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MAPLE PLAIN CITY COUNCIL CREATES ROAD MAP

"All you need is the plan, the road map, and the courage to press on to your destination," a quote from Earl Nightingale, was put into action by the Maple Plain City Council as they made the next step in creating a destination City at its recent strategic planning session.

Mayor Jerry Young, Councilmembers Justin McCoy, Mike DeLuca, Julie Maas-Kusske and Dave Eisinger

Creating the plan in May 2014, the Council created a mission statement, vision statement, core values and objectives.

Mission Statement: To enhance the quality of life for current and future generations through strong leadership, effective stewardship and exceptional service.

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LETTER FROM INDEPENDENCE MAYOR JOHNSON

What a different winter we have had from last year. Remember how deep the snow was? I'm sure the eastern cities, like Boston, would be glad to trade this winter with us! Having a winter like this saves on wear and tear of equipment as well as dollars in the budget for labor and materials. Lets hope that we don't have a middle of May snow storm like last year.

The legislature is in session. Let's hope they don't spend all the surplus tax dollars collected on ongoing programs.

However a few things being considered would be a great help to our city:
1. Consideration to help cities with a population under 5,000 with road and bridge maintenance. **Johnson's Letter Continued on Page 3**

LETTERS FROM OUR CITY COUNCILS

ROAD MAP (CONTINUED…)

Vision Statement: Maple Plain will be a livable community recognized for its beauty, convenience to the Twin Cities, exceptional schools and its strong sense of community amongst residents and businesses.

Core Values: Compassion, Responsiveness, Transparency, Honesty and Integrity.

Become a destination City

The City Council will help achieve this by installing an electronic sign by the fire station. In addition to broadcasting local news, this will help market City events. Furthermore, the City continues its work with the Highway 12 Safety Coalition to help complete a safety audit. Staff is currently working on a lighting plan to install more lights along Highway 12. Another goal is to implement and award a grant through the Business Improvement Grant Program. This program is intended to provide some incentive to help businesses upgrade their façade.

Strengthen Relationships Between Citizens and Government

The City Council has already begun its “Attitude of Gratitude”; a program designed to recognize local residents and businesses for their participation in making Maple Plain a great community to live, work and visit. In addition, Council and staff are dedicated to being present and more visible in the community and surrounding communities.

Create and Maintain a Cost Effective Approach to Government

The City Council has made some great strides in this area by sharing services with the City of Independence. The two cities now share a newsletter and community festival. The Council is dedicated to looking at all services provided by the city and is working to create more efficiencies, while maintaining high levels of service.

Maintain a High Level of Public Safety

The Council is dedicated to its public safety and continues to work with West Hennepin Public Safety and the Maple Plain Fire Department to provide excellent levels of service. In addition, the City’s participation in the Highway 12 Safety Coalition will improve public safety along Highway 12.

Maintain Infrastructure for Future Generations

Staff has completed a Pavement Improvement Plan, which will soon be approved by Council. Last year, the City completed a large construction project on Main Street West and Rainbow Avenue. That project will be completed this spring with the overlay of asphalt and some additional restoration work.

Create and Maintain a Thriving Business Community

Staff and the City Council will continue to work with the Chamber of Commerce to maintain visibility in the community. In addition, the Council will conduct business visits to local businesses. The intent of these visits is to learn what the City is doing well, what businesses need and what the City can do to help. Together the City Council and the Planning Commission will work to make zoning work for businesses.

While the City Council and staff understand that the above is only a road map of projects for 2015-2016, it is a starting place for the City.

UPCOMING EVENTS

LETTER FROM MAYOR JOHNSON (CONTINUED…)

Independence Mayor Johnson

2. Dropping sales tax on road and construction material or equipment purchased by a unit of government.
3. Reinstating the "This Old House" and "This Old Business" program which would encourage people with older homes/businesses to remod el/upgrade.

These programs would take away some ongoing State Revenue.

Also being considered is adding another $10.00 (doubling) to our wheelage fee. Until the legislature adjourns in late May, many things could change.

The evening of Aprils 14th is our City's Board of Review. When you receive your property valuation form, and if you feel that assessed value is not appropriate, you should contact the assessor. If you still have questions, you may make an appeal before the city council that night.

