a strict privacy policy. The City only sees aggregated de-identified results. We never see anyone's individual data or votes.

For more information, contact: Joe Sheeran, Maplewood Communications Manager at joe.sheeran@maplewoodMN.gov, (651) 249-2061.



Maplewood welcomes two new council members

By Melinda Coleman, City Manager

Maplewood's two newest City Council members have a deep history of service in our community.

Councilmember Sylvia Neblett is a 20-year Maplewood resident. She's spent her career working in civil rights advocacy and on education equity.



New Councilmembers Sylvia Neblett and William Knutson are sworn in

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Elected Officials

- Marylee Abrams: Mayor (612) 322-1620
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- Kathleen Juenemann: Councilmember (651) 771-3670
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- Bryan Smith: Councilmember (651) 888-0085
bryan.smith@maplewoodmn.gov
- Bill Knutson: Councilmember (612) 290-9778
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City Manager

- Melinda Coleman: City Manager (651) 249-2055
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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.



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EASTER EGG HUNT

AT EDGERTON COMMUNITY GYM 1929 EDGERTON ST.

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

PRE-HUNT ACTIVITIES • 10AM

HUNT: AGES 3-5 (11AM)

AGES 6-8 (11:30AM)

BREAKFAST TREATS • CRAFTS • EASTER BUNNY VISIT

In the event of inclement weather, treat bags will be given away in the gym.

Cost is \$5.00 per child.

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Recently, she served on Maplewood's Use of Force Work Group and was a Police Advisory Commission member. While interviewing with council, she highlighted her desire to tap all citizens' strengths, expressing that the community's diversity makes us stronger.

She plans on continuing to build relationships with residents, meeting one-on-one, if necessary, listening to people, and being honest about solutions to thorny issues.

Councilmember William Knutson helped lead the team that developed the campus for St. John's Hospital. He's been a key part of building the community's health care infrastructure. Knutson is a 35-year Maplewood resident and recently served on Maplewood's EMS task force.

As a councilmember he has several priorities, including ensuring the North End is redeveloped to stay vibrant into the future. He's committed to diversifying the City's housing stock to attract young families, and help seniors' transition within our community.

City Council appointed the new members at the February 11th meeting. Eighteen people applied for the two positions, public interviews were held for the top four finalists. Council members scored all the applicants on how well they answered the questions on the application and in the interview.

The vacancies were triggered when former Councilmember Tou Xiong won election to legislature and when then-councilmember Abrams was appointed to mayor. She filled that role after former mayor Nora Slawik was appointed to lead the Metropolitan Council. Councilmembers Neblett and Knutson will be up for reelection in November 2020.



40 years of teaching and stewardship

By Kathleen Juenemann, City Councilmember

One of my fondest childhood memories is growing up across the street from the woods, the swamp, and the skating pond. More than 60 years ago, that's what the folks in the neighborhood called the places where we played and explored. That special place – south of the Beaver Lake neighborhood and north of Union Cemetery – became the 40-acre Maplewood Nature Center site.

At 40 years old the nature center complex is still a favorite place to many people, for many reasons: It's a quiet oasis, a bird-watching paradise, somewhere to walk in nature, a place to explore and learn, and much more.

Every year at the nature center we teach thousands of school children, scout groups, adults and families about the native plant and animal species at the site and around the area. We also promote the importance of environmental stewardship. Staff have worked on programs and educational opportunities to inform and inspire us all.

The City has made many improvements to the visitor center and preserve area over the years. As we look ahead at the next generation of programming and exploration, it's important we ensure the facility meets and exceeds technology, learning and programming expectations and that these upgrades enhance our environmental mission.

Ensuring the nature center remains a vibrant community asset doesn't just happen. We all have a role to play. Last fall the nature center staff kicked off the facility's master planning process. Through February we've been asking our citizens to step up and give us their ideas.



Tell Us Your Vision?
There is still time! Take just seven minutes to help us keep the nature center a thriving, wonderful space to experience and learn about our environment:
surveymonkey.com/r/MaplewoodNatureCenter

By mid-February (the time of this writing), more than 160 people had completed the survey. Overall, people report their favorite activities at the center are exploring the trails and wildlife watching. They say improving the trails should be one of the Nature Center's main focuses.

In the future, survey respondents indicated they'd like to attend more programs related to the general study of nature and sustainable household environmental practices, such as landscaping, energy use and buckthorn removal.

As a councilmember, I'm going to push for more projects that address climate change and our adaptation to it, continue to strive for education around water quality improvements, and ensure our facilities are accessible to all.



SAVE THE DATE

Maplewood Spring Clean Up

Saturday May 11, 2019 8 AM - 1 PM

Aldrich Arena (1850 White Bear Avenue)

It's an opportunity to properly dispose of and recycle items the curbside trash and recycling services usually don't pick up.

For a full list of items accepted and fees, visit: maplewoodmn.gov/cleanups

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Big discounts on trees for spring planting

Online ordering starts
March 18th at 8am

Maplewood is teaming up with Tree Trust, a local non-profit, so City residents can purchase trees at a discount. With Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) gaining a foothold in Maplewood, City Council is encouraging and incentivizing tree planting on residential property so we don't lose their aesthetic, environmental, and health benefits.

