

MAPLE PLAIN

SUMMER 2024 NEWSLETTER



Mayor Julie
Maas-Kusske

Greetings Neighbors and Business Owners,

The spring rain showers have finally stopped, and summer is upon us. The grass is green, and the parks are filled with children enjoying the season.

It was a joy to see so many of you at Party in the Park in our beautiful Veteran's Memorial Park. We owe a heartfelt thank you to the Orono Rotary for their exceptional efforts in hosting such a wonderful community event. Their dedication, along with the generous support of all the sponsors, made this free event possible. The smiles on the children's faces as they played on the fire truck, played on the playground, and explored the squad car were delightful. Watching people, both young and young at heart, try the Toward Zero Death seat belt simulator was priceless—an incredible learning opportunity for everyone.

Traveling in the area has been challenging with construction on county, city, and state roads surrounding us. Our upcoming road reconstruction project, set to begin soon, weather permitting, will significantly improve our local infrastructure. Staff and council have already started working on the 2025 budget. This fall, voters will have the opportunity to participate in the Presidential, School board, and City elections. Campaigning has already begun for some offices, so take the time to get to know the candidates before heading to the polls.

Thank you to everyone who helped make city clean-up days a success. It was a pleasure to engage with those who joined me for a tasty treat at Muffins with the Mayor. We spoke about the greater community and connected with fellow residents. Special thanks to the volunteers from First Presbyterian Church of Maple Plain for organizing a Good Works service project and enhancing our city. The newly painted fire hydrants and the fresh mulch around the fire station, water treatment plant, and electronic sign look great. Continued thanks to our Police officers and Firefighters who serve and protect our community.

I encourage you to enjoy the nice weather and connect with your neighbors. Join us at the Battle of the Badges softball game between our local Police and Fire departments, the 35th annual Polo Classic, neighbor block parties at Night to Unite, Art in the Park at Veterans Memorial Park, the McGarry's Golf Classic, the Museum ice cream social, a Diamond Devils baseball game at Timpe Field, and other events as they arise. Enjoy your summer!

Together we are better!

Mayor Julie

Delano Senior Center

The Delano Senior Center is open to everyone, regardless of age or city residence! The services include: Educational Programs, Lunch Served Daily at Noon, Exercise Classes, Special-Interest Groups, Games and Activities, Day Trips Around the Region, Volunteer Opportunities. Stop in today to find out how to get involved with the Delano Senior Center or call (763) 972-0574.



Summer 2024
CAMPS & CLASSES

Over **300** camps & classes to choose from!

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

REGISTER NOW!
oronocommunityed.com
952-449-8350

Fall
Registration
Opens August 13!

Take a look inside the brochure!

ORONO Community Education
1000 Maple Street

WHPS: Sergeant Rick Denneson's Retirement

Sergeant Rick Denneson bid farewell to his role at West Hennepin Public Safety after decades of selfless commitment. We gathered to honor Sergeant Rick Denneson's 35 years of service and dedication to the cities of Independence and Maple Plain. Friends, colleagues, and community members came together to express their gratitude and share stories of Sergeant Denneson's impact on both cities. His tireless efforts, unwavering devotion, and genuine care for the community have left an incredible mark. From patrolling the streets to ensuring the safety of our neighborhoods, Sergeant Denneson has been a beacon of our mission statement and core values.



To Sergeant Denneson, your legacy will continue to inspire us. Your dedication, compassion, and commitment to public safety has made our communities safer and stronger. As you embark on this new chapter, we extend our heartfelt thanks and wish you a joyful retirement.



BATTLE OF THE BADGES

**WEST HENNEPIN PUBLIC SAFETY
- VS -
MAPLE PLAIN FIRE DEPT**

**MONDAY, AUGUST 19th, 2024
6 PM**

VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK

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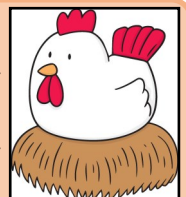
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WWW.WESTHENNIPEN.COM



Chicken Permits

Every Spring, residents contact the City to inquire about owning chickens. Section 4-409 of the City Code addresses the requirements for keeping chickens, ducks, and geese. You must obtain a permit to possess these animals. There is a limit of 5 chickens, ducks, or geese in any combination. You can read the City Code, find additional information, and view the permit application at: <https://www.mapleplain.com/permits-licenses>





Hennepin County's applications are now open for financial assistance with tree removal and replacement!