The Cities of Independence and Maple Plain have hired a consultant to be an "outsider" to make suggestion as to possibly doing more things jointly or even possibly considering, in the future, a merger. The only purpose for such action would be if we could provide better services and save money for our citizens. A subcommittee will review the report first before a presentation to the city councils. Depending on the subcommittee and councils' actions, we could implement some things, quit meeting, or move ahead with public meetings on the topic. In the mean time, "Think Spring".

Marvin D. Johnson, Mayor of Independence

UPCOMING EVENTS AROUND TOWN

- **April 12: 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - Loretto Fire Department Breakfast (Page 4)**
- **May 2: 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. - Annual Clean-Up Day at Independence City Hall (For Maple Plain and Independence residents) (Page 6)**
- **May 3: Health Expo at Discovery Center (Page 8)**
- **May 3: Step To It Challenge Kick Off at Maple Plain City Hall (Page 8)**
- **May 14 - 16: Friends of the Library book sale (Page 15)**
- **May 15: Poppy Day Sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary (Page 13)**
- **May 25: 10:30 a.m. - Maple Plain Memorial Day Service at Lewis Cemetery (Page 15)**

City of Independence Meetings

City Council: 2nd & 4th Tuesdays at 7:30 PM
Planning Commission: 2nd Monday at 7:30 PM

City of Maple Plain Meetings

City Council: 2nd & 4th Mondays at 7:00 PM
Council Workshops: 4th Monday at 5:30 PM
Economic Development Authority: 2nd Monday at 5:30 PM
Planning Commission: 1st Thursday at 7:00 PM
Parks Commission: 3rd Monday at 7:00 PM

PUBLIC SAFETY NEWS

IMPROVEMENTS TO WEST HENNEPIN PUBLIC SAFETY'S EMERGENCY OPERATONS CENTER (EOC)

In 2015, a significant improvement was made to West Hennepin Public Safety Emergency Operations Center (EOC) located within its facility. This EOC serves both the Cities of Maple Plain and Independence and is the shared conference room between West Hennepin Public Safety Department and City of Independence.

West Hennepin Police Chief Gary Kroells recently used the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) to train Officer Lance Zilles and Administrative Assistants Lynda Franklin and Kim Curtis in regards to the Lake Area Emergency Operation Plan.

West Hennepin Public Safety Director Gary Kroells worked closely with Independence City Administrator Toni Hirsh and the City of Independence to coordinate the proper equipment and needs for this EOC to be compatible for any disasters that should occur within this jurisdiction.

Improvements to the EOC included an 80" projection screen with wireless HDMI, VGA and Apple Airplay capabilities and two TV monitors, also with HDMI capabilities. This equipment will allow multiple emergency management organizations to work effectively within the command center and provide real-time reports back to the command center. These improvements will serve all of the presentation and training functions needed for our organizations from today and well into the future.

The upgrades to the Conference Room/EOC were approved and funded by the Independence Council. The EOC is now fully operational and functional.

LORETTO FIRE DEPARTMENT'S 5TH ANNUAL BREAKFAST

Come support Loretto Fire Department through their All-You-Can-Eat breakfast.

Loretto Fire Department
259 North Medina Street
Loretto, MN

Adults - $8.00 Children - $5.00

Gluten-free pancakes and French toast will be available.

COMMUNITY NEWS

NEWS FOR FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

Is your child 5 years old by September 1, 2015? It is registration time for Kindergarten!
Forms are due as soon as possible so schools can be ready for the "Class of 2028"! If your family has not been contacted by your school district, please call their District Office. The Orono District Office phone number is 952-449-8300.

To help with this BIG transition, the Orono Schools ECFE programs are sponsoring free "Kindergarten Connection Nights" for incoming kindergarten students and their parents. Choose to attend on Tuesdays April 7 & 14 or Mondays, April 20 & 27, from 6:30-8 pm at Schumann Elementary School. Call the ECFE Office at 763-479-1530, Option 3 to register.

Now's the time! Registration for 2015-16 Preschool and Practice Preschool classes is happening! The Orono Schools Early Learning programs have a 4-Star Parent Aware Rating and NAEYC Accreditation – the highest ratings possible. Visit www.OronoEarlyLearning.com for options and call for a tour!

