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Emergency 911

Fire Station 763-479-0520

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Emergency 911

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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

Regular 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/rescheduled.

For the most up-to-date meeting calendar as well as agendas, meeting packets, and minutes, visit:
www.mapleplain.com/calendar



City Council

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Community Calendar

Apr 15 Start of yard waste collection

Apr 18 Cookies with the Council

May 18 Spring Clean-Up in Maple Plain

May 27 Memorial Day - City Offices Closed

June 1 Party in the Park

June 6 Muffins with the Mayor

June 19 Juneteenth - City Offices Closed

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

MAPLE PLAIN

SPRING 2024 NEWSLETTER



Mayor Julie Maas-Kusske

Greetings Neighbors and Business Owners,

We had an unseasonably warm winter. As I write this, the sun is shining, temperatures are in the 60's for the third day in a row, and spring road restrictions are in effect. It certainly feels and looks like spring has sprung. Some flowers are blooming, and some trees are budding already.

As I reflect on the past quarter a lot has been happening in our city. Our City Administrator Jacob Kolandar had a successful six-month review. He has settled in nicely. If you haven't met Jacob yet, stop by and introduce yourself. We held a joint council meeting with the City of Independence to swear in Officer Nick Eldred. It was a moving ceremony. His wife and children pinned his badge on him. The 2024 Maple Plain Fire Department leadership team was sworn in during one of our council meetings. James from McGarry's Pub presented a financial donation to WHPS and MPFD at a council meeting. The money was raised during the golf classic. Our community is so fortunate to be protected by WHPS and MPFD. We welcomed our new Assistant City Administrator Kevin Larson. The presidential primaries were held. Thank you to all our election judges. Work is well underway on the five Villa Homes being built off of Baker Park Road. Council diligently studied and reviewed our current water rates. Unfortunately, without a rate increase in our future water bills the trajectory we are on would not set us up to be successful in planning for the future. Council sent a letter to the county opposing the closing of Hennepin Energy Recovery Center (HERC). The HERC is located in Minneapolis and was built in 1989. It is where garbage is burned to create energy. It has not been used to its full potential. The council also held an open house for the 2024 Street Reconstruction project.

For the past two years the City of Maple Plain along with the City of Independence have been part of future fire service discussion and meetings with about nine other cities. At this time direction has been given to Maple Plain Fire Department Chief Denneson to pursue further conversation for potential joint service opportunity with the West Suburban Fire District. No changes have been made. We will continue to receive excellent fire service and coverage. No action is being taken at this time, rather discussion to evaluate if this will be a viable option for future fire service for the cities of Independence and Maple Plain.

All home and property owners should have received their Valuation notices from Hennepin County in the mail. Look them over carefully. Reach out to the assessor (612)348-3046 if you have any questions or concerns. The Local Board of Appeal and Equalization is scheduled for Monday, April 8 at 6:30pm. Don't forget to reach out to the assessor before appearing before the board. The Legislature is in session. They are discussing bills that could negatively affect local control.

Mark your calendars and I look forward to seeing you at: the retirement open house on 4/30 for Sergeant Denneson, the citywide clean up event 5/18, Cookies with the Council, Memorial Day Service 5/27, and Party in the Park 6/1. More information about all of these events can be found throughout the newsletter.

Together, we are better! *Mayor Julie*

Delano Senior Center

The Delano Senior Center is happy to welcome Maple Plain resident Jeff Brown as the new Friends of the Senior Center Maple Plain board member.

Thanks to Mayor Julie Maas-Kusske for filling this volunteer role for the last three years. The board typically meets the last Wednesday of the odd months from 9 - 10:30am at the Delano Senior Center. See the Maple Plain website or www.delanomn.gov/265/Senior-Center for more information about events and services or call 763-972-0574.

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Check the Calendar!



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Utility Rate Update

The City of Maple Plain's water, sewer, and stormwater services to the community are enterprises that operate similarly to a private business. The intent is that the cost of providing water, sewer, and stormwater will be recovered primarily through user charges (i.e., water bills). In 2022, the City commissioned a utility rate study from the certified public accounting firm Abdo. The commission was intended to view the financial status of the enterprise fund and provide a forecast over the next five years. The study incorporated inflation, interest rates, and debt obligations in providing recommendations. It is for these reasons that the City will be adjusting utility rates. The rates should be sufficient to cover the current costs of operations, maintenance, administration, and future capital needs. To continue to provide safe and reliable water and maintain our water infrastructure, a rate increase will be passed on to residents on April 1, 2024 for the second quarter usage.

