

MAPLE PLAIN

FALL 2021 NEWSLETTER

2022 Preliminary Budgets Focus on Public Safety and Financial Stability

City staff, accountants, City Council, Fire Commission, and Police Commission have all been working diligently to prepare and review 2022 Budgets and Levies. Thorough analysis of our budgets has taken place to align our budgeting and levying with current business practices. At the same time, we are reassessing those practices to make sure they still meet the needs of the city or if there are priorities that need to be realigned. We are also taking a hard look at our capital and long-term financial planning processes to make sure the city is financially sustainable and stable for decades to come.

The Proposed 2022 Levy has been approved for \$1,578,000, an increase of \$111,030, or 7.57%. This increase will **maintain the city's current local tax rate** of approximately 55%. The proposed increase would result in a 5-year average increase to the levy of 1.25% per year.

Some of the impacts of 2022 budgets and levies are as follows;

City Departments such as **Council, Administration, Elections, Public Works, & Streets** currently account for a **.92%** increase in the levy, or \$13,444. This includes a range of increases and decreases in various departments to align budgets with current policies and business practices.

Resulting Levy Increase	
City Depts.	.92%
Police Dept.	3.44%
Fire Dept.	1.4%
Debt Service	1.79%



In order to maintain the Police Department's current service model, **West Hennepin Public Safety** is requesting a budget increase of 11.3%, or \$191,865. Maple Plain's share of the increase, currently 31.94%, results in a \$50,536 increase to the levy, or **3.44%** over 2021. The department will be losing forfeiture and crime prevention revenue in 2022. In addition, personnel expenses will increase due to a cost of living increase, PTO liability payouts upon retirement, and insurance (health & workers compensation). And funding for the Capital Fund has been increased in preparation for upcoming equipment expenditures.

The **Maple Plain Fire Department** is requesting a \$51,690 increase in their operations budget, of which 47.8%, or \$24,708, is Maple Plain's portion. The total effect on the City of Maple Plain levy would be approximately **1.4%** increase from 2021. Much of the increase in budgeted line items is due to bringing budgets in line with actual practice, an increase in emergency response hours, and increased training. The Fire Department and City were able to renegotiate the Medina fire contract to increase revenues.

The net effect of the **2021 Reconstruction** bond and the refinancing of two older bonds is an increase in the debt service payments of \$26,211, which creates a **1.79%** increase in the levy.

The City Council will continue to review and discuss 2022 city property taxes and finances prior to final adoption in December, including the **Truth in Taxation Hearing on December 13, at 7 pm**. Property owners will receive proposed 2022 tax notices from Hennepin County in November.

Detailed information on the 2022 Proposed Levy and draft budgets may be found at www.mapleplain.com/budget. Or feel free to call City Hall to schedule a chat with me!

— Clarissa Hadler, City Administrator

Last pickup for curbside yard waste or leaves is **November 15th**. See Inside for Details.

FALL HYDRANT FLUSHING

Starting October 18

Maple Plain Public Works will be starting fall hydrant flushing on Monday, October 18. Work will continue through the City by section as shown on the map below. Each section may take a day or two.

Hydrant flushing is the quick release of water from fire hydrants. It's a controlled procedure that is vital to the general maintenance of the City's water distribution system. It ensures adequate water flow is available to fire fighters, residents, and businesses. It also helps maintain water clarity and quality by clearing iron and mineral deposits from the water mains (distribution pipes).

During hydrant flushing, it is not unusual for residents to periodically experience discolored water, pressure changes, and/or an increased chlorine odor. Sediment present in the water is not a health issue, but it may impact the aesthetic quality (taste, odor, color) of the water. If you see hydrants being flushed in your area, avoid running tap water (especially hot to keep your water heater clear of excess sediment) and using the washing machine until the flushing has been completed. If you encounter discolored water after hydrant flushing, shut the water off for several minutes, then check for clarity by running cold water for a few minutes allowing new water to work its way into the pipes. Before washing laundry, wait until the water runs clear at the tap.

Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding during this process. If you have any questions, please call Dylan at 763-479-9250.



