

CITY'S OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER

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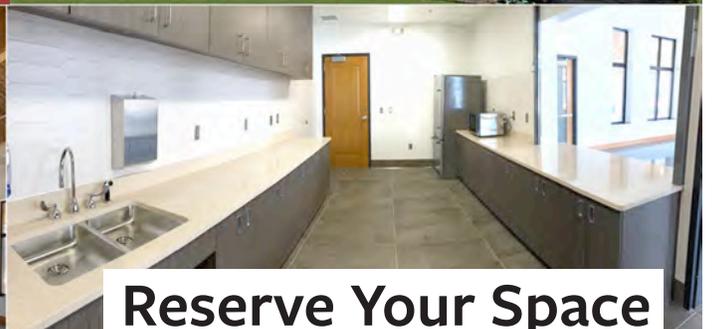
Wakefield Park Community Building ice cream social, ribbon cutting

After years of planning and months of construction, a new Maplewood gem is about to officially cut the ribbon – the Wakefield Park Community Building. This is an important city asset, as it will provide a multitude of uses, from city programming and events for people of all ages, to a facility families and organizations can rent for celebrations and important gatherings.



OPEN HOUSE
Wakefield Park
Community Building
June 13 2019
6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

The official **June 13** ribbon cutting will feature an ice cream social, community gathering and tours of the building. All are welcome.



Maplewood Spring Clean Up

**Saturday,
May 11, 2019**

8 AM - 1 PM at Aldrich Arena
1850 White Bear Avenue

For a full list of items accepted and fees, visit maplewoodmn.gov/cleanups or contact Shann Finwall, Environmental Planner, at (651) 249-2304 or shann.finwall@maplewoodmn.gov.

Food or cash donations accepted during the Spring Clean Up

Reserve Your Space

The Wakefield Park Community Building is now available to rent for meetings, birthday parties, or other small gatherings. Building Amenities Include:

- A servery and base kitchen facilities with a 40-cup coffee maker, microwave and refrigerator (no oven)
- Facility Supervisor on site
- Tables & chairs (seats 65)
- Chairs only (seats 90)
- Outdoor patio with seating
- Accessible bathrooms
- Basic cleaning supplies and trash receptacles

Currently accepting rental applications. Openings available as of June 10th. If you'd like to book the facility, go to: maplewoodmn.gov/1921/Wakefield-Park-Community-Building

Elected Officials

- Marylee Abrams: Mayor (612) 322-1620
marylee.abrams@maplewoodmn.gov
- Kathleen Juenemann: Councilmember (651) 771-3670
kathleen.juenemann@maplewoodmn.gov
- Bryan Smith: Councilmember (651) 888-0085
bryan.smith@maplewoodmn.gov
- Bill Knutson: Councilmember (612) 290-9778
bill.knutson@maplewoodmn.gov
- Sylvia Neblett: Councilmember (651) 766-3851
sylvia.neblett@maplewoodmn.gov

City Manager

- Melinda Coleman: City Manager (651) 249-2055
melinda.coleman@maplewoodmn.gov

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.



To advertise in this newsletter call Joe Sheeran at (651) 249-2061 or email joe.sheeran@maplewoodmn.gov.

MAPLEWOOD PUBLIC SAFETY PRESENTS



SOLVING THE CASE
 Tuesday, May 21
 6 - 7:30pm

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I love calling Maplewood home

By Sylvia Neblett, Maplewood Councilmember

Hello, I'm Sylvia Neblett. Wife, mother, grandmother, friend and newly appointed Council person. I am humbled by the opportunity to serve my community in this way. I love Maplewood, it has provided a wonderful living for my husband, three young adult children and myself.

We moved to Maplewood before our youngest son started Kindergarten and our oldest son was a junior at Johnson High School. That youngest is now 24 and the oldest is 35 with my one and only "perfect" grandchild.

We have enjoyed shopping and playing in our community. From dance classes and plays for my daughter, to baseball and football games from my sons, and don't forget the swimming lessons, all through the community center, we have had a ball. Bike riding on our trails, working in the rain garden, not to mention the fantastic teachers my children had at Weaver and John Glenn. Maplewood provides a good life for families.

