

# MAPLE PLAIN

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

Spring 2019

## New City Hall Hours

In an effort to provide more opportunities for residents who work during the day to stop in and call City Hall, we have changed our hours. We are open earlier everyday, stay open later on Mondays, and close early on Fridays.

**Mondays: 7:30 am – 7:00 pm**

**Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays: 7:30 am – 4:30 pm**

**Fridays: 7:30 am – 12:00 pm**



## 2019 Special Election

Due to the recent resignations of John Timpe and Dominic Broda from the City Council, the City of Maple Plain will be holding a special election to permanently fill these positions on **Tuesday, August 13**. The two City Council positions up for election have two different term end dates (one ending December 31, 2020 and the other ending December 31, 2022). In the interim (approximately mid-April to mid-August), two residents will be appointed until those elected in the special election are sworn into office. Those interested can apply until Thursday, April 4. For more information on the special election visit [mapleplain.com/elections](http://mapleplain.com/elections).



### Running for City Council

People interested in running for City Council in the 2019 Special Election must file an Affidavit of Candidacy and pay a \$2 filing fee at City Hall, 5050 Independence Street, Maple Plain, MN 55359. **Filing dates are Tuesday, June 4, 2019 through Tuesday, June 18, 2019.** Individuals cannot run for both vacancies. One seat has a term end date of December 31, 2020 and the other has a term end date of December 31, 2022.



## **PUBLIC SAFETY NEWS CHIEF'S DESK**

### **WEST HENNEPIN PUBLIC SAFETY**

#### **DIRECTOR GARY KROELLS**



**SCAM ALERT**

Scams and scam artists have been around for centuries. Many of today's scams are perpetrated by criminals who are bent on stealing people's money. Most of these criminals live in other states or countries and are using modern technology to avoid detection from law enforcement. These suspects are very difficult, if not impossible, to locate and prosecute for these crimes.

Over the past few years scams have become a major problem in Maple Plain and Independence. Over \$300,000 in real money has been lost by our citizens over the past two years. These SCAMS are real and suspects in these cases are very good at acting and making you believe they are real people trying to help you. These are criminals taking advantage of you and cannot be trusted. They work under the cover of their computer, the mail, and phone calls pretending to be a loved one, the IRS, or Microsoft trying to fix your computer. They simply take advantage of you and steal your money. No longer does a thief need to confront you face to face to steal your hard-earned money.

Despite West Hennepin Public Safety Department's best efforts to stop these scams, they are still occurring at an alarming rate. The scams are constantly changing but some of the common ones are:

- IRS calling saying you owe taxes and need to pay immediately over the phone or you will be arrested.
- Lottery scam by sending you a letter or email saying you won money in a sweepstakes and you need to send money to pay taxes or fees associated with claiming your prize.
- Pretending to be a loved one in jail and need money to get released from jail.
- Cold calling you saying they are from Microsoft or Norton and they found a virus on your computer and they need remote access to your computer to clear up the problem. Once they're given access they ask for google play money or a gift card payment to remove the virus.
- Calling you pretending to be the county sheriff and they need payment for your property taxes or unpaid fines or you will be arrested immediately.
- Email sent to your personal account saying they have embarrassing information on you and if you don't pay immediately they will send the videos and photos to your entire contact list.
- Simply befriending a lonely person on social media sites and asking for money as they need help and are down on their luck.

You need to educate yourself and loved ones of these scams. Never provide any payment over the phone, email, bitcoin, gift cards or google play cards as they are clear examples of someone trying to steal your money. While you can't prevent all incidents of theft you can minimize your risk by managing your personal information wisely. Here are some helpful hints to help guard against scams:

- Don't be afraid to say "NO"

