

MAPLE PLAIN

SPRING 2022 NEWSLETTER



Mayor Julie Maas-Kusske

Greetings Neighbors and Business Owners,

As I write this, I can't help but think about how two years ago our world was shutting down right before our eyes. We suddenly found ourselves using words like pandemic, hybrid, quarantine, distance learning, Zoom, social distancing, and others. We were forced to change the way we were living. I am hopeful and it feels good to say we are returning to life as we knew it pre-COVID. We are learning to live with a new normal. We are resilient!

Spring is in the air! I imagine you've heard the saying; we have two seasons in Minnesota, winter and road construction.

- Soon construction will continue to the west of us on Highway 12.
- The city's 2022 street improvement project will be a mill and overlay on twelve of our streets.
- Start planning now for Spring Clean-Up taking place in May.
- Winter parking restrictions end April 15.
- Spring road restrictions went on March 16.
- Watch your mail for your property valuation notices from Hennepin County. If you plan to appeal, contact Hennepin County staff via their Website www.hennepin.us/assessment, Phone (763) 999-8992 or email Jason Vaith at jason.vaith@hennepin.us or Melissa Potter at melissa.potter@hennepin.us. Our Board of Appeals & Equalization meeting will take place Tuesday, April 19, 2022 at 7 pm at City Hall.

We celebrated the one-year anniversary of our City Administrator Clarissa Hadler in February. If you haven't met her yet, make sure to stop by and introduce yourself. Congrats to Dylan Hoflock, our Public Works operator on receiving an award from People Service for his hard work in our city.

There are lots of things happening and communication is very important. Please make sure to watch for city Legal Notices in the Laker/Pioneer. If you can't attend the city council meeting in person, you can view the business meetings anytime on the city website at: www.mapleplain.com. Just click on the YouTube icon (box with white triangle) found in the upper right-hand corner of your screen. If you don't have access to a computer, you can stop by City Hall and staff will assist you or visit the Hennepin County Library to use a computer free of charge. Staff has also created an informational email called The Leaflet. "The Leaflet is a mini-update from the City of Maple Plain; just a glance at recent Council discussions or other issues." If you currently are not receiving the Leaflet and would like to, you may register on the website, or send an email to: cityadmin@mapleplain.com

Save the date and I hope to see you at Party in the Park on June 4th in Veterans Memorial Park! If you would like to sponsor this event or help with it, please contact me or Councilmember Fay.

Mayor Julie Maas-Kusske

Together we are better!

CONGRATULATIONS, DYLAN!



Congratulations to Dylan Hoflock, our People Service operator, that services the public works systems for the City of Maple Plain! People Service, Inc. maintains a program called the Executive Performance

Award. After a recommendation from Dylan's supervisor, Dylan was awarded the Executive Performance Award for the extra efforts put forth in Maple Plain. The results of those efforts have developed the trust of the city and its residents and greatly improves the nature of our partnership.

A big **THANK YOU** goes out to Dylan for his fantastic service and workmanship for the city of Maple Plain!

Need help with Utility Bills?

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 go to caphennepin.org/what-we-do/energy-assistance.html



Hydrant Flushing & Street Sweeping - April 18 - 22

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 bit, 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 **COLD** water until it is clear. This may take a few minutes. For more information call Public Works at 763-479-9250.

Spring is also the season to clean up our streets. Street-sweeping will also take place during the week of April 18th.

REPORT A POTHOLE - Call or text the location to 763-479-9250.

Step to It with Your Community this May

Build healthy habits by tracking your activity through the Step to it Challenge, a fun, FREE program that encourages people of all ages and abilities to become more active.

Join the challenge this May on behalf of your community, school, workplace, or group home. The challenge is not just about walking. You can convert a variety of activities into steps including running, cycling, dancing, manual wheelchair use, and many others. Registration begins April 1, 2022. Challenge runs for 4 weeks starting May 1st. Get inspired, find more information, and register for the challenge by visiting steptoit.org.



Step to it

Spring has Sprung... Please be a good neighbor and tidy up your yard!
(Pet waste buildups and other junk are considered a public nuisance and may be subject to enforcement activities.)



PARTY IN THE PARK

Music, Food, Drinks & Fun!
 Saturday, June 4th, 2022 - 5 - 11 PM
 Veterans Memorial Park

The Orono Rotary Club, in partnership with the City of Maple Plain, hosts this FREE community event. You won't want to miss this fun-filled day, so mark your calendars, invite your neighbors, friends, & family and join us!

We're Hiring! Do you love our community and want to work to improve it? The City of Maple Plain seeking an

Assistant to City Administrator - Administration & Communications

to complement our team! We need a communications virtuoso to use their writing talents to apply for grants and fundraise for our parks, fire and police departments. They will also play an integral role in the overall administration of the city. The ability to step in and wear many hats is a must! Choose from either a 4 or 5-day work week. Find out more at mapleplain.com/jobs. Deadline is April 30, 2022, so apply today!

