

# MAPLE PLAIN



## QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

Spring 2018

Greetings Neighbors and Happy Spring!

As I reflect back on the past year we have much to be proud of as the City of Maple Plain. The City has been fiscally responsible while continuing to make progress in providing even better services to our residents. Steps like coming in under-budget for 2017, reducing our tax levy and general fund expenses for 2018, negotiating rent rates for new cellular structures on our water tower as an additional revenue source, and an exceptional financial audit demonstrate our commitment to fiscal responsibility and well-managed finances. In regards to improvements, we finished street reconstruction on Budd Avenue, and completed construction of a new water well so that we are able to maintain a quality water supply well into the future.



**Mayor  
Julie Maas-Kusske**

2017 was also a year about finding new ways to unite our community and recognizing those who make a difference in our community. The City Events Committee hosted the first Police vs. Fire Softball Game and continued carrying out some traditions including the Community Picnic and Movies in the Park. In addition, we presented the first Good Neighbor Award to Carol Cheswick for her continued service to the community in a number of capacities.

While this is just a glimpse, I trust you see that 2017 was a great year for the City. 2018 is also off to a great start!

One of the many projects for 2018 is the 2040 Comprehensive Plan. This plan which is updated every 10 years sets the 20-year vision to guide future land use, economic development, and investments in City services such as parks, transportation, and sewer and water systems. We will soon be holding a public gathering as an opportunity to provide input on the plan. We hope you attend, your thoughts and opinions matter! Stay tuned to our website and Facebook page for more information. We also always encourage you to join us on the fourth Monday of every month at 7pm for our City Council meetings. If you can't attend, you can view the meetings on YouTube.

As we anticipate warmer weather and longer days, I look forward to seeing you at upcoming events in the community including; the Police vs Fire Softball game, Party in the Park, Spring Clean-up Day, West Hennepin Chamber of Commerce Spring Mixer, the Memorial Day service, a ball game at Northside Park, and out and about delighting in our City. Make sure to watch the Pioneer Newspaper, check the City's website on a regular basis and like the City's Facebook page for updated information and events happening in town.

Regards,

Mayor Julie Maas-Kusske

# Seeking 2018 Election Judges



The City of Maple Plain is gearing up for the 2018 election, and that means we need election judges. These paid positions offer an opportunity to provide an important service to our community and learn about the election process.

Election judges serve as the officials in local polling places on Election Day, opening and closing the polls, registering and signing in voters, distributing and collecting ballots, operating voting equipment, recording and certifying vote totals, and ensuring voters' rights are protected.

The City needs election judges to work at Maple Plain's polling place during the primary Tuesday, August 14, and the general election Tuesday, November 6. Election judges for Maple Plain do not have to live in Maple Plain, so if you have any family or friends outside of Maple Plain that may be interested in this opportunity please let them know!

More information and application materials are available online at [www.mapleplain.com](http://www.mapleplain.com) or at City Hall. Applications must be submitted by **May 11, 2018**.

Contact Nicole Kathman, Assistant to the City Administrator by phone at 763-479-0515 or by email at [nkathman@mapleplain.com](mailto:nkathman@mapleplain.com) if you are interested in serving or have any questions!

## Firefighter Recruitment/Informational Night Monday, April 23, 7:00 – 9:00pm

Maple Plain Fire Department is hosting a Recruitment / Informational Night for those interested in learning more about becoming a Maple Plain Firefighter.

Being a Firefighter in Maple Plain means you are a community member that sacrificially gives of your time outside of your fulltime job to join a team of dedicated individuals that serve our community in times of need.



On Monday, April 23, 2018 Maple Plain Fire Department will open its doors for a chance for you to try out Firefighting. Firefighters will be present to give tours of our trucks and equipment, allow you to spray some water, answer questions, use our tools and be part of a few activities to see if Firefighting is a fit for you. Significant others are encouraged to attend as there will be a few spouses of our current Firefighters present to answer any questions you may have.

We look forward to seeing you at our Fire Station on Monday, April 23. If you have any questions prior to the event, please contact Chief Justin McCoy at [justinmccoy@mapleplain.com](mailto:justinmccoy@mapleplain.com).