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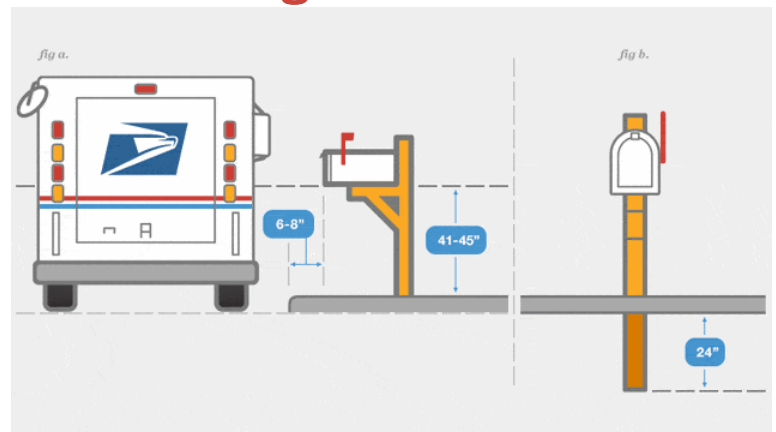
- Ask a family member, trusted friend or neighbor for their opinion before acting
- Don't be rushed and trust yourself. If it is too good to be true it is a scam
- When in doubt don't give any information or payment out
- Research the offer and 99% of the time if you "google it" it will show you it's a scam
- You are asked to act quickly and provide payment from your credit card or gift cards
- If it doesn't feel or seem right don't do it

In the event that you become a victim of theft we ask you immediately contact your local police department to report the incident. West Hennepin Public Safety treats theft as a serious offense and we will strive to make sure all suspects are prosecuted under the law.

## Preventing Mailbox Damage

Weather, particularly snow can cause a lot of damage to mailboxes. Here are some tips for maintaining your mailbox to work on this spring and summer to help prevent mailbox damage next winter!

- Tighten loose hinges on the door
- Take care of rusty or loose parts
- Keep the post in good shape
- Make sure your mailbox and post meet USPS location requirements- mailboxes too low and posts too close to the road are more likely to be hit by snowplows. (Visit [usps.com/manage/mailboxes.htm](https://usps.com/manage/mailboxes.htm) for more information)



\*Image courtesy of USPS

We recommend every so often checking your mailbox to ensure that it is secure and well anchored. A little shake here and there will let you know if anything is loose and in need of a mailbox repair.



## IT'S A COMMONLY MADE MISTAKE WHEN RECYCLING.

Curbside recycling is collected and processed at Material Recovery Facilities (MRF's). One of the common items that we find in the recycling stream are consumer plastic bags. i.e. Target bags, Wal-Mart bags, etc. These plastic bags cause havoc on the sorting facility and create increased downtime. Please, do not place loose bags in your recycle cart. Plastic bags and wrap can be brought to retailers that offer plastic bag recycling, such as grocery and department stores.

You may feel you are being tidy by bagging your recyclables before you put them in the cart, but all your hard work can actually be working against you. Trash bags, or even clear bags filled with recyclables end up in the landfill. Bags containing recyclable items would have to be opened so the individual recyclable item could be sorted. This simply does not happen. Instead of bagging recyclables, try using a reusable recycling container for inside your home and then dump loose materials into the curbside cart. Can't fit all your recyclables in your current 65 gallon cart? Call Randy's Customer Service at (763) 972-4180 to request a switch to the larger 95 gallon, for no extra charge.





# 2019 SPRING CLEAN UP DAY

## SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2019



### INDEPENDENCE & MAPLE PLAIN RESIDENTS ONLY

1920 County Rd 90, Independence

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (Noon)

*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: \$25.** No gas air conditioners or refrigerators unless you pay \$200.

**Appliances: \$20.** 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 doors, lumber, fences, tile, sheetrock.

**Mattresses, Box Springs, Upholstered Furniture: \$50** (Vendor raised their cost)

**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.

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NO CONCRETE ALLOWED

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### LIMITED HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION



**Hennepin County will not be on site  
Independence will have a vendor here**

To take the following items:  
*Must show ID within Hennepin County.*



#### ACCEPTED Materials:

**Auto, Vehicle, and Household Batteries – FREE**

**Electronics - \$5 to \$45** (depending on item and size).

**Fluorescent Tubes/Bulbs: DO NOT** tape together. In original packaging or surrounded by cardboard. Must be disassembled 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**

