

MAPLE PLAIN

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

Spring 2020 Newsletter

Greetings Neighbors,

We are presently living in unprecedented times. COVID-19 has turned our world upside down as we knew it. We are social distancing, businesses are closed, events have been canceled or postponed, college and school campuses have been closed, the list goes on. This pandemic affects each and every one of us. Together we are better, and we need one another. Many neighbors have already reached out and they are willing to help run an errand, drop off groceries, etc. If you or a neighbor need a helping hand, please reach out to Maple Plain Community Church, Christ Lutheran Church, City Hall, or see the COVID-19 link on the city website.



Mayor Julie Maas-Kusske

As your elected officials, ensuring your safety and continuing service is our top priority, and we are meeting at least weekly via conference call to ensure that as a city we are well positioned to support you. You can view city council meetings on the city website, and we are working on live streaming them as well. We are blessed to have West Hennepin Public Safety and the Maple Plain Fire Department serving and protecting our community! You can find more information regarding COVID-19 on the city website.

Our city spirit is alive and well, and we remain committed to serving our neighbors no matter what the circumstances. Since you received the last newsletter, many good things have happened in our great city. We awarded the Good Neighbor Award, the Presidential Primaries were held, the Iron Exchange had their grand opening, the walls continue to go up on the new Haven Homes, we ended the year within budget, new homes have been built in the Meadows neighborhood, work continues on Gateway Boulevard, and work has begun on the Veteran's Memorial Park renovation project, just to highlight a few.

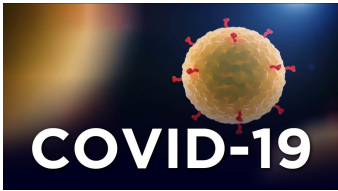
While we have had to cancel and postpone events, we look to the future with joy and anticipation of when we can be together again. In the meantime, let's remain hopeful, calm, helpful. Let's all do our part to stop the spread of COVID-19. Together we are better, and we will get through this unprecedented time.

Take care and be well!

Mayor Julie Maas-Kusske



Thank you Dave Eisinger on 43 1/2 years of faithful service to the citizens of Maple Plain as Firefighter, Officer, and Chief. We wish him all the best!



Since early March the United States and the entire world have been dealt a heavy blow with planning and preparing for the COVID-19 virus. You can be confident the top priority of the United States, the State of Minnesota and your local government is your health and safety during this time. This is a confusing and troubling time, but we will defeat this pandemic.

To help ease some concerns I want to inform all our citizens that the West Hennepin Public Safety Department will continue to provide public safety services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Our emergency services with police, fire, and emergency medical services will not change regarding the safety of our citizens. Emergency responses will continue and non-emergency responses will be triaged to limit contact when reasonable. I would ask our residents to be patient and understanding during this time. We still are allowing walk-in services; however, we would ask our residents to handle all non-emergency matters by calling our office at (763) 479-0500 versus responding to our office. Burn permits and other minor permits will be issued online or by phone. Civil fingerprint details for any purpose have been suspended at this time.

Due to the numerous changes each day involving COVID-19 we are directing our citizens to follow the guidelines of the MN Department of Health and the CDC to protect themselves and loved ones from getting exposed to COVID-19. Please refer to these websites for additional information:

CDC website: <https://www.cdc.gov/>

Minnesota Department of Health: <https://www.health.state.mn.us/>

As a result of COVID-19 we have seen an upward trend of criminals trying to take advantage of citizens. Primarily we are seeing scams via the phone and email. Please educate yourself and loved ones of these scams. Never provide any payment information over the phone or by 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.

In the event you become a victim of theft we ask that 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.

Together we will work through this emergency as we have worked through others in the past. Stay Strong, Be Patient, Keep Updated, and do your part to stop the spread of COVID-19.