While the City replaces diseased or dying boulevard trees, residential property trees make up a considerable portion of our urban forest and hold the greatest potential to increase our tree canopy.

To help protect our community's long-term ecology, the City is subsidizing the cost of trees for residents to plant on their Maplewood property.

Sale details: \$40/tree: 7 species, plus a pair of fruit trees
(Trees normally retail for \$120-\$140)
#10 containers; at 4'-6' tall, will fit in most vehicles
Residents may order up to 2 trees

Order on-line: March 18 - May 5 (trees may sell out before the deadline, order early for best selection)

Order via mail: Forms available at the Nature Center, City Hall, the Public Works building or online, starting March 15

Tree pick up: Saturday, May 18 (9:00am - noon) or Monday, May 20 (5:00-7:00 pm) at City Hall Campus.

For details or to order a tree, visit: maplewoodmn.gov/treesale



easter BUNNY BREAKFAST

Hosted by the Maplewood Area Historical Society

Saturday, April 14

At the Bruentrup Heritage Farm
2170 County Road D East, Maplewood

Seatings t 9am, 10am, 11am and Noon

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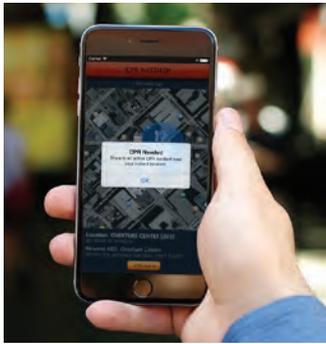
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1:00 - 7:00 pm**

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Download the Pulse Point App and help us save a life

As part of a Ramsey County-wide initiative, the Maplewood Fire Department is urging CPR-trained citizens to download the PulsePoint mobile app. It sends an alert when someone in a public

place goes into sudden cardiac arrest. When alerted, trained citizens may administer aid until emergency responders arrive. The lifesaving technology also alerts citizens to the location of the nearest AED.

Last year, Maplewood had at least three cases where citizens jumped in and began lifesaving aid until medics arrived. With Pulse Point, we're hoping to connect more citizens to people in need.

In 2018, Ramsey County 911 received approximately 60 calls for sudden cardiac arrest that occurred in a public setting. Fifty-seven percent of U.S. adults say they have had CPR training, and most would be willing to use CPR or an AED to help save a stranger's life.

Go to your phone's app center and search: "Pulse Point."

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Senior Roadshow: Empowering independence, safety

By Maplewood Police Lt. Kerry Crotty and Officer Julie Olson and Firefighter/Paramedics Rochelle Hawthorne and Jodi Halweg

Despite what you see on some TV shows, we aren't sitting around cooking chili, eating donuts or drinking coffee until the next call comes. Our public safety team is in the community proactively working to build connections with neighbors, preventing medical emergencies and crimes, and assessing risks to those most vulnerable.

One of our big new projects is the Public Safety Roadshow for Seniors. Since the end of January, we've connected with more than 100 people at community centers and senior living facilities. Our police have been educating seniors about elder abuse and financial scams. Our Fire Department focuses on fall prevention, fire safety and general and mental health issues.

Sessions have been lively and interactive. Folks are generally aware of the scams, with some saying they've either been a target or know someone who has.

This generation tends to be a little more respectful of people on the phone and are less likely to just hang up if something seems fishy. When police say it's important to ask for things like the person's contact information or more specific details, we're empowering them to hang up if the caller stalls.

One recent scam targets seniors saying "your son/grandson is in jail, send bail money." This could be scary. We tell them to ask the caller for information like their name, rank, what county they're calling from. Don't give any financial information over the phone. Hang up and call the relative in question or someone close to him to see if the story checks out.

Our Fire Department has been conducting sessions on removing fall hazards around the home for some time. This aspect is a good reminder. We've expanded the program to highlight the importance of doing little things to stay active and fit. We're also trying to dismiss the mental health stigma, especially because senior suicide rates are among the highest.

There's no shame in treating heart disease or cancer. Seniors need to start thinking about mental health in the same exact way. Depression symptoms are also common with other ailments people in that age range experience, so it's often under diagnosed or misdiagnosed.

If you're interested in scheduling a Senior Road Show or learning more about it, please contact Lt. Kerry Crotty at 651-249-2605 Kerry.Crotty@maplewoodmn.gov

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SINGLE HEADER LEAGUE

- Games start April 22 (*weather permitting*)
- Cost: \$590 • 14 weeks • 1 game/week
- Monday Men's D • Monday Co-Rec D

DOUBLE HEADER LEAGUE

- Games start May 6 (*weather permitting*)
- Cost: \$680 • 10 Weeks • 2 games/week
- Tuesday Men's D

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| Upcoming Events | March 9 | Invasive Plant Patrol 9:30 AM-12:30 PM Nature Center | <p>Go to MaplewoodMN.gov.</p> <p>Our home page calendar has details on upcoming events.</p> |
| | March 18 | Tree Sale Opens maplewoodmn.gov/treesale | |
| | April 20 | Easter Egg Hunt Edgerton School Gym | |
| | May 11 | Spring Clean Up Day 6:30 – 8:00 pm | |