- First Section
- Second Section
- Third Section
- Fourth Section

The Energy Assistance Program (EAP)

can help you pay energy costs, such as a water bill, between October 1, 2021 and May 31, 2022. If you qualify, you could receive a grant to cover some of your energy expenses. This grant is paid directly to your utility provider, to reduce your utility bill. For info or application call **952-930-3541** or see caphennepin.org/what-we-do/energy-assistance.html

Local Street & Utility Improvements

As our 2021 Reconstruction project nears its end we want to send a big "THANK YOU" to the residents of the northeast end of Maple Plain for their patience during this time! While the inconvenience of reconstruction on a homeowner cannot be understated, we know that the improvements were both necessary and desired.

The City has been working through a long-term capital infrastructure plan since 2014, with improvements occurring every 2 - 3 years throughout the community. For more information about these plans, and to see when projects might be occurring in your neighborhood, please visit mapleplain.com/budget and download the Street Capital Improvement Plan.

2021 Reconstruction
Special Assessment Hearing
October 25, 2021
7:00 p.m., City Hall

CAN YOU HELP?
Public Works staff has been troubleshooting some water color issues. You can help us track these issues by filling out this easy online form!
<https://bit.ly/mpwaterissue>

Snowplowing Reminders



We hate to say it, but winter will soon be upon us, and with it the joys and sorrows of a winter snowfall. Make this season as painless as possible by following Maple Plain winter parking restrictions. Here's a quick overview:

- Parking is not allowed on any street November 1 to April 15 from 1 a.m. to 7 a.m. This policy is in effect even when there is no snow.
- After a 3 inch (or more) snowfall parking is not allowed on any city street until that street has been plowed **full width**.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated!

APPLY FOR PLANNING COMMISSION!

Serve your community and share your input regarding planning and zoning by becoming a member of one of the most influential of the advisory commissions. The Planning Commission prepares and reviews the City's comprehensive plan, adopts official controls to implement the City's plan, and reviews and makes recommendations on all development applications.

Applications are being accepted NOW for the Planning Commission. For more information and the application visit www.mapleplain.com/planning-commission. For questions feel free to Contact Sharon Spicer, Assistant to the City Administrator, at 763-479-0515 or sspicer@mapleplain.com.

Fall CLASSES & OFFERINGS

Over 200 opportunities to choose from!
STEM - Art, Dance & Theater - Sports & Aquatics
Special Interest & Academics - Preschool
Adult Classes - and more!

REGISTER
www.oronocommunityed.com
952-449-8350

WINTER is Coming!
Registration Opens
Tuesday, December 14

Take a look inside the brochure!
Pick up a copy at the Discovery Center in Maple Plain.

ORONO Community Education
Orono Public Schools

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.

MAPLE PLAIN YARD WASTE DISPOSAL OPTIONS



LAST PICK-UP FOR YARD WASTE IS
NOVEMBER 15TH

The Yard Waste service allows for up to 20-25 bags of grass clippings or leaves. A separate yard waste cart can be requested for the curbside collection. It is billed \$5 per month, year-round. *Extra compostable bags can be collected alongside the cart if all yard waste cannot be contained in the cart.*

Brush needs to be tied in bundles you can fit your arms around. The brush can be no longer than 4 feet and no larger than 2 inches in branch diameter.

- ◆ All yard waste must be in compostable bags for collection - no plastic bags (MN State Law 2010)
- ◆ As with all waste, we restrict bag weight to 40 pounds for safe lifting.
- ◆ Yard waste needs to be at the curb by 6:00 a.m. on collection day (the same time as the trash cart.)
- ◆ Questions? Call Randy's at 763-972-3335.



CITY OF ORONO BRUSH SITE

245 McCulley Road, Orono
952-249-4600 www.ci.orono.mn.us/306/Leaves-Grass

BRUSH ONLY - NO GRASS OR LEAVES

Rates for Maple Plain Residents = \$8 per cubic yard
Open through the last Saturday in November (weather permitting)



4275 Creek View Circle, Minnetrista
952-946-6999 www.mulchstoremn.com

Kraft Paper Bagged Yard Waste \$1 per bag

Leaves & Grass \$8 per cubic yard

(Call for prices on logs, brush, stumps, chips, clean top soil, sod and soil.)