Gary S. Kroells, Chief of Police
West Hennepin Public Safety Department

Maple Plain Covid-19 Information

Together as a community we will overcome Covid-19! Be assured that all essential services including fire, police, water, and sewer will continue no matter the future circumstances. This means that if you call 911 during an emergency situation you will have a response from our public safety. The water will be treated and is safe to drink. You will be able to flush your toilets. In addition the City of Maple Plain is not going to be charging residents any late fees on utility bills for the first quarter. This means that the bill you have just received will not incur any late fees. Restaurants and bars with liquor licenses will receive a prorated check refunding liquor license fees for each month bars and restaurants are unable to serve. The City of Maple Plain is following the guidelines of the Minnesota Department of Health and Centers for Disease Control. Please do check in and visit the City of Maple Plain website at www.mapleplain.com and click the Covid-19 tab for more information.

CodeRED

CodeRED: GETTING EMERGENCY INFORMATION TO YOU

The **CodeRED** system serves as the backbone of the city's emergency planning and communications outreach to both citizens and staff. The system sends telephone calls, text messages, emails and posts to social media channels to inform residents of emergency information, road closures and watermain breaks. Registering for **CodeRED** is quick, easy, and FREE! Your **CodeRED** subscription is protected data and will not be sold. **Sign-up today** by visiting the City of Maple Plain or West Hennepin Public Safety website and clicking the **CodeRED** icon or contact City Hall for assistance.



2020 SPRING CLEAN UP DAY



The 2020 Spring Clean Up Day is postponed at this time and will not be held on May 2nd. An exact day for when the event will take place has not been determined at this time, but we will be informing everyone once we have a new date. Thank you for your patience.

Sump Pump Hose Reminder



Reminder to all residents and business owners. Please keep your sump pump hose at least 5 feet from the curb of the street. This is a City Ordinance. This is important as direct flow from the sump pump hose to the curb causes the curb to erode. This then effects rain water from getting to the storm drains. Please move your sump pump hose so that it is at least 5 Feet from the curb. Thank you so much for your understanding!

Congratulations Marleane Callaghan

Marleane Callaghan was awarded the 2019 Good Neighbor Award from the Maple Plain City Council for outstanding volunteerism. "The Good Neighbor Award is the highest award granted by the Maple Plain City Council to an individual, organization, or business in Maple Plain. The Good Neighbor Award exhibits a lifetime service and dedication, through volunteerism, virtue, civic engagement, and creativity to meet community needs." Thank you Marleane for all your service and dedication to Maple Plain!



Property Taxes at a Glance

With property taxes due this May, it is a good time to review how the City has worked to reduce taxes on property owners in town. It is important to know there are four ways property taxes go up: the County can increase property taxes, school levies can increase property taxes, cities can increase property taxes, and property values also affect the amount of taxes you pay. Below are the last five years of total money collected by the City. You can see that you may be paying more in taxes each year, but the City is not collecting much more at all. Over the last five years the difference in money collected from 2016 to 2020 is \$286.00.

2016 \$1,466,233 **2017** \$1,487,034 **2018** \$1,477,524 **2019** \$1,465,844 **2020** \$1,466,509

The City Council and Staff works very hard to make sure that all dollars collected are spent responsibly and will continue to do so in the future.

New Haven Homes Update

Progress as of March 27, 2020

We are excited to share with you these specific milestones:

- All blockwork is complete.
- Preparation for the healthcare center concrete slab is finished.
- The third floor framing is nearing completion.
- Main Street is laid out and now the wall panels can be installed.
- The basement sand bed has been placed and is continuing to dry out with heat and dehumidification.
- The electrical boxes are being set.
- In collaboration with our consultant partners, the timely delivery of campus technologies, including TVs and Nurse Call as well as the furniture, fixtures and equipment is being coordinated.

To see how the site currently looks, you can access a webcam at this address:

<https://app.oxblue.com/open/AC/cassiamaple>

If you have any questions or would like to learn more about the project, please contact **Therese Cain** at (952) 855-5189 or therese.cain@cassialife.org.



MacDermid Enthone Investment in Maple Plain

MacDermid Enthone America, LLC is a chemical company that works with circuit formation chemistries and electronic assembly materials. This past year MacDermid Enthone in Maple Plain invested \$1.6 Million in site improvements. These improvements included an expansion of the product floor and operations. The picture to the left is of the ribbon cutting ceremony that took place on March 11th.