As always follow us on Facebook or check out [www.mapleplainfire.com](http://www.mapleplainfire.com) for more information regarding Maple Plain Fire Department.

## New Website Launching by the End of April!

### Same Address...New Look and Features!

The City of Maple Plain's new website will be online by the end of April. Some major changes include a new modern design, improved usability with more information that is easier to find, and Maple Plain Email Updates you can subscribe to.



**Director of Public Safety  
Gary Kroells**

**As the Director of Public Safety for West Hennepin Public Safety Department (WHPS), it is my honor to submit the 2017 Annual Report. The report is available online as of April 17th at [www.westhennepin.com](http://www.westhennepin.com)**

In this year's report, you will find information highlighting different areas of law enforcement, emergency management, community involvement, training, and our volunteer programs. This annual report reflects the commitment our staff continues to show towards our citizens and our community.

2017 is the first year I can recall West Hennepin Public Safety was fully staffed. Within the last five years, over half of our officers have retired, changed careers, or moved on to work at other metro police departments. In replacing those officers, a great deal of time was focused on hiring and training our new officers. I can say with great pride our current department is the most active, hardworking, compassionate group of people I have every worked with. Your police officers are second to none and I am very proud of this department.

As part of our emergency preparedness function, all of our police officers attended a one day course on handling a regional response to a mass casualty event in the summer of 2017. After the training, additional medical equipment was purchased and we worked with our local fire departments on additional training. In the fall of 2017, all Maple Plain firefighters were also trained in this same course. I am very proud to report all West Hennepin police officers and Maple Plain firefighters are now trained and equipped to handle a mass casualty event.

West Hennepin will continue to find effective and efficient ways to provide proactive police services to our citizens. Our interaction with the public and our citizens is paramount in our working toward the betterment of our communities.

I am happy to report West Hennepin Public Safety Department did not have a single fatality crash in 2017. People traveling on Highway 12 have a safer road to use, in part due to the proud work of the Highway 12 Safety Coalition. The Coalition also successfully lobbied our legislature for 11.3 million dollars for intersection safety improvements at County Road 92 and County Road 90, currently scheduled for construction in 2020-2021.

As you review this report, I hope that you feel the same pride I do in recognizing all of the great accomplishments our department has achieved in serving our communities in 2017. It is truly an honor and privilege to serve as the Director of Public Safety for the West Hennepin Public Safety Department. I hope that we have made a positive impact in your lives as we will continue working hard for you in 2018.

**Spring is here!**

**As you visit and enjoy Maple Plain parks, just a quick reminder that our parks are alcohol and tobacco free.**

**Thank you for your cooperation!**



## 2018 SPRING CLEAN UP DAY

SATURDAY, MAY 5, 2018



**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.

**NO CONCRETE ALLOWED**

### 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**

**NO CURBSIDE RECYCLABLES OR YARD WASTE!**



The Orono Rotary Club in partnership with the City of Maple Plain will be hosting the “**Party in the Park**” event on **Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>**. This community-wide event will take place at Northside Park in Maple Plain (under the water tower) from **5 – 11pm**. You won’t want to miss this fun filled evening, so mark your calendars, invite your neighbors, friends & family and join us. Throughout the evening, live music will be provided by two outstanding bands; our local **Red Dot Garage** and **The Amie Austin Band**. Food and beverage will be available for purchase from: BSQ'S BBQ, Dobo's, Mike's Mini donuts and more!

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 Northside Park. If you, your employer or your business is interested in sponsorship, please contact an Orono Rotarian.

A **BIG** thank you to these sponsors who have already committed their support. As of 3/30 they are:

**K-BID Online, Inc. • Monies Bar & Grill**  
**Tri-K Sports • Westonka Jaycees • Bank of Maple Plain**  
**Herc-U-Lift • JEM Technical • Jim Shear • NW Tonka Lions • Stantec**  
**KMH Erectors • UFC Farm Supply • TERRAMARK • Edward Jones: Annie Funke-Thompson**  
**Bagy Jo, Inc. • Liquor Depot • Kraus Anderson • Calvin Presbyterian Church**  
**Maple Plain Community Church**

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 Northside Park throughout the summer. Please make sure to thank our sponsors and patronize their businesses. We couldn't do this without them!