Stormwater
5% rate increase

Water Rates
10% rate increase

Sanitary Sewer
5% rate increase

UTILITY BILL PAYMENT OPTIONS (NOTE NEW POLICY CHANGE)

Paying your utility bill with cash at City Hall? Beginning April 1st the payment must be **exact change only**.

There are several other ways to pay your quarterly Maple Plain utility bill including:

- * **Pay online** by registering for an account. First time users will need their Maple Plain utility account number. (no fee!)
- * **Pay by phone** by calling 1-877-885-7968 or **pay by smartphone or tablet** by downloading the free "PSN Payments" application at the App Store® or Google Play™. (no fee!)
- * **Use the secure drop box** at the Discovery Center main entrance. (No cash, please.)

Donation from Rotary Club of Orono



On March 25, 2024, the City of Maple Plain received a donation from the Rotary Club of Orono of \$9,000 to be used for improvements to Veterans Memorial Park. The Rotary Club raised these funds through their annual Party in the Park event, last June.

The Rotary Club of Orono has a history of donating funds to the City of Maple Plain for park improvements. Since 2018, the annual Party in the Park has raised over \$50,000, of which nearly \$40,000 has been donated to the City for Veterans Memorial Park improvements. The City's long-term goal and strategic plan include a multipurpose pavilion with additional bathrooms, eating and food prep facilities at the park and the Club's goal is to earmark this donation to offset some of those costs.

City of Maple Plain Mayor Julie Maas-Kusske and City Councilmember John Fay serve on the Rotary Club of Orono in the roles of President and Treasurer, respectively. Beyond their financial donations to the City, the Rotary Club donates their time to the community through a wide range of social and service activities, including many Veterans causes.

**Join the Orono Rotary for: Party in the Park on June 1st from 5:00-11:00pm
Maple Plain Veterans Memorial Park
MUSIC, FOOD, and FUN!**

Do you want to help with preparations, help on the day, or be a sponsor?
Call City Hall at 763-479-0515.

2024 SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY (CITY OF MAPLE PLAIN RESIDENTS ONLY) SATURDAY, MAY 18th 8:00 AM - NOON

Event will happen Rain or Shine



**MAPLE PLAIN PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY
1645 PIONEER AVENUE, MAPLE PLAIN
(behind the Maple Plain Fire Station)**



VALID ID. MUST BE PRESENTED TO VERIFY RESIDENCY IN MAPLE PLAIN.

PAYMENT ACCEPTED IN CASH OR CHECK ONLY.

Electronics - \$20 each

Computers, Laptops, Scanners, Printers, Monitors, Radios, Stereo, CD players, TVs, VCRs, DVDs, Paper Shredders, Power Supplies, Electric Typewriters

Small TVs \$25 14-27" TVs \$35
TVs 28" and larger \$55

Appliances

Air Conditioners, Water Softeners, Full Size Refrigerators or Freezers, Stoves, Dishwashers - \$20 each

Microwaves, Toaster Ovens, Mini Fridge, Wine Coolers - \$10 each

Construction Debris

Boards, Moldings, Concrete, Doors, Sheetrock, Brick, Windows, Fences, Tile - \$30 per cubic yard

Miscellaneous Junk

Carpet, Shelving, Lawn Furniture, Garden Tools, Mattresses, Furniture, Toys, Sports Equipment - \$30 per cubic yard

Items for No Charge

Scrap Metal, Phones, Cameras, and Camcorders.

Fluorescent Bulbs \$2 Propane Tanks \$5
Power Tools \$5 Tires \$10
BBQ Grills \$10 Snow Blowers \$10
Push Mowers \$10 Riding Mowers \$25
Vehicle Batteries \$5

Items Not Accepted at the Cleanup Event

- Timbers, treated lumber, and shingles
- Caulking tubes
- Recyclables that are collected curbside
- Barrels or drums that are not completely empty & do not have the ends cut out
- Household batteries (put in your garbage)
- Yard waste (leaves, grass, brush)
- Water softener zeolite tanks
- Hazardous wastes including: paint, cleaning chemicals, pesticides,

For more information on how to recycle or properly dispose of these items visit:

www.co.hennepin.mn.us/environment

Hydrant Flushing & Street Sweeping: April 22nd - April 26th



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.