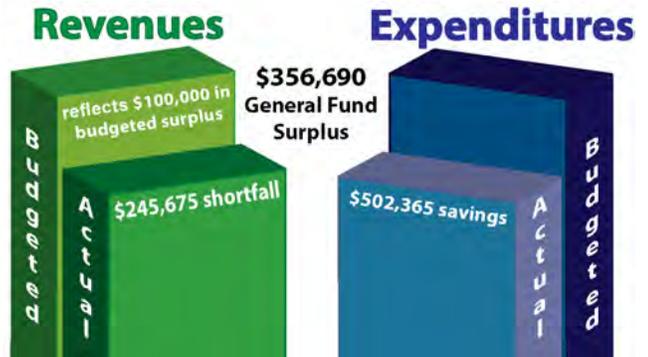
Professionally, I work in North Minneapolis at a charter school called KIPP Minnesota. I am the office manager there. It is a job that keeps me on my toes and thinking all day every day. Prior to that I worked at IDS 622 in the office of Educational Equity and before that I was at North High working as the Parent Involvement Coordinator (I still can't believe they paid me to meet parents and make lifelong friends). I also worked 17 years in city and state offices of civil and human rights. This work around equity, inclusion and diversity has been my life long work and I will continue to do this work while I sit on the Council. We are so fortunate to live in a community with so much diversity, every opportunity to interact with others who are different from ourselves, enriches our lives.

I am truly humbled to have this opportunity to serve the citizens of Maplewood. My prayer is that I will act with wisdom, kindness, courage and humility. I am here to serve.

City of Maplewood Budget Performance Results in Surplus

By Ellen Paulseth, Maplewood Finance Director

Maplewood ended 2018 with a \$356,000 surplus in the general fund balance despite a nearly \$580,000 shortfall in property tax revenue. Late in 2018, several commercial property owners filed petitions disputing their property tax bills. The timing made it difficult for the City to react. Still, our City Council, department managers, finance team, and city manager found ways to trim expenses and enact measures to ensure the financial viability of the City's main operating fund.



Other revenue gains, such as a December building permit influx and an overall investment earnings increase, helped soften the blow, putting the total general fund revenue under budget by roughly \$245,000 (or 1.2%). Fortunately, total expenditures came in under budget as well, about \$500,000 (or 2.4%), boosting the City's General Fund reserves by \$356,000.

Maplewood initially budgeted for a \$100,000 reserve increase because the fund was approaching the minimum recommended amount to sustain cash flow between property tax payments. Ramsey County distributes property taxes it collects for cities in July and December; therefore, Maplewood must fund six months of operating expenses with existing reserves before the July payment is made.

Reserves are now at 43.5% (\$8.8 million) of total expenditures, well within the required parameters of 42% to 50%, as the city's financial policies call for.

Independent auditors recently examined the city's financial records for the year ended December 31, 2018. An opinion on the city's financial statements will be provided to the city council on June 10, 2019. It is expected that the city's financial statements will be affirmed by the auditors at that same time.



Thank You! TIP-A-COP
We raised over \$2300 for our local Special Olympics athletes.



2019

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NATURE CENTER OPEN HOUSE

Help Plan Our Future

Thursday, May 23, 6:00-7:30 pm

Maplewood Nature Center, 2659 East 7th Street

Join us to preview and discuss the Master Plan.

Families welcome, snacks and nature activities for kids.



JOIN OUR COMPLETE COUNT COMMITTEE



Help us ensure an accurate Census count

By Marylee Abrams, Mayor of Maplewood

The City of Maplewood is forming a Complete Count Committee to ensure that when the Census is conducted next April there is an accurate count of Maplewood residents.

In recent years, we've become more diverse, seeing larger increases in people from hard-to-count communities. While diversity provides a culturally-rich community, we are concerned our residents will be undercounted. Some come from countries with a high distrust in government. We want to ensure that when the Census is conducted, our community members feel comfortable completing their 2020 Census questionnaire. A Complete Count Committee will allow for trusted community representatives, as opposed to city or Census officials, to deliver news and information that would increase the likelihood of participation. Furthermore, we've experienced a four-point mail back participation decline from 2000 to 2010, with one census tract decreasing by as much as 7%. We want to reverse this trend.

Our citizens of all ages, backgrounds and incomes rely on an accurate count to ensure we retain our valued seat in Congress and our share of federal and state funding for vital community programs. A Complete Count Committee will help us achieve that goal.

If you're interested in joining our Complete Count Committee, please contact Joe Sheeran, Communications Manager, joe.sheeran@maplewoodmn.gov or 651-249-2061.