Thank you MacDermid Enthone for being a great business partner.





The City of Maple Plain is getting plans in place for the 2020 primary and general elections, and that means we need election judges. These paid positions offer an opportunity to serve as the officials in our local polling place on Election Day, opening and closing the polls, registering and signing in voters, handling ballots, operating voting equipment, recording and certifying vote totals, and ensuring voters' rights are protected.

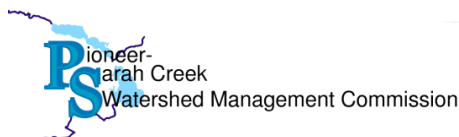
The City needs a few more election judges to work at the primary on Tuesday, August 11, as well as the general election on Tuesday, November 3.

More information and applications are available online at www.mapleplain.com or at City Hall. Election judge applications must be submitted by **May 15, 2020**.

In addition, there will be an election for Mayor and two City Council seats in November. Residents interested in running for City Council or Mayor must file an Affidavit of Candidacy and pay a \$2 filing fee at City Hall. Filing dates are July 28, 2020 through August 11, 2020.

Contact Sharon Spicer, Assistant to the City Administrator at 763-479-0515 or by email at sspicer@mapleplain.com if you have any questions!

Everyone Owns Waterfront Property



MINNEHAHA CREEK
WATERSHED DISTRICT
QUALITY OF WATER, QUALITY OF LIFE

Did you know that everyone in your neighborhood has waterfront property? Your yard and the water's edge are connected by the nearest storm drain or ditch and what you do on your property affects the local lake, river or stream. You can help reduce the amount of pollutants entering local lakes, rivers and streams by following a few simple steps.

Rake up leaves and grass clippings, which add excess nutrients that turn our lakes and rivers green with algae. It is estimated that five 60-gallon garbage bags filled with leaves and organic matter equals about 1 pound of phosphorous which can yield up to 1,000 pounds of algae!

Dispose of pet waste, which is a major contributor of bacteria. Picking up after your pet each time and throwing the waste into the garbage is a great way to keep bacteria levels in check.

Install water-friendly landscaping such as a raingarden or pervious paver driveway that captures runoff before it reaches the storm drain.

Pet (and People) Reminders



With the spring season and warmer weather soon to be upon us, the city would like to remind you that your four-legged friend **MUST BE PROPERLY RESTRAINED** at all times. City Code Section 92.04 states: Dogs or cats on a leash and accompanied by a responsible person or accompanied by and under the control and direction of a responsible person, so as to be effectively restrained by command as by leash, shall be permitted in streets or on public land unless the city has posted an area with signs reading "Dogs or Cats Prohibited". In addition, any person in control of a dog off the property of its owner shall be responsible to pick up and dispose of the dog feces.



Thank you for your part in making our community safe and inviting to all!



Registration open April 1st!
Challenge runs May 1 - May 28
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! Twenty five 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, in addition to 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 register for the challenge by visiting www.steptoit.org. Call City Hall with any questions at 763-479-0515.

Compost Services Offered by Randy's Environmental Services

For seasonal yard waste disposal your best resource is curbside pickup by Randy's Environmental Services. (See the city website under "Public Works" for more info.)



- Randy's continues to provide curbside collection and disposal services for yard waste at no additional cost to property owner or City.
- Bag grass or leaves in compostable bags.
- Brush or branches must be cut into 4-foot lengths and bundled with natural twine (no plastic). Branches can be a maximum of 2 inches in diameter. Up to 2 bundles can be collected per week.
- Compost materials are picked up as early as 6:00 am on Mondays, the same day as your usual garbage service.
- Please use this resource as well as household recycling as they are offered free to all residents of Maple Plain and have zero impact on current collection prices.
- Randy's Environmental Service Compost Pickup does end on November 16th this Year.