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2024 Yard Waste Collection

Through Randy's Environmental Services, yard waste and brush is collected free of charge on collection day Mondays from April 15, 2024 through November 25, 2024, weather permitting. Like refuse, yard waste must be placed out for collection by 6:00 am. An on-call service option for yard waste collection is also available. Please call Randy's for more information and to schedule (763-972-3335).

Acceptable yard waste includes:

- Grass clippings, straw, hay, lawn weeds, wood chips, mulch, garden waste
 - Tree waste (including leaves, pine needles, pinecones, spruce tips, acorns, apples, etc.)
 - Brush, shrubs, and branches less than 2-inch diameter and no longer than 4 feet (includes buckthorn)
- Bundling & Bagging - Compostable bags include kraft paper bags or compostable plastic bags that are usually clear or a tinted shade of green, white, or pink; however, the color is not the sure way of determining the compostability of a plastic bag. Compostable plastic bags must state they meet ASTM D6400 standards for composting and that they are "compostable". Not all bags marked "biodegradable" or "degradable" work. Individual yard bags should not weigh over 40 lbs.



See the city Garbage and Recycling webpage under Public Works for complete information.

PROPERTY VALUATION / Board of Appeals and Equalization

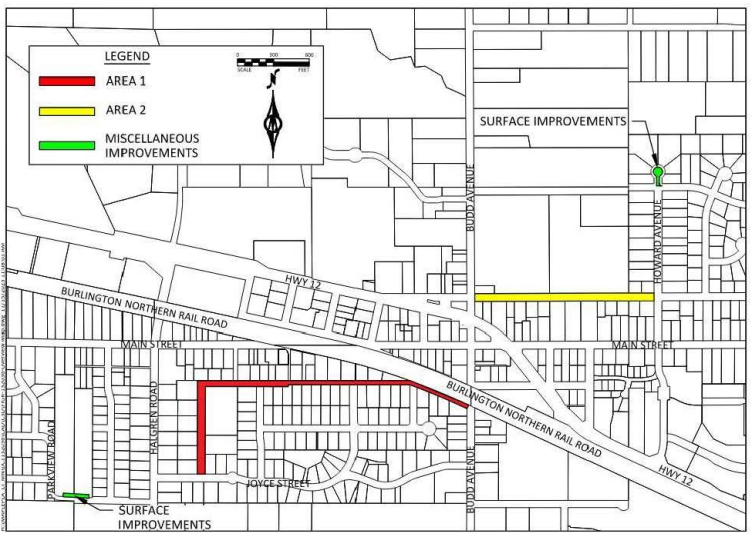
Property valuation notices were mailed out in March. Most cities in Minnesota are seeing increases in property values. Overall, Maple Plain's single family homes experienced an average total market value change of -1.8%. Maple Plain industrial properties experienced a 1.4% growth in value and commercial property values increased by 2.7%. The Maple Plain Board of Appeal & Equalization meeting will be on April 8 at 6:30 pm. If you plan to appeal your valuation, please contact Hennepin County directly at 612-348-7050 or via email at countyvalueappeal@hennepin.us **as soon as possible** for a review and a property visit. Find out more at mapleplain.com/assessing.

2024 STREET & INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT

The City Engineer, Bolton & Menk, have proposed improvements for maintaining the city's streets and infrastructure consisting of reconstruction of Independence Street (Budd Ave to Howard Ave), Bryant Street (Wyman Ave to Budd Ave), and Wyman Avenue (Joyce St to Bryant St); also, the mill and overlay of the Howard Avenue cul-de-sac. Concrete curb will be added to the project area where none exists. Sanitary sewers, watermain, and services will be replaced in the project areas.

Additionally, Howard Avenue north of Drake Street will be milled and overlaid and Rainbow Park lot off of Parkview Road will be paved and edged with concrete curb and gutter as part of this project.

Based on the as-built information the City has for the proposed project area, it appears the majority of the improvements were originally constructed in the 1970's or earlier. It appears the roads have been overlayed at some point but the existing pavements in the majority of the project area have deteriorated to an unacceptable level.



Anticipated Project Timing: Bids received the end of March; Contract award in April; Construction May/June to October/November. Details and weekly updates for those in the project area will be forthcoming.