Property Valuations

Property valuation notices were mailed out in March. Most cities in Minnesota are seeing increases in property values. Overall, Maple Plain's total market value increased by about 12%, with single family homes averaging a 16% increase. The Maple Plain Board of Appeal & Equalization meeting will be on April 19. If you plan to appeal your valuation, please contact Hennepin County directly at 612-348-7050 or countyvalueappeal@hennepin.us **as soon as possible** for a review and property visit. Find out more at mapleplain.com/assessing.

Valuation & Tax Timeline

January	Assessments Complete
March	Property Valuations Mailed by Hennepin County Assessor
March - April	Property Owners should contact Hennepin County Assessor with questions/concerns regarding your valuation
April 19, 2022	7 pm - Maple Plain Board of Appeal & Equalization Meeting
September	Preliminary Levy set by City Council
November	Truth in Taxation Statements mailed
December	Truth in Taxation Public Hearing / Final Budget & Levy set by City Council

2022 SPRING CLEAN UP EVENT



Saturday, May 21, 2022
 8 am - 12 pm
 Maple Plain Public Works
 1645 Pioneer Avenue

Watch the city website and Facebook for information.

Notice:

The 2021 Drinking Water Report (Consumer Confidence Report) is available for review at www.mapleplain.com/water.

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Maple Plain Recycle Schedule

Recycle Week Holiday

Pickups that fall on or after a holiday will be serviced one day late.
Holidays that fall on Saturday or Sunday do not cause any delays

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



Summer 2022

CAMPS & CLASSES

Over **300** camps & classes to choose from for all ages!

- Science & Nature - Technology & Engineering
- Art, Dance & Theater - Sports & Aquatics
- Mind Motivators - Field Trips - Preschool
- Adult Classes - and more!

REGISTER STARTING MARCH 16

www.oronocommunityed.com
952-449-8350



Welcome, Jared Betterman!!

Here's a personal introduction to our newest Planning Commissioner, Jared Betterman, who was officially installed at the November 22nd City Council meeting.



Hello Maple Plain!

My name is Jared Betterman, and I recently joined the Planning Commission.

A little about me! I work at The Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis (The Fed) redeeming savings bonds. I have worked at the Fed for 6 years. I graduated from Metropolitan State University in 2015. Before that I graduated from Orono High School in 2008! I never thought I would be back in this community after graduation, but I am excited to be back! I enjoy playing occasional pickup basketball games and watching all Minnesota sports teams. Go sports!

My wife Emily and I got married 5 years ago at our church in Edina. We previously lived in Eden Prairie and Robbinsdale. We bought our house in Maple Plain in June of last year and have no plans to move anytime soon! Emily keeps me pretty busy with all the house projects she can think up. We also have an 18-month-old Peyton. He is an absolute joy! He is so happy and friendly and is starting to get pretty chatty! While everything right now is Momma or Dadda, it is still super fun to watch him learn and grow. We also have our dog Wrigley who is 8. We got him from the Humane Society when he was 9 weeks old.

I always love helping people when I can. The fact that I get the opportunity to help the whole Maple Plain community is such a fun experience. I have loved what I have been able to help with so far and cannot wait to continue to serve the community moving forward.

COOKIES WITH COUNCIL

MAY 16TH
4:00 - 6:00 pm

City Council Chambers
5050 Independence St., Maple Plain

Come and chat with Councilmember John Fay 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 am- 4:30 pm and Fridays 8:00 am- 2:00 pm. All seniors are invited to participate in the Senior Center's programs, special events, and nutritious, tasty, dinners 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

Reminder - Utility Rate Increase

As mentioned in the January newsletter, this quarter's utility bills reflect a 15% increase. This is the first increase in five years and is necessary to maintain the financial integrity of the Utility Funds. More info at mapleplain.com/urs.

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.



Safety Improvement for Highway 12 and County Road 92 Starting Back Up In The Spring Of 2022

Last year all of us traveling Hwy 12 experienced significant traffic delays due to three construction projects along Hwy 12. Those projects included a new round-a-bout at County Road 90, a new center concrete barrier between County Road 6 and Baker Park Road, and the start of a new intersection at County Road 92 and Hwy 12. I am proud to report two of the three projects were successfully completed as scheduled. The third and final intersection improvement at County Road 92 is set to start again soon in the Spring of 2022.

With the construction of a new intersection at Hwy 12 at County Road 92 it will be completely closed in both directions once construction crews can get started with the project. Currently, the anticipated closure date is April 18th. Updated information and construction timelines will be posted on West Hennepin Public Safety social media. Additional information regarding this project can be obtained by going to the Hennepin County website at www.hennepin.us/county-road-92-safety where you can also **sign up for email updates directly from the county**. The completion of this project is scheduled to be completed in the Fall of 2022.



Construction area south of Highway 12, where roadways are being realigned and work on the new bridge has begun

These construction projects come with delays and many months of detours. We must be patient and work together to improve Highway 12. Together we will save lives along Highway 12.

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



Welcome, Eva Stumpf!!