Monday "Pop In & Plays Gym Times"
Do you have young children? Orono Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) program at the Discovery Center invites you to get those wiggles out and meet some new friends on Monday mornings, 10 -11 a.m., in the East Gym through May 4th. It's free - we just need parents to stay with their children and to supervise.

Early Learning Camps and Fun Classes for Kids
The Orono Discovery Center will house several Early Learning Camps and fun classes for kids through Orono Community Education this summer. Check out the Summer Brochure just mailed, or go online to www.oronocommunityed.com.

ORONO COMMUNITY EDUCATION 2015 SUMMER PROGRAM REGISTRATION OPEN

Summer is just around the corner! The Orono Community Education 2015 summer program is now open for registration, with over 300 camps and classes to choose from.

It is incredibly important for kids to stay active - both in body and in mind - over the summer so they do not experience "summer slide" and have to play catch-up when school resumes in the fall. As always, Orono Community Education has plenty of options for kids to stay engaged, including academic classes, sports camps, fine arts and crafts, science and nature, field trips and more! The afternoon Summer Playground Program will be offered again this summer at Holbrook Park in Long Lake and Rainbow Park in Maple Plain.

Please visit www.oronocommunityed.com or give us a call at 952-449-8350 to register for camps and classes!

ENVIRONMENTAL REMINDERS AND UPDATES

SPRING CLEANUP DAY– MAY 2, 2015

2015 SPRING CLEAN UP DAY

SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2015

INDEPENDENCE & MAPLE PLAIN RESIDENTS ONLY

1920 County Rd 90, Independence

9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

You will need to show proof of residency for Independence or Maple Plain. Please no bills larger than $20 and checks should be made out to City of Independence.

ACCEPTED Materials:

Air Conditioners: $20. No gas air conditioners or refrigerator unless you pay $200.

Appliances: $15. Includes dehumidifiers, heat pumps, water heaters, microwaves, washers, dryers, refrigerators, etc.

Carpet: Small roll **$15.** Large roll (greater than 5'x8') **$25.**

Construction Material/Debris/Junk: $20/cubic yard. Includes concrete, doors, lumber, fences, tile, sheetrock.

Mattresses, Box Springs, Upholstered Furniture: $25.

Scrap Iron/Metal: No Charge. All plastic to be removed. Tanks/Barrels must be cut in half.

Tires: $5/car, $10/semi, $20/tractor. With or without rims.

LIMITED HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

Hennepin County will not be on site.
The Cities will have a vendor on site to collect the following items:
Must show ID within Hennepin County

ACCEPTED Materials:

Auto, Vehicle, and Household Batteries - FREE

Electronics - $5 to $25 (depending on item and size).

Flourescent Tubes/Bulbs: DO NOT tape together. In original packaging or surrounded by cardboard. Must be dissambeled and ballasts disconnected from housing unit. Bulbs 4' and under .50, over 4' - $1, ballasts - $2 and light fixtures - $10.

Propane tanks – under 3' - $5, over 3' - $10

NO CURBSIDE RECYCLABLES OR YARD WASTE!

ENVIRONMENTAL REMINDERS AND UPDATES

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION EVENTS

Hennepin County will be hosting household hazardous waste collection events throughout the county. Household hazardous waste is any unwanted household material that is flammable, an oxidizer, corrosive, toxic, reactive, or a polychlorinated biphenyl.

May 14 – 16
City of Minnetonka – Public Works Site
11522 Minnetonka Blvd.
Minnetonka, MN 55305

June 11 - 13
City of St. Louis Park - SLP Middle School
2025 Texas Ave. S.
St. Louis Park, MN 55426
(enter off 22nd St. West)

July 9 – 11
City of Minneapolis – 340 27th Ave Site
340 27th Ave. NE
Minneapolis, MN 55418

August 20 - 22
City of Minneapolis– PW Garage Snelling Ave.
3607 44th St. E.
Minneapolis, MN 55404

Shorewood – TBD

Sites will be open to the public from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day of the collection.