Hennepin County is excited to announce that the tree removal and replacement program is now accepting applications. The program prioritizes applications from property owners who live at their property and whose household income is under \$94,650 (for households from 1 to 4 people).

The application process is 100% online and available in English, Hmong, Somali, and Spanish. Proof of income is required.

For more information, go to:

- Maple Plain News <https://www.mapleplain.com/news/post/19534/>
- Apply for tree removal and replacement: [Hennepin.us/tree-help](https://hennepin.us/tree-help)

ROW Tree Trimming

Maintaining tree branches in our community rights-of-way (ROW) is an important step in ensuring resident safety and the preservation of City equipment.



Overgrown and low hanging tree branches can cause an obstruction to safety signs in our community, such as a blocked stop sign. Low branches may also damage City trucks and increase the frequency of repairs to these vehicles. Branches in the public ROW should be maintained to a height of at least 16 feet.

This year, the City plans to proactively trim trees in public ROWs to prevent these issues. Residents are still welcome to maintain their own trees in public ROWs, and the City would like to thank those that have continued to maintain them!

Call 811 Before You Dig

Before you put a shovel in the ground, remember to contact 811 first. Damaging or striking a utility line can be a dangerous situation that causes property



damage, fines, service disruptions, serious injury or even death. Don't let a dig mistake become a big mistake. Call 811 or visit call811.com first. It's free, easy to set up, and everything you need to know for your state's requirements is handled in one contact. It's also the law.

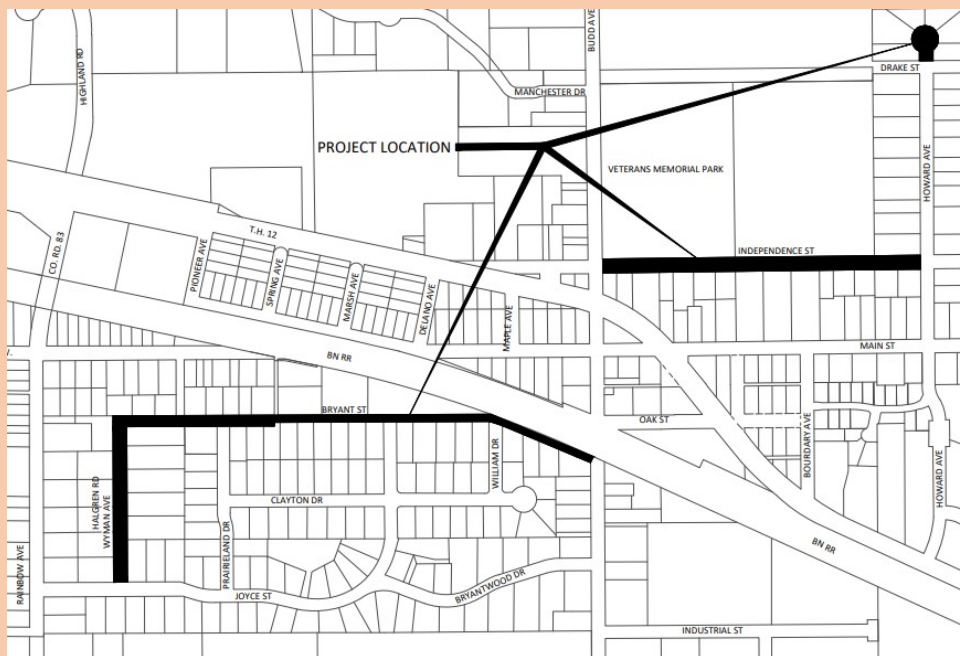
Contacting 811 before digging to locate buried lines should be everyone's habit.

