

MAPLE PLAIN

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

Winter 2019

Thank You

The City of Maple Plain would like to thank its departing Councilmember Mike DeLuca for his excellent years of public service.



Your time, work, and dedication to the City is greatly appreciated and will be missed.

Good Neighbor Award



2018 Winner: Jason Admonius

Monday, January 28
at City Hall

Reception: 6:30 p.m.

Presentation of Award: 7:00 p.m.

Join Us!



APPLY TODAY FOR AN ADVISORY COMMISSION!



Serve your community and share your input regarding economic development, parks, or planning and zoning by becoming a member of one of the City's Advisory Commissions. Applications are being accepted until Tuesday, January 15 for the Economic Development Authority (EDA), Park Commission, and Planning Commission. Below is a quick overview of each one.

EDA: The EDA seeks to promote economic growth by creating partnerships, fostering employment opportunities, supporting diverse housing programs, and expanding the tax base through development and redevelopment. The EDA meets on the second Monday of the month at 5:30 pm.

Parks: The Park Commission provides recommendations to the City Council and City Staff on developing, improving, and maintaining all city parks. The Park Commission meets on the third Monday of the month at 5:30 p.m.

Planning: The Planning Commission prepares and reviews the City's comprehensive plan, adopts official controls to implements the City's plan, and reviews and make recommendations on all development applications.

For more information and the application visit www.mapleplain.com/boards-commissions. Feel free to contact Nicole Tingley, Assistant to the City Administrator at 763-479-0515 or ntingley@mapleplain.com with questions.

Northside Park Renamed Veterans Memorial Park for Future Park Improvements

Northside Park has been officially renamed Veterans Memorial Park. The name of the baseball field will remain Don Timpe field. The City Council voted to change the name at their November meeting to correspond with a park improvement project currently being explored which is proposed to include a Veterans Memorial.

The project has not increased taxes to any property in the City and will not increase taxes in the future. The City of Maple Plain prides itself on being fiscally responsible with tax payer money and will fund the project through Park Capital funds and Park dedication fees that are accumulated through land developments in the City. Additionally, the Orono Rotary has raised and donated to the City \$9,000 through their first Party in the Park event. The 2019 Party in the Park event is scheduled for June 1, 2019.

Preliminary concept drawings have been drafted for feedback and consideration. To the right is an overview of a potential future site plan.

New/improved features include in the preliminary concept drawing include:

- Veterans Memorial and Plaza
- Bandshell and open lawn area (on the location of the former BMX track)
- An additional picnic shelter with serving counters
- Electricity throughout the park including in both picnic shelters
- Looped walking path
- New playground equipment
- Space dedicated for possible future movement of Maple Plain Historical Museum and Library
- Paved and striped parking lots

City Staff will be bringing back more detailed plans and estimated costs to the January 28, 2019 City Council Meeting. At this meeting City Council will be providing City Staff direction on preparing a bid package- whether to prepare a bid package and if so what to include in it. The improvements may occur in phases with work potentially beginning as early as this spring.



In the meantime, City Council and City Staff would love to hear your feedback on the project and/or answer your questions. There are many ways to contact us to share your comments and ask questions, you can: call City Hall at 763-479-0515, fill out the online Contact Us form on our website, contact City Council by phone or email (their contact information is on the last page), or email Nicole Tingley, Assistant to the City Administrator at ntingley@mapleplain.com.



The path on the south side of Highway 12 from Halgren Road to Pioneer Avenue is closed for the winter. This is due to restoration of the area not being able to take place until spring after recent replacement of water main and sewer main.

Thank you for your understanding!

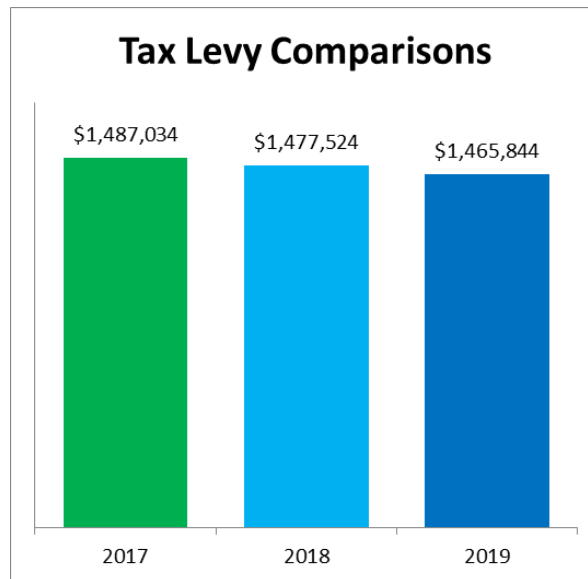
Heart Safe AED Training – February 12th

The West Hennepin Chamber of Commerce is hosting a **FREE** AED and CPR training session at Independence City Hall (1920 County Rd 90) on February 12th from 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm. There is no fee and businesses are encouraged to send employees. There is a need for a Volunteer Coordinator for Heart Safe so please let us know if you are interested!

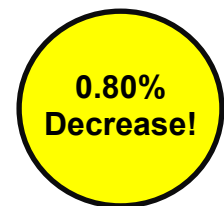
For more information on the open position or to RSVP for the event contact **Jennifer at (763) 479-8149 or Karin at (763) 479-1011**

Maple Plain has decreased tax levy for second year in a row.

From 2017 to 2019



From 2018 to 2019



The City's final property tax levy as well as the General Fund budget for 2019 was approved by the City Council on Monday, December 17, 2018. The City is proud to share that for the second year in a row, the City's property tax levy has decreased. This means that as a whole Maple Plain property owners will again be paying less to the City in property taxes! Please note that your City property tax is only a portion of your property tax, other portions such as Orono School District property taxes and Hennepin County property taxes are also included.

West Hennepin Public Safety announces the 2019 Citizens Police Academy

West Hennepin Public Safety has announced the dates for the 2019 Citizens Police Academy. The Citizens Police Academy will start on February 14, 2019 and will end with graduation on April 4, 2019. The Academy runs for eight weeks, one day a week, Thursday nights, from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 pm.

WHAT IS IT?

The Citizens Academy is a FREE 24-hour block of instruction designed to give citizens knowledge about how your police department operates, our policies, procedures, programs and challenges. In addition, you will be introduced to government officials and staff and learn about the responsibilities of their respective office. Participants in each session will commit