The following wastes are accepted:

Household, lawn and garden products:
Adhesives (flammable or petroleum based) • Aerosols (pressurized or containing product)
Batteries • Cleaners • Drain cleaner • Driveway sealer • Fire extinguishers • Flammable products
Gas cylinders - propane less than 40 lbs.; specialty gases less than 59 lbs. will be evaluated
Paint (limit three 5-gallon pails; no limit on 1– gallon or smaller) • Paint thinners, solvents or strippers
PCB ballasts (must be removed from fixtures) • Pesticides, insecticides and herbicides
Photographic and hobby chemicals • Pool chemicals • Rechargeable tools • Wood preservatives
Mercury-Containing items:
Fluorescent bulbs and HID lamps (limit 25) • Thermometers • Thermostats
Auto and Fuel Wastes:
Diesel fuel • Fuel additives • Gasoline (containers will not be returned) • Kerosene • Starter fluid
Vehicle lead-acid batteries • Waxes • No motor oil!

The following wastes are not accepted:

Asbestos (friable) • Biological waste (medical & infectious) • Business generated waste
Compressed gas cylinders & tanks greater than 40 pounds • Construction debris • Electronics
Explosives • Garbage • Major appliances • Oil (motor, transmission, cutting, lubricating, etc.)
Oil filters • Pharmaceuticals • Radioactive • Tires • Yard waste
Recyclables (card board, glass, metal, paper, phone books, plastic, etc.)

For More information go to:
http://www.hennepin.us/residents/recycling-hazardous-waste/collection-events

COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS

2015 STEP TO IT CHALLENGE: MAY 3 - MAY 30

Do you have a competitive spirit? Do you want a fun and easy way to get in shape this spring? Then the four-week Step To It Challenge from May 3–May 30, 2015 is for you!

Get active Maple Plain and Independence!
The Step To It Challenge is a fun, lighted-hearted way to connect with family, friends, and neighbors, and get moving again after a long winter. Twenty-three communities will compete to see which one has the most active residents. Participants from each city will have a chance to be honored by Hennepin County and the Minnesota Twins at a Twins home game during the 2015 season.

How does it work?
As a Step To It participant, you will keep an ongoing total of the steps you take during the challenge. Using an activity conversion chart at www.steptoit.org, other activities such as biking, skateboarding, Tai Chi, or even just mowing the lawn can count toward overall steps. The website will allow you to record your steps online, or your step total can be called in or faxed. Best of all, it's FREE!

Registration begins April 1

You can register or get more information on the event by going to the Step To It Challenge Web site at www.steptoit.org.

Otherwise, join us for the official kickoff of the Challenge on **Sunday, May 3,** at the Discovery Center from 2- 4 p.m. Computers will be made available for registration. Join us as we kick off the event by taking the first steps of the challenge around the neighborhood.

Participants will receive a free Step-To-It t-shirt and will enter into drawing for twins tickets, gift cards and other prizes.

Please note that if you are an Independence resident, you can register under the City of Maple Plain to participate in the event.

HEALTH EXPO AT DISCOVERY CENTER: MAY 3

A Health Expo, sponsored by Maple Plain Seventh Adventist Church, will take place on May 3 at the Discovery Center gymnasium. The event will take place from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m..

The Expo will include PH testing; Massage, foot scanning, and postural analysis; CPR training; lung capacity testing; information on the 8 - Natural Doctors and other great health information. **All are welcome!**

COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS

MAPLE PLAIN AND INDEPENDENCE WILL CREATE ONE FESTIVAL FOR BOTH COMMUNITIES: LOOKING FOR HELP IN NAMING AND CREATING A NEW LOGO FOR THE FESTIVAL

Maple Plain Days will happen this year on August 14-15, but this year the City of Independence has joined as a co-host. One festival for both cities is currently being planned.

We are looking for residents of Maple Plain and Independence to use their creativity to create a new name and logo for the event. The winner will receive $25 in festival money, to be used at the August event, publicity in the local news, and a free t-shirt with the new name and logo.

For more details on the contest, stop by either City Hall or check us out online at www.mapleplain.com or www.independence.govoffice.com.