**Empty Fire Extinguishers – \$2**

**NO CURBSIDE RECYCLABLES OR YARD WASTE!**

The Orono Rotary Club in partnership with the City of Maple Plain will be hosting the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual **“Party in the Park”** event on **Saturday, June 1st**. Like last year, this community-wide event will take place at Veterans Memorial Park in Maple Plain (under the water tower) from **4 – 11pm**. You won’t want to miss this fun filled day, so mark your calendars, invite your neighbors, friends & family and join us. Throughout the evening, live music will be provided by two outstanding local bands; **Red Dot Garage** and Mark Bendickson & **LeCaw**. Food will be available for purchase from: Forkless BBQ, McGarry’s Pub, Mike’s Mini Donuts and more! Beer, wine and coolers will be available in the expanded beer garden. New this year: a huge array of craft and novelty vendors.

The planning committee has been working hard to secure sponsors for this event. The goal is to raise enough money to pay for the party, then donate all profits to the City of Maple Plain, specifically to offset costs associated with park revitalization and construction of a Veteran's Memorial, central to Veterans Memorial Park. Last year’s event raised \$9,000 from this very worthy endeavor, which was donated to the City in December.



A **BIG** thank you to these sponsors who have already committed their support. As of 3/24 they are:

**Protolabs • Monies Bar & Grill**

**Westonka Jaycees • Otten Bros. Garden Center**

**Herc-U-Lift • Todd & Mary Murley • McGarry’s Pub • NW Tonka Lions • Stantec**

**Bagy Jo, Inc. Harvest Moon Coop • ABC Supply Company • Larson Lawnsapes**

**KMH Erectors • UFC Farm Supply • TERRAMARK • Edward Jones: Annie Funke-Thompson**

**Carson, Clelland & Schreder • American Family Insurance: Anne Rothstein, Agent**

**K-Bid Online Auctions • Blackwater Coffee & Café**

We know this sponsorship list will expand! Watch for our growing list of sponsors to be publicized in the local newspapers; print flyers; at the event; in upcoming newsletters; on social media and at Veterans Memorial Park throughout the balance of summer. Please make sure to thank our sponsors and patronize their businesses. **We couldn’t do this without them!** If you, your employer or your business is interested in a sponsorship, please contact John Fay, through the City or an Orono Rotarian. We hope to see you **ALL** at the **“Party in the Park”** on June 1<sup>st</sup>!



**3rd Annual Battle of the Badges  
Police vs. Fire Softball Game  
Thursday, June 13 at 7:00 pm**



Cheer on your hometown heroes as they compete to win bragging rights and the trophy for the year while you enjoy FREE ice-cream!

### Other Events

Friday, July 26– Movie in the Park at Veterans Memorial Park at Dusk

Tuesday, August 6– Night to Unite, Community Picnic, and Community Blood Drive at Veterans Memorial Park

Friday, August 23– Movie in the Park at Rainbow at Dusk

## OTE FOR THE MOVIES

Help us choose the movies by participating in the online poll on our website at [mapleplain.com](http://mapleplain.com). You can also call City Hall to vote during normal business hours. Voting will be open until May 24.



**Registration now open!**  
**Challenge runs May 1 - May 28**  
**[www.steptoit.org](http://www.steptoit.org)**

Do you have a competitive spirit? Want a fun way to get in shape this spring? Then the 4-week Step To It Challenge is for you! 25 communities will compete to see which has the most active residents.

### 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](http://www.steptoit.org), other activities such as biking, Dancing, and many others. The Step to It Challenge website allows you to record your steps online. You may also call in your steps to 612-348-5618 or fax them in to 612-348-7548.

### A chance to win prizes!

Participants have a chance to win Twins tickets and Step To It T-shirts. Maple Plain participants with the highest total number of steps in their age bracket are also recognized on the field at a 2019 Minnesota Twins Game.

Get inspired, find more information and to register for the challenge by visiting [www.steptoit.org](http://www.steptoit.org). Call City Hall with any questions at 763-479-0515.