The Orono Rotary Club, established in 2002, adheres to the motto: "Service Above Self." The Club consists of many compassionate individuals who strive each day to make our local communities a better place to live and work. We meet every Thursday from 7:15-8:15 am at the Orono Police Department. If you are interested in learning more about Rotary and our local club, please contact any of the Rotarians listed below or send an e-mail to: [oronorotaryclub@gmail.com](mailto:oronorotaryclub@gmail.com). Better yet, simply join us Thursday mornings - the coffee is always on!

We hope to see you at the “**Party in the Park**” on June 2<sup>nd</sup>!

Sincerely, the “**Party in the Park**” Committee,

Chris Fischer - [cfscher@ci.orono.mn.us](mailto:cfscher@ci.orono.mn.us) 952-249-4700  
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# Save the Dates!

## 2nd Annual Police vs. Fire Softball Game Thursday, June 28 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!



We will be also be collecting nonperishable food donations for local food shelves.



Other concessions will be sold by the Maple Plain Historical Museum Committee.

## Other Events

Friday, July 20– Movie in the Park at Rainbow Park at Dusk

Tuesday, August 7– Night to Unite, Community Picnic, and Community Blood Drive at Northside Park

Friday, August 24– Movie in the Park at Northside Park at Dusk



## Vote for the Movies!

Vote for the two movies you would like us to show by clicking on the link at [www.mapleplain.com](http://www.mapleplain.com) or by calling 763-479-0515 during City Hall Hours by May 18.



## Sprouts Community Garden



Join the Sprouts Community Garden focused on growing vegetables, community connections and relationships as we plant, tend and harvest together! The garden is located in the field next to the Maple Plain airstrip on the south edge of Rainbow Park. Plots are 10x10 feet or 10x20 feet in size and cost \$10-\$20 for the summer. The garden is managed by Marleane Callaghan, Master Gardener and Orono Schools Naturalist. For more information on a potential garden plot for Spring/Summer 2018, contact Genna at [gtorney@orono.k12.mn.us](mailto:gtorney@orono.k12.mn.us) or 952-449-8338 x6350.

# 2018 Street & Utility Improvement Project

This summer construction will be happening along Howard Avenue from Drake St. to Main St. E. and Independence St. from Howard Ave. to Baker Park Rd.

The streets will be fully reconstructed at the existing width. In addition new storm sewer structures, water mains, and sanitary sewer piping will be installed.

Construction is expected to start in June and end for the season in the fall with final wear course being placed in Spring 2019.

Please be aware that construction will create situations of a narrow roadway and restricted access at times. Please slow down, follow signs, and directions of construction crews. Thank you!

For updates on the project visit [www.mapleplain.com](http://www.mapleplain.com). Feel free to contact City Hall with any questions or concerns regarding the project.



Registration opens April 1  
Challenge runs May 1 - May 28  
[www.stepitoit.org](http://www.stepitoit.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! Over 20 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.stepitoit.org](http://www.stepitoit.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 2018 Minnesota Twins Game.

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



The American Legion Auxiliary is the world's largest women's patriotic organization. We support and honor veterans, military, and their families. We also educate citizens, mentor youth, and promote peace and security. On April 20th we will begin going to local businesses for donations. May 19th is Poppy Day, when flowers can be purchased at some retailers. We are always looking for new members! If you are interested please call Gretchen at 763-473-3530.



**City Hall**  
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763-479-0515  
[www.mapleplain.com](http://www.mapleplain.com)

#### Hours

Monday-Friday 8:00 am – 4:30 pm

#### 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](http://www.mapleplainfire.com)

#### West Hennepin Public Safety

1918 County Rd 90  
Independence, MN 55359  
Emergency: 911  
Office: 763-479-0500  
[www.westhennepin.com](http://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

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[www.mapleplain.com](http://www.mapleplain.com)



Check the Community Calendar and  
City Meetings Calendar on our website!

[www.mapleplain.com/calendar](http://www.mapleplain.com/calendar)



Sign-Up for CodeRED Notifications!

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## City Meeting Schedule

### City Council Workshops

Second and Fourth Mondays at 5:30 pm

### City Council Business Meeting

Fourth Monday at 7:00 pm

### Economic Development Authority

First 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](http://www.mapleplain.com).