Maplewood Police, hiring for excellence and preparing for the future

By Scott Nadeau, Director of Public Safety

As society and our communities continue to change demographically and with technology, the Maplewood Police Department continues to look for the best employees to address the complex issues associated with 21st century policing.

The police department, working with the city's human resource department, has had a great deal of success in finding great, educated, and non-traditional officers to fill vacancies in the police department. By putting a strong emphasis on recruiting, using non-sworn positions such as Police Reserves and Community Service Officers as an entry-level opportunity, and utilizing programs such as the "Suburban Pathways to Policing" program Maplewood has had great success in recruiting and hiring in the past two years. In fact, eight of the last 12 police officer hires have been non-traditional (women and people of color).

Succession planning has also become an emphasis for the Maplewood Police Department. Knowing that the Public Safety Director and senior command staff are approaching retirement age, the police department just promoted two sergeants to patrol commanders to ensure that the department has "bench strength" that will continue to improve our ability to provide excellence in public safety now and into the future.

Interested in a rewarding law enforcement career opportunity?

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SUMMER SESSIONS

<p style="text-align: center;">LITTLE STARS (PARENT/CHILD AGES 4-6) TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS, 6:00PM-6:45PM</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">YOUTH BEGINNING (AGES 10-12) TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS, 7:30PM-8:30PM JUNE 4 - JUNE 20</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">BIG STARS (AGES 7-9) TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS, 6:45PM-7:30PM</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">YOUTH ADVANCED BEGINNING (AGES 12-14) TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS, 7:30PM-8:30PM JULY 9 - JULY 25</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">SESSION 1: JUNE 4 - JUNE 20 SESSION 2: JULY 9 - JULY 25 SESSION 3: AUGUST 6 - AUGUST 22</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">YOUTH INTERMEDIATE (AGES 12+) TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS, 7:30PM-8:30PM AUGUST 6 - AUGUST 22</p>

How do I register for a Maplewood Parks and Recreation program?
 In Person: Maplewood Parks & Recreation • 1902 County Road B East (M-F, 8:00am-4:30pm)
 By Phone: 651.249.2111 • Online: <https://apm.activecommunities.com/Maplewoodmn/Home>
 For more information on tennis contact • Bick Smith at: cybick@icloud.com or 651-357-4053

Police out for blood in Battle of the Badges Blood Drive

By Steve Lukin, Fire Chief

After coming up short in the 2018 Battle of the Badges, Maplewood's Police Department vowed a stronger turnout in 2019. Several hours of donations yielded 54 pints blood, with Maplewood's Fire Department edging out the PD again 27 pints to 23.

The Red Cross Blood Drive featured a secondary internal battle, with Gina Kuchenmeister from the City's Park and Recreation Department donating for the Fire Department and her husband Jason, the PD's property and evidence tech, donating for his department.

On behalf of the Public Safety Team, I'd like to thank our staff and community members who helped make this a successful blood drive.

Next year's Battle of the Badges: **Thursday, April 16, 2020!**



Head-to-Head: Commander Michael Shortreed (top) and Firefighter/Paramedic Jeff Sedlacek, who's showing off the FD's early lead.



Gina Kuchenmeister, from our Parks and Recreation Department, donates on behalf of the Fire Department while her husband who works for the PD, donates to police.

YOUTH T-BALL

- **GAMES AT EDGERTON & AFTON FIELDS**
(POSSIBLY OTHER VARIOUS PARKS BASED ON NEED)
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- **4 - 5 YEARS (4:30PM - 5:30PM): ALWAYS HIT OFF A TEE**
- **6 - 8 YEARS (5:45PM - 6:45PM): OPPORTUNITY TO HIT COACH PITCH, THEN HIT OFF A TEE**

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Spring tea in the barn

Saturday, June 1, 2019

One seating at 11:30 am

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Tickets \$35.00

Spring theme is,

Notable Women of Maplewood, Past and Present

For Reservations visit MaplewoodHistoricalSociety.org

For questions, call Mary at 651-330-3862
or Raydelle at 612-790-1503

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SPRING SESSION: May 7 - June 25

SUMMER SESSION: July 23 - Sept. 10

CALL TO REGISTER

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- By Phone: 651.249.2111
- Online: <https://apm.activecommunities.com/Maplewoodmn/Home>





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