A local landscape professional would also be a great resource to assist you in dealing with your yard cleanup!

FOCUS ON A FIREFIGHTER - ED MCGINTY

Ed McGinty joined the Maple Plain Fire Department on October 15, 2013. He has been an active member of the fire department and currently serves as a Fire Captain. His responsibilities are overseeing our medical response, truck squad, and teaching refreshers on medical response. Recently, Ed was instrumental in the purchase of the MPFD's EleGARD, a patient positioning system that makes CPR more efficient. Ed has seen first-hand the positive results using the EleGARD through his full-time job as a paramedic. Ed grew up in Independence and graduated from Orono High School.



Seeking Good Neighbor Award Nominations

Nominations will be accepted until **October 15th**.



The Maple Plain City Council is accepting nominations for the 2021 Good Neighbor Award. This is the highest award granted by the Maple Plain City Council to an individual, organization, or business in Maple Plain. The Good Neighbor Award honoree exhibits a lifetime of service and dedication through volunteerism, virtue, civic engagement, and creativity to meet community needs.

If you know an individual, organization, or business that fits this description, fill out the nomination form available online at www.mapleplain.com/good-neighbor-award or at City Hall.

COOKIES WITH COUNCIL

November 16th, 2021

6:30 - 7:30 pm

City Council Chamber

5050 Independence St., Maple Plain

Come and chat with Councilmember Mike DeLuca and City Administrator Clarissa Hadler. Bring your toughest questions and your best ideas! Refreshments will be served.

DELANO SENIOR CENTER

The Delano Senior Center and Senior Dining Program is open Monday through Thursday 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, special events, and nutritious, tasty, dinner served at noon every day! (Bus service for MP is available.) Come visit us today! www.delano.mn.us/services/senior-center



234 2nd Street N
Delano, MN 55328
763-972-0574

Art Park IN THE Park

Tuesday, October 19

5:30 - 7:30 pm

Veterans Memorial Park
5050 Independence St., Maple Plain



Thank you to the City of Maple Plain for their support!



Music & Dance Performances

Joan the Band at 6:30 pm

Paint & Drawing Demos

Hands-on Fall Art Projects

Youth & adult!

Delicious food from
McGarry's Pub



This activity is made possible by the voters of Minnesota through a grant from the Minnesota State Arts Board, thanks to a legislative appropriation from the arts and cultural heritage fund. The grant was applied for by the Discovery Arts Council, an organization of Orono Community Education.



WEST HENNEPIN PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT



Chief Gary Kroells

The West Hennepin Public Safety Department is looking for people who are interested in serving their community as Volunteer Reserve Officers. The Reserve program provides individuals with the opportunity to work closely with a police department to gain valuable experience in a rewarding and supportive environment.

Reserve officers work alongside sworn police officers and assist with a variety of non-criminal police functions. They may help with traffic direction and security for public

gatherings or traffic control at fire or accident scenes.

Upon completion of training and a probationary period, Reserves may drive a marked squad car and provide prisoner transport services for the on-duty officers, as well as assisting with business and residence checks in our cities or other routine tasks to aid the department. Reserves also receive monthly training and full uniforms.

Please call or text the West Hennepin Reserve Coordinator Ben Anderson at 763-479-0545 with questions or for more information. Additional information regarding our Reserve Officer Program can be found on our website at

<https://westhennepin.com/reserves>.



Reserve Officer Micah Vorderbruggen in action at our traffic control training event.

West Hennepin Public Safety Police Reserves 41st Annual "View Santa" & Food Shelf Donations!



'Santa' will be making his way to Independence and Maple Plain on Saturday, December 4, 2021, for an early visit, as he has for 41 years. He will be accompanied and assisted by the West Hennepin Public Safety Reserves and Police Officers as he travels on a decorated float with Christmas music.

The Reserve Officers will be handing out candy to area youngsters. **Reserves will be collecting food and cash donations for area food shelves.** Donations can also be mailed to or dropped off at the West Hennepin Public Safety office, 1918 County Road 90, Maple Plain MN 55359, by December 4, 2019. If you'd like to donate to the Reserve Program, checks should be made payable to West Hennepin Public Safety Reserves.