West Hennepin Public Safety is excited to introduce the newest member of our team, Eva Stumpf, as our new Administrative Assistant. Eva comes from Wright County Sheriff's Office where she was a Civilian Communications Officer. Eva has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Northwestern, St. Paul and has a Certificate in Law Enforcement received from Hennepin Technical College. Eva resides in Waverly with her husband and one child.

"I look forward to my career at West Hennepin Public safety and I'm very excited for the opportunity to serve the residents of Maple Plain and Independence."

Chief Kroells stated, "After a lengthy hiring process, Eva Stumpf came out on top of the candidate list with an exceptional work ethic. We are fortunate to have Eva join our team and serve the citizens of Maple Plain and Independence".

Spring Road Restrictions

Each year during the spring thaw, State, County, and local highway authorities impose axle weight restrictions to protect their roadways.

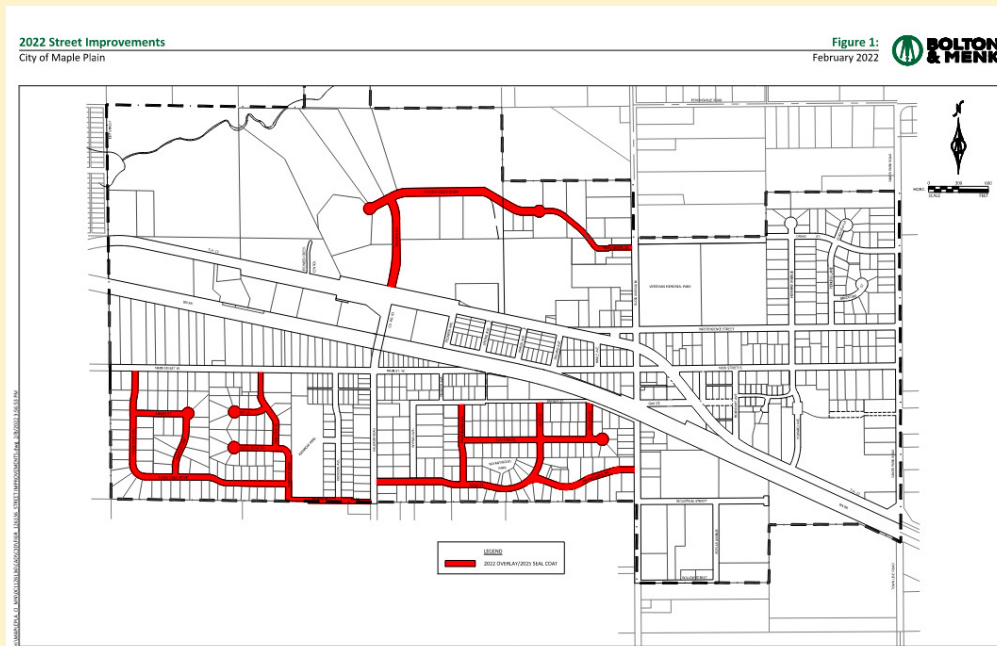
The two primary causes for premature deterioration of asphalt streets are weather and traffic. As the frost is leaving the ground during the spring thaw, the gravel under the street has high moisture content, which affects the load carrying capacity of the asphalt pavement. Therefore, in order to prolong the service life of the streets and highways, axle weight restrictions are imposed during the spring thaw when streets are most susceptible to damage due to heavy loads.

The exact dates on which seasonal limits go into effect and are removed vary depending on annual temperature variations. See the city website at www.mapleplain.com/spring-road-restrictions for specific restrictions.



2022 Street Improvements

The 2022 Street Improvement will be a Mill & Overlay project. The project area includes Halgren Road (north of Hwy 12), Pioneer Creek Drive, Manchester Drive, Three Oaks Avenue, Meadow Lane, Henry Street, Parkview Road, Maple Ridge Drive, Amy Lane, Joyce Street, Prairieland Avenue, Clayton Drive, William Drive, and Bryantwood Drive.



The project consists of milling (grinding) a portion of the existing bituminous, patching the surface as necessary, and placing an application of plant-mixed bituminous over the remaining surface. This rehabilitation method is typically used 1 to 2 times throughout the life of a pavement. Mill and overlays are most effective on pavements that have a stable base and are in moderate condition, which is the case within the proposed project area. This project is intended to increase the pavements structural integrity and extend the life of the roads.

The project will also include spot repairs to curb and gutter and repairs to storm sewer catch basins, sanitary sewer manholes, and water main valves. Project updates can be found at mapleplain.com/2022MillOverlayProject.

Feel free to contact City Engineer David Martini — david.martini@bolton-menk.com — with questions!

City Contacts

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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

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Mike DeLuca, Councilmember

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mikedeluca@mapleplain.com

Councilmember TBD

Community Calendar

Apr 1-30	Step To It Registration Open
Apr 18-22	Street Sweeping & Hydrant Flushing
April 19	Board of Appeal & Equalization
April 22	Earth Day - Plant a Tree!
May 8	Mother's Day
May 21	Spring Clean-up, MP Public Works
May 30	Memorial Day
June 4	Party in the Park
June 14	Flag Day - Fly it Proudly!
June 19	Father's Day

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