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Maple Plain, MN 55359

Mail: P.O. Box 97

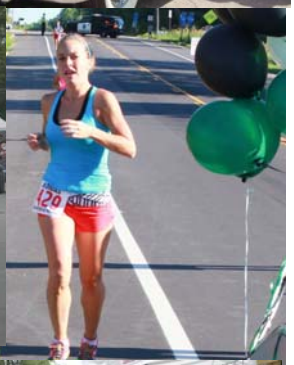
Phone: 763-479-0515
Fax: 763-479-0519

City of Independence
1920 County Road 90
Independence, MN 55359

Phone: 763-479-0527
Fax: 763-479-0528

August 14-15, 2015

Barrel of Fun Run/Walk 5K
Bean Bag Tournament
Beer Tent
Bingo
Classic Car Show
Community Blood Drive
Farmers Market
Fire Department Waterball Challenge
Kids Activities
Movie in the Park
Music (Boogie Wonderland)
Parade
Softball Tournament



COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS

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The Delano Senior Center and Senior Dining Program is open Mon. - Thur. from 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. and Fridays 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. All seniors are invited to participate in the Senior Center's programs and nutritious, tasty dinner served at noon every day! The center van is also available to bring seniors to the center and for other trips.

Legal Aid Help*	1st Mon. of each month	1:00 and 1:30 p.m.
Eye Glass Repair	1st Tue. of each month	11:30 a.m.
Blood Pressure Clinic	Tuesdays	Noon - 2 p.m.
Exercise	Wed. & Fri.	11:20 - 11:40 a.m.
BINGO	Mon 11:15 a.m./Fri. 12:40 p.m.	
500 Cards	2nd & 4th Wed.	1:00 p.m.
Bridge	2nd & 4th Mon.	1:00 p.m.
Farkel	1st & 3rd Tue.	1:00 p.m.
"Mexican Train" Dominos	2nd & 4th Tue.	1:00 p.m.
Cribbage	1st & 3rd Wed.	1:00 p.m.
Choir	Practices every Mon.	10:00 a.m.
Storytheater	Will practice as performances are requested.	TBD
Writer's Group	1st & 3rd Thur.	10:00 a.m.
Book Club	3rd Wed. of each month	10:30 a.m.
Birthdays Celebrated	2nd Mon. of each month	Noon
Parkinson Support Group	3rd Thur. of each month	1:30 p.m.

Movie Club is held Thursdays at 1:00 p.m.

Upcoming Dates:
April 2
April 9
April 16
April 23
April 30

SPECIAL EVENTS

"Two-Buck Tuesday"
Come for a discounted "two-buck" meal. Old-time fiddle music at 11:00 a.m. Lunch at noon. Reservations required– 763-972-0574
Tues. April 7 @ 11:00 a.m.

Buffalo Shopping Trip
Weds. April 8 @ 9:00 a.m.
$6.00

Author Talk
Christine Husom, author of the *Winnebago County Mysteries,* is returning to Delano
Weds. April 15 @ 10:00 a.m.

Strategies of Healthy Living Class
Discuss healthy habits including nutrition, activity, and attitude during the aging process.
Fri. April 17 @ 10:00 a.m.

AARP Driver's Education Class
Pre-registration required
Thurs. April 23 @ 5:30 - 9:30 p.m.

SCSU Driver's Education Class
Pre-registration required
Mon. May 4 @ 5:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Author Talk
Heather Tierney, author of *The Freedom of a Tangled Vine*
Weds. May 20 @ 10:30 a.m.

CITY OF INDEPENDENCE NEWS

ROAD RESTRICTIONS: EFFECTIVE MARCH 15, 2015

Each spring, the City of Independence implements road restrictions on City roads.

City roads that are paved are restricted to a maximum of five-ton per axle weight.

City roads that are gravel are restricted to a maximum of four-ton per axle weight.

The City's road restrictions DO NOT coincide with the State and County time frame. Weight restrictions are usually in effect early spring through mid-May; nonetheless, weather conditions will ultimately determine dates. These restrictions are necessary to prevent damage to the roads.

DOG LICENSES

Don't forget to purchase a lifetime license for your dog for only $20.00 at the Independence City Hall. Applications can be downloaded from the City of Independence website and mailed in with a copy of your pet's vaccination records.