**THE PUBLIC IS INVITED to a
Park Listening Session**
**Join a discussion with community leaders
of future park plans and ideas**
May 18th, 2020 at 6:30 pm
City Hall - 5050 Independence Street



Update: Party in the Park, 2020

After careful consideration, the Orono Rotary Club, the City of Maple Plain and members of the 2020 planning committee have decided to cancel the 2020 Party in the Park community event, scheduled for June 6, 2020. The planning committee considered many factors in reaching this decision and felt a proactive approach was best for all stakeholders. It was determined, for the overall safety and welfare of our residents, guests, business owners, sponsors and volunteers, that we regroup and come out strong, with new energy, in 2021. Therefore, next year's Party in the Park is **scheduled for June 5, 2021** and will be showcased within Maple Plain's newly redeveloped Veterans Memorial Park. The new park will include Veteran's monuments and other architectural elements, elevated stage with bandshell, full power, walking and biking paths, children's play area, new grading, lawns, landscaping and trees. Watch for construction to begin Spring 2020.

A thank you to all for your continued support, The Party in the Park Planning Committee

Save the date: Party in the Park June 5, 2021, Veterans Memorial Park

PeopleService is Maple Plains Public Works

In July of 2019 the City of Maple Plain contracted PeopleService Inc. to conduct Public Works services for the City. PeopleService Inc. works very hard to make sure we have treated water, clean well kept parks, streets, and any maintenance the City may need. Please feel free to contact Cody Hofmann or Shawn Wilson at 763-479-0525 during business hours or 763-479-0516 after hours.



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Check the Calendar!

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

***Note Some of these Events may be held Virtually in the Future!**

- May 1-28 Step To It Challenge
- May 18 Park Listening Session
- May 25 Memorial Day Ceremony
- Summer Movie in the Park
(stay tuned for exact dates)
- August 4 Night to Unite
- August 11 Primary Election
- November 3 General Election

COMMUNITY CONTACTS

Maple Plain Fire Department

Emergency: 911
Station: 763-479-0520
www.mapleplainfire.com

West Hennepin Public Safety

Emergency: 911
Office: 763-479-0500
www.westhennepin.com

Public Works - PeopleService

763-479-0525 - Business Hours
763-479-0516 - After Hours

We want you involved and heard!

“Please let us know if you would like to get more involved with the City, more informed, or both. We are happy to hear from you and to partner to make Maple Plain the best it can be. We look forward to hearing from you!”

Maple Plain Mayor and Council



Coffee with Council



Each quarter a City Council member will meet in a public place to interact with members of the community. All are welcome to attend and ask any questions you may have. The next Coffee with Council will be May 27th from 2:00 to 4:00 at McGarry’s. Mayor Julie Maas-Kusske will be representing the Maple Plain City Council. If you have any questions please contact Bobby Schoen at 763-479-0516.

City Council

<p>Julie Maas-Kusske, Mayor 1489 Three Oaks Avenue 763-479-6010 juliemaaskusske@mapleplain.com</p>	<p>John Fay, Councilmember 5819 Three Oaks Avenue 763-479-1913 johnfay@mapleplain.com</p>
<p>Mike DeLuca, Councilmember 5825 Maple Ridge Drive 763-200-6363, 612-801-5533 mikedeluca@mapleplain.com</p>	<p>John DeLong, Councilmember 1487 Meadow Lane 801-755-6892 johndelong@mapleplain.com</p>
<p>Caitlin Cahill, Councilmember PO Box 97 caitlincahill@mapleplain.com</p>	<p>City Council Workshops 2nd & 4th Mondays at 5:30 or 6:30 P.M. City Council Business Meeting Fourth Monday at 7:00 pm</p>

City Hall Contacts

There are several ways to ask questions, share comments, or report concerns. Please do not hesitate to contact us!

Call City Hall at 763-479-0515

Email Assistant to the City Administrator, Sharon Spicer at sspicer@mapleplain.com
City Administrator Bobby Schoen at bschoen@mapleplain.com

Contact Us: <https://www.mapleplain.com/contact-us>

Office Hours: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm; Monday - Friday or by appointment