2024 Street Improvements

The City Engineer, Bolton & Menk, have proposed improvements for maintaining the city's streets and infrastructure consisting of reconstruction of Independence Street (Budd Avenue to Howard Avenue), Bryant Street (Wyman Avenue to Budd Avenue), and Wyman Avenue (Joyce Street to Bryant Street); 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 storm services will be replaced in the project areas. Additionally, Rainbow Parking lot off of Parkview Road will be paved and edged with concrete curb and gutter.

Due to wet weather condition the project was only delayed a couple of weeks. Since the weather cooperated, the construction on Independence Street began on 6/28/24.

For weekly construction updates, go to <https://www.mapleplain.com/departments/Engineering/2024StreetImprovements>



GENERAL OBLIGATION IMPROVEMENT BONDS, SERIES 2024A

On June 24, 2024, the City Council approved the sale of General Obligation Improvement Bonds, Series 2024A, to fund the city's 2024 street improvement project and cover the costs of issuing the Bonds. These Bonds are set up so the city will make nearly equal yearly payments over 20 years. The same goes for the special assessments, which will also be paid off in equal yearly amounts over 20 years. The Bonds are a general obligation of the City, meaning the City will use special assessments, utility funds, and property tax levies to pay them off.

The Bonds were sold through a competitive process managed by Northland Securities. The City of Maple Plain received a "AA" rating from S&P. The goal was to get an interest rate of 4.00% for the Bonds. Thanks to five competitive bids and the stable "AA" rating, the City of Maple Plain got a 3.86% interest rate from Piper Sandler & Co.

Property Valuation

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 decrease of -1.8%. Maple Plain industrial properties experienced 1.4% growth in value and commercial property values increased by 2.7%.

2025 City Budget and Taxation Calendar

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



Park Shelter Reservations

Are you planning a big event, reunion, or get together? There are two shelters with running water and electricity available for reservations in Maple Plain, one at Rainbow Park and one at Veterans Memorial Park. Visit mapleplain.com/Reservations for more info. To reserve a shelter, contact City Hall at 763-479-0515 to verify availability!



Step To It 2024 Maple Plain "High-Steppers"

This year, Maple Plain had 9 "Step To It" participants. Maple Plain's highest stepper was Sarah Shafer with an astounding 571,581 steps! Our community participants walked a total of 2,878,086 between May 1—May 28th! This was a 30% increase over last year. Way to crush your goals and continue to be healthy!

Step To It continues to be a fantastic community event that promotes physical activity and team work. Thank you to all of our Maple Plain participants!



Help Preserve Our Sewer System!

Many products labeled as "flushable" do not degrade in the sewer systems. Flushing improper items can clog pipes, pumps, and lift stations. This may also cost taxpayers and residents lots of money in additional maintenance costs.

Please refrain from flushing:

- Flushable Wipes
- Baby Wipes
- Facial Tissues
- Paper Towels
- Napkins
- Sanitary Products
- Paper





Join your neighbors 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm 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.

Night to Unite is designed to:

1. Get to know one another in your neighborhood.
2. Build neighborhood involvement by bringing police and communities together; and
3. Bring awareness to crime prevention and local law enforcement efforts!



Save the Date - Ice Cream Social

The Maple Plain Historical Museum Committee will be hosting an Ice Cream Social event on Saturday, August 3rd at the Maple Plain Historical Museum (5240 Main ST. E.)! This event will be held from 2:00—4:00pm. Stop by the Historical Museum to enjoy this community event with tasty treats!

Consumer Confidence Drinking Water Report

Each year, the City of Maple Plain issues the results of monitoring done on its drinking water for the period of January 1 to December 31. The purpose of the report is to advance the consumer's understanding of drinking water and to heighten awareness of the need to protect our precious water resources. The 2023 Consumer Confidence Drinking Water Report can be seen in its entirety on the City's website at: www.mapleplain.com/departments/PublicWorks/water



Sign-Up for the Leaflet!