SALVATION ARMY DROP BOX

The Salvation Army has a drop box located in the Independence City Hall Parking Lot. This is an easy way to donate gently used items. However, please note that if they cannot sell an item, they have to dispose of it. Therefore, they ask that you help keep their costs down by only donating useable items.

Items not accepted include:

- Appliances older than 10 years
- Computer monitors
- Cribs and Play pens
- Electronics older than 7 years
- Hazardous & toxic waste
- Mattresses & Box springs
- TVs older than 5 years

For a full list of items or to schedule a pick up please see their website at http://minneapolis.satruck.org/ or call 1-800-SA-Truck

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MAPLE PLAIN LEGION AUXILLIARY

MAPLE PLAIN AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY ADDING NEW MEMBERS

We are looking to add new members to our local ladies group which meets monthly at the Discovery Center. Our goal: to serve our Veterans.

Eligibility
The mother, wife, daughter, sister, grand-daughter, great-grand-daughter, or grandmother of members of The American Legion, and deceased veterans who served in the United States Armed Forces during the listed war eras.

What we do
Over the years, The American Legion Family has influenced considerable social change in America, won hundreds of benefits for veterans, helped military families through transition and produced many important programs for our country's youth. We know that military service is a sacrifice for the whole family, so ALA members quietly look for ways to ease the burden—whatever it takes to get that family back on their feet physically, mentally, socially and vocationally. If we don't have the resources, we connect military families with our partners who do.

Mission Statement
In the spirit of Service, Not Self, the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary is to support The American Legion and to honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military, and their families, both at home and abroad. For God and Country, we advocate for veterans, educate our citizens, mentor youth, and promote patriotism, good citizenship, peace and security.

Vision Statement
The vision of the American Legion Auxiliary is to support The American Legion while becoming the premier service organization and foundation of every community providing support for our veterans, our military, and their families by shaping a positive future in an atmosphere of fellowship, patriotism, peace and security.

Please contact either Gretchen Meyer at 952-473-3530 or Suzanne Bernards at 763-479-3708.

MEMORIAL POPPY DAY FOR VETERANS - MAY 15TH

Seven million memorial poppies are distributed each year by American Legion Auxiliary members across the country to raise awareness and raise funds to help veterans, military service members and their families.

All poppies are made by veterans and 100% of the proceeds go to veterans and to active duty service members and their families who demonstrate a financial or medical need.

On May 15th, when you see veterans standing near that store holding a red poppy, please donate to them and wear the poppy proudly on your coat.

Donations are also accepted from local businesses - please contact Suzanne Bernards at (763) 479 -3708 for information. Thank you.

CITY OF MAPLE PLAIN NEWS

CITY OF MAPLE PLAIN AND WEST HENNEPIN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WELCOMES A NEW BUSINESS: MINNESOTA BEEF COUNCIL

On March 20, the West Hennepin Chamber of Commerce and the City of Maple Plain welcomed the Minnesota Beef Council to the community with a ribbon cutting ceremony.

The Minnesota Beef Council is now located at 5469 Highway 12.

ROAD RESTRICTIONS IN PLACE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

The City of Maple Plain sets weight restrictions to roads to prevent the deterioration of roads. Road restrictions will began Monday, March 16, and will be set until further notice. Refer to City website for complete details. All City streets have a 4 ton limit, unless otherwise posted. For more information call Public Works at 763-479-0525.

MAPLE PLAIN HEART SAFE INFORMATION UPDATE

Each year 425,000 people suffer from sudden cardiac arrest. The average survival rate of a cardiac arrest is 5 percent. But, if the victim receives CPR and a shock from a defibrillator within the first two minutes, chances of survival jump to 85 percent.

Over the past year, Co-Chairs Julie Maas-Kusske and Carol Cheswick have made it a priority to teach those who live or work in Maple Plain how to do hands-only CPR and how to use an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED). AEDs use prerecorded voice instructions to walk users through all the steps of CPR.

In the year 2014, several training sessions were held and the West Hennepin Chamber hosted its first training session for 2015 on February 26. Additional trainings will be held throughout the year. Training is available to all residents, including children age 11 and up. You are encouraged to be a part of this Heart Safe Community by attending a training session.