### **Kindergarten Registration & Kindergarten Connection Classes!**

Will your child be 5 years old by September 1, 2019? It's time to get registered for Kindergarten! Forms are due as soon as possible so schools can be ready for the "Class of 2032!" If your family has not been contacted by your school district, please call the District Office. The Orono District Office phone number is 952-449-8300. Registration for free Kindergarten Connection classes where you and your child will get a sample of Kindergarten is now open! Registration for the April 9 & 16 classes or the April 22 & 29 classes is available online at [www.oronocommunityed.com](http://www.oronocommunityed.com) or call 952-746-5895. Child care is available for siblings for \$10 per child per night.

### **2019-20 Preschool & Practice Preschool Registration**

Now is the time to get registered for Preschool and Practice Preschool! The Orono Schools Early Learning program has a 4-Star Parent Aware Rating and NAEYC Accreditation – the highest possible rating. Visit [www.oronoearlylearning.com](http://www.oronoearlylearning.com) for more information or call 952-746-5895 to schedule a tour. Register online at [www.oronocommunityed.com](http://www.oronocommunityed.com).

### **Mondays "Pop In & Play Gym Times"**

Do you have young children? Come get those wiggles out and meet some new friends on Monday mornings, 10-11 am in the East Gym through April 22. It's free – we just need parents to stay with their children and supervise. Please bring your ID and check in at the front desk. *(No Pop In & Play March 25).*

### **Early Learning Summer Programs**

The Orono Discovery Center will host several Early Learning camps and classes for kids through Orono Community Education this summer. Summer registration opened March 15. Register online at [www.oronocommunityed.com](http://www.oronocommunityed.com) or call 952-449-8350. Register early - classes fill quickly!



### **Orono Community Education Summer Brochure!**

The 2019 summer brochure is full of classes and programs for all ages, from birth to senior citizens! We will be offering over 300 classes, camps and programs to look forward to this summer! If you did not receive a copy, pick one up at the Maple Plain City office or the Orono Community Education office. Call 952-449-8350 if you would like to be added to our brochure mailing list.



Congratulations to the Maple Plain business Lucky Dog Pet Grooming! They were recently awarded Sun Sailors Readers Choice for Dog Groomer as well as named a Next Door Neighborhood Favorite!

Has your business been nominated for an award or do you have something exciting to share? Let us know by emailing [ntingley@mapleplain.com](mailto:ntingley@mapleplain.com).





## City Hall

5050 Independence St. PO Box 97  
Maple Plain, MN 55359  
763-479-0515  
www.mapleplain.com

### Hours

Monday: 7:30 am – 7:00 pm  
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 7:30 am – 4:30 pm  
Friday: 7:30 am – 12:00 pm

### City of Maple Plain Public Works

763-479-0525

### Maple Plain Fire Department

1645 Pioneer Ave. PO Box 97 • Maple Plain, MN 55359  
Emergency: 911 • Fire Station: 763-479-0520  
www.mapleplainfire.com

### West Hennepin Public Safety

1918 County Rd 90 • Independence, MN 55359  
Emergency: 911 • Office: 763-479-0500  
www.westhennepin.com

### Other Frequently Used Phone Numbers

Delano Senior Center– 763-972-0574  
Maple Plain Library– 612-543-5700  
Maple Plain Post Office– 763-479-1514

# City Council

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## City Meeting Schedule

### City Council Workshop

Second Monday at 6:30 pm  
Fourth Monday at 5:30 pm

### City Council Business Meeting

Fourth Monday at 7:00 pm

### Economic Development Authority

Second Monday at 5:30 pm

### Parks Commission

Third Monday at 5:30 pm

### Planning Commission

First Thursday at 6:00 pm

Call City Hall or visit the City's website to ensure a meeting is not cancelled or rescheduled.

For the most up-to-date meeting calendar as well as agendas, meeting packets, and minutes, visit [www.mapleplain.com/meetings](http://www.mapleplain.com/meetings)