The Leaflet is Maple Plain's bi-weekly newsletter covering City news, events, Council decisions, and more! To sign-up for The Leaflet, as well as to see all previously published Leaflets, use the link below:

www.mapleplain.com/Leaflet



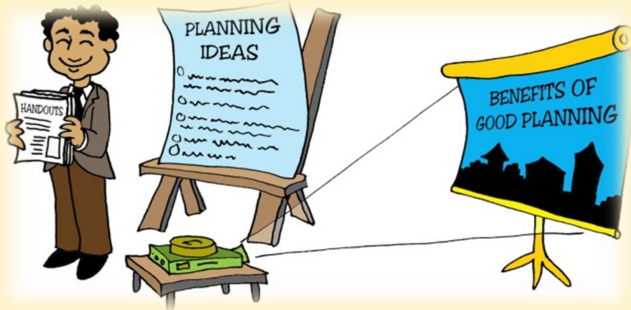
Utility Bill Distribution

To create additional efficiencies, streamline efforts, reduce paper, and costs, the City is changing how quarterly utility billing statements are mailed to residents. Going forward you will receive you bill on a postcard.

The newsletter is moving to an electronic format and is available on the Maple Plain website. If you wish to receive the newsletter via email or mail, please contact City staff at 763-479-0515 or klarson@mapleplain.com

City Offices on the November Ballot

Are you passionate about shaping the future of our community? Join our City Council and make a difference where it counts! The City of Maple Plain is seeking dedicated, innovative, and community-focused individuals for two City Council member positions, as well as the mayoral position, all up for election. Maple Plain residents interested in running for office may file an Affidavit of Candidacy and pay a non-refundable \$2 filing fee at City Hall. The filing period for City office positions opens July 30th and ends August 13th. As a City Council member or Mayor, you will play a vital role in creating policies, improving local services, and ensuring the voices of all residents are heard. This is your chance to contribute to the growth and development of our city while gaining valuable experience in public service. Step up, make an impact, and help us build a brighter tomorrow in Maple Plain!



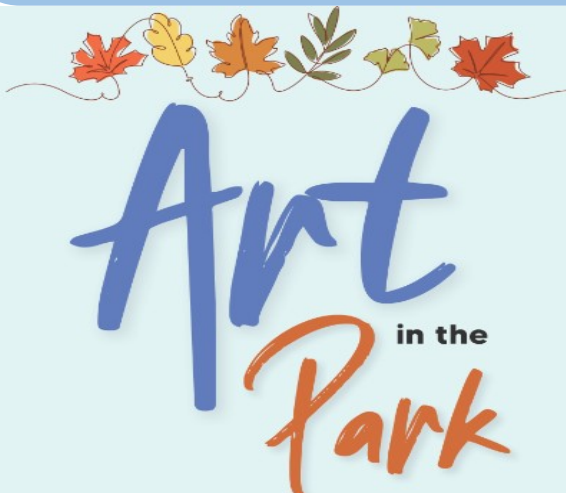
Open Seat

Maple Plain Planning Commission

Help shape our city! The City of Maple Plain seeks dedicated individuals to join our Planning Commission. This is a fantastic opportunity to get involved, make a meaningful impact, and help our city grow and thrive. As a commissioner, you will play a key role in important land use, zoning, and community development decisions. Your input will help shape the vision for our city's future. Interested? It's easy to apply. Fill out an application, drop it off at City Hall, or email it to jkolander@mapleplain.com. Join us and be a part of Maple Plain's exciting journey forward!

Community Advocacy Group

Be a voice for change! The City of Maple Plain is looking for dedicated community members to join our Community Advocacy Group. As part of this Community Advocacy Group, you'll provide valuable input and feedback on key topics affecting our city, helping to shape policies and initiatives that make a real difference. This is your chance to contribute to creating a better future for our community. How to get involved? Simply reach out to City Staff at cag@mapleplain.com. Join us today and help us build a brighter tomorrow for Maple Plain!



Save the Date

Free art event for the community!

Tuesday, October 1

5 - 7 PM

Veterans Memorial Park

5190 Independence Street, Maple Plain

ORONO **Community Education**
Orono Public Schools

In partnership with



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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/calendar



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Community Calendar

July 4 Independence Day
Aug 3 Historic Museum's Ice Cream Social
Aug 6 Night to Unite
Aug 19 Battle of the Badges
Sept 2 Labor Day
Oct 1 Art in the Park

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

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