RENTAL

Are you the owner of a rental property in Maple Plain? New rental licensing regulations went into effect January 1st to ensure the safety and well-being of our residents. Permits and inspections are required by June 1st and are valid for 2 years.

For complete information see the city website at www.mapleplain.com/RentalHousingLicense.

RENTAL



Get active with your community!

Step To It is an activity challenge that motivates people of all ages and abilities to become more physically active during the month of **May**. This fun, free, four-week challenge encourages all residents to be physically active as local communities engage in a friendly competition to determine which is the most active.

How does it work? The challenge is **May 1-28, 2024** and everyone can join. Best of all, it's **FREE!** See the website steptoit.org, call 612-348-8900, or email steptoit@hennepin.us.

Registration begins April 1, 2024 at www.steptoit.org



Thanks A Lot!

West Hennepin Public Safety, reflecting the proceeds from a charity golf fundraiser hosted by the establishment.

The charity golf event, organized by McGarry's Pub, aimed to express gratitude and support for the dedicated first responders in our community. The funds raised were earmarked to assist these essential services in their critical missions, and the result was a commendable contribution that will undoubtedly make a positive impact.

A Representative from McGarry's Pub attended the Maple Plain City Council meeting, along with Maple Plain Fire Department and West Hennepin Public Safety to formally present the donation. The local establishment expressed profound gratitude to these first responders for their unwavering commitment to community safety as follows:

"We are immensely proud to stand alongside our local first responders and contribute to their vital work through this charity golf fundraiser. McGarry's Pub is honored to be a part of such a supportive community, and we extend our heartfelt thanks to the Maple Plain Fire Department and West Hennepin Public Safety for their invaluable service"

The collaboration between McGarry's Pub and the first responder organizations exemplifies the spirit of community and highlights the positive impact that local businesses can have on essential services.



Congratulations Officer Eldred!



The cities of Maple Plain and Independence held a joint council meeting February 21st with the sole purpose of hosting the West Hennepin Public Safety Swearing In Ceremony for Officer Nick Eldred. Officer Eldred is officially part of the esteemed West Hennepin Public Safety Team. Policing has changed over the years but the forty-five year partnership to provide public safety between the cities of Maple Plain and Independence stands firm. Our officers put their lives on the line everyday to protect and serve our communities in a professional and compassionate manner and live out the West Hennepin Public Safety Mission Statement.



Save
the
Date



Join your neighbors on **Tuesday, August 6th, 2024**, for the 15th Annual Night to Unite in Minnesota. Sponsored by the Minnesota Crime Prevention Association, AAA of Minnesota/Iowa, and local law enforcement agencies, Night to Unite will celebrate and strengthen neighborhood and community partnerships. Stay tuned for details in the next newsletter.

Hanging Up the Cuffs & Retiring the Badge



After 35 dedicated years of service at West Hennepin Public Safety, Sergeant Rick Denneson will be retiring on April 30th, 2024. Please help us give him the proper send off to retirement. We will be hosting an open house where we will be recognizing his many years of service to the communities of Maple Plain and Independence.

Open House:

Tuesday, April 30th, 2024
Independence City Hall
1920 County Road 90, Independence, MN 55359
4 P.M. – 6 P.M.
5:30 P.M. – Ceremony Honoring Sgt. Denneson
Cake and beverages will be provided

COOKIES WITH THE COUNCIL

APRIL 18TH 4 –5 PM

WITH JOHN FAY



- AND -

MUFFINS WITH THE MAYOR

JUNE 6TH 4 –5 PM

WITH MAYOR JULIE



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OPPORTUNITIES TO MEET WITH
CITY OFFICIALS AND VOICE YOUR
QUESTIONS, CONCERNS AND
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NEIGHBORS HAVE TO SAY.

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
5050 INDEPENDENCE STREET
(DISCOVERY CENTER)

NEW YEAR, "NEW" MANAGEMENT

At the January 22nd Business Meeting, the City Council celebrated with the Maple Plain Fire Department with the swearing in and pinning of the new Fire Chief and three new department officers.

The officers honored were Fire Chief Rick Denneson, Deputy Chief Ed McGinty, Captain Zach Christenson, and Lieutenant Joe Doyle.

We appreciate the dedication to the safety of Maple Plain and the surrounding communities. For more information on joining this hard-working crew email Chief Denneson at rickdenneson@mapleplain.com.



Left to Right - Joe Doyle, Zach Christenson, Ed McGinty, Rick Denneson