"Without our Volunteer Police Reserves this wonderful event would never take place. By working together, our citizens and your police department help fill local food shelves to provide to others who need it most. It is a truly wonderful event." said Director Kroells.

MEET SANTA AND TAKE PHOTOS AT INDEPENDENCE CITY HALL (1920 COUNTY ROAD 90) FROM 3:30 TO 4:15 P.M. OR AT VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK FROM APPROXIMATELY 4:45 TO 5:30 P.M. OR, YOU CAN SEE SANTA ON HIS ROUTE THROUGH TOWN.



Welcome New West Hennepin Public Safety Officer

On May 3, 2021, West Hennepin Public Safety welcomed Police Officer Scott Isaacson as the newest member to its police force. Director Kroells said, "Officer Scott Isaacson was hired after an extensive job search of a multitude of qualified candidates. He has six years of experience as a Minnesota State Patrol Trooper."

Director Kroells also stated, "Officer Isaacson is a great person with an exceptional work ethic and will provide a high standard of community service to the citizens of Maple Plain and Independence."

West Hennepin Public Safety officially welcomes Officer Scott Isaacson as our newest police officer for the Patrol Division.



Officer Scott Isaacson

Community Events

Bring your friends and loved ones and join us in the parking lots of Iron Exchange and Forkless from 11 - 3 on **Saturday, October 30th** for the **West Hennepin Chamber of Commerce Truck & Treat** event! Costumes are encouraged! **Bring money and plan to stay for lunch!** There will be something for everyone! If you would like to decorate your truck or trunk and hand out treats, please email whccmn@gmail.com



Veterans Day: The Orono Rotary Club, in partnership with other community organizations, is in the process of planning a Veterans Day Ceremony on Thursday, November 11th. Please watch the city website and the local newspaper for more detailed information as the date approaches.

City Contacts

City Hall

5050 Independence St, PO Box 97
Maple Plain, MN 55359
763-479-0515 www.mapleplain.com
Hours Mon - Fri 9 am - 4 pm or by appt
Email chadler@mapleplain.com (Clarissa)
sspicer@mapleplain.com (Sharon)
jnorlander@mapleplain.com (Jill)

Public Works

PeopleService 24/7 763-479-9250

Maple Plain Fire Department

Emergency 911
Fire Station 763-479-0520

West Hennepin Public Safety

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

Other Frequently Called Phone Numbers

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

City Meeting Schedule

City Council Workshops

Second and Fourth Mondays @ 5:30 pm

City Council Business Meeting

Fourth Monday at 7:00 pm

Economic Development Authority

Second Monday at 7:00 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.



City Council

Julie Maas-Kusske, Mayor

1489 Three Oaks Ave.
763-479-6010
juliemaaskusske@mapleplain.com

Caitlin Cahill, Councilmember

caitlincahill@mapleplain.com

John DeLong, Councilmember

1487 Meadow Lane
801-755-6892
johndelong@mapleplain.com

Mike DeLuca, Councilmember

5825 Maple Ridge Dr.
763-200-6363, 612-801-5533
mikedeluca@mapleplain.com

John Fay, Councilmember

5819 Three Oaks Ave.
763-479-1913
johnfay@mapleplain.com

Community Calendar

Oct 19	Community Ed. - Art in the Park
Oct 30	Chamber of Commerce - Truck & Treat
Oct 31	Halloween
Nov 11	Veterans Day - City Offices Closed
Nov 16	Cookies with Council
Nov 25-26	Thanksgiving - City Offices Closed
Dec 13	Truth in Taxation Hearing
Dec 24	Christmas Eve - City Offices Closed
Dec 31	New Year's Day Observed - City Offices Closed

Check the city website & [Facebook](#) for more information and updates.

STAY CONNECTED



"Like" us on facebook.com
www.facebook.com/CityofMaplePlain



Sign-up for Email Updates!
www.mapleplain.com



See the News & Announcements!
www.mapleplain.com
Check the Calendar!



Sign-up for CodeRED Notifications!
www.mapleplain.com/codered