For those of you who have already attended, we thank you. You may attend any upcoming sessions as a refresher course. Also, training will be provided to groups (boy scouts, girl scouts, snowmobile clubs, churches, etc.). If interested, please contact us:

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The City of Maple Plain is now on Facebook. Like our page and get updates on upcoming City events.

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CITY OF MAPLE PLAIN NEWS

MAPLE PLAIN FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY ACCEPTING BOOK DONATIONS

Donations of gently used books will be accepted beginning April 2, 2015 at the Hennepin County Library in Maple Plain. An on-duty librarian will be available to accept donations during regular library hours.

Maple Plain Friends of the Library will reuse the books for their 2015 Used Book Sale on Thursday, May 14 from 9:00 - 5:00 p.m. and Saturday, May 16 from 9:00 -4:30 p.m.. Proceeds go to kids summer reading programs at the library.

Volunteers are needed and welcome to come to the library on sale dates to help setup, sell and/or cleanup.

2015 MAPLE PLAIN MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE

Maple Plain Post 514 will again sponsor a Memorial Day service on Monday, May 25th at Lewis Cemetery to honor all fallen Veterans. The 10:30 a.m. program will include a reading of the roll call, speaker, vocalist and the Orono High School Band. Post 514 will also salute our departed comrades with the reading of the roll call at Cemeteries, Oakland 8:30 a.m., Christ Lutheran at 9:00 a.m. and Loretto following the Mass. The Maple Plain Museum and West Hennepin Heritage Museum will be open following the service.

In the case of bad weather, the service will be held at Christ Lutheran Church, 5084 Main Street East, in Maple Plain at 10:30 a.m..

SPRINGTIME MEANS HYDRANT FLUSHING AND POTHOLES

Springtime is the season of potholes. Public Works will repair the potholes in an efficient and effective manner. If you notice potholes that need to be fixed, please call Public Works at 763-479-0525.

Each year, public works flushes the fire hydrants to ensure their reliability and to remove any mineral buildup in the system. Though flushing may occasionally discolor the water for a few minutes, it is safe to drink.

Residents may notice discolored water for a short period after nearby hydrants have been flushed. Although the water is safe for consumption, you may want to reschedule laundry or other work that may be affected by the discolored water. If the water is discolored, run your water until it is clear. This may take a few minutes. For more questions, call public works at 763-479-0525.

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Stop by and cheer on the Maple Plain Town Team on the following dates:

Sunday, April 26	2:00 p.m.	Home	St. Louis Park
Sunday, May 3	2:00 p.m.	Home	Montrose
Sunday, May 10	2:00 p.m.	Home	Maple Lake
Sunday, May 17	2:00 p.m.	Home	Buffalo
Sunday, May 24	2:00 p.m.	Home	Loretto
Sunday, May 31	2:00 p.m.	Home	Delano
Friday, June 12	6:30 p.m.	Home	Rockford
Sunday, June 14	2:00 p.m.	Home	Hutchinson
Wednesday, June 17	6:30 p.m.	Home	Mound
Sunday, June 21	2:00 p.m.	Home	Montrose
Sunday, July 12	2:00 p.m.	Home	D.C.
Wednesday, July 15	6:30 p.m.	Home	Mound
Sunday, July 19	2:00 p.m.	Home	Howard Lake
Friday, July 24	6:30 p.m.	Home	Cokato
Sunday, July 26	2:00 p.m.	Home	Rockford

For more details and a full game schedule, visit **www.mapleplainbaseball.com.**

WeCAN SPRING COLLECTION DRIVE - APRIL 12 - 26

WeCAN is a non-profit organization whose mission is to work in a personalized manner with individuals and families to enhance their stability and self-sufficiency. The organization serves the Cities of Maple Plain and Independence and surrounding communities.

The organization's purpose is to address the human service needs by delivering emergency service, sharing information, developing cooperative efforts, and making referrals to other agencies as may be appropriate.

Between April 12 - 26, WeCAN will be doing a spring collection of cleaning supplies and personal hygiene products for their clients. A box will be located at Maple Plain City Hall to accept donations.

For more information on the organization, please visit WeCAN's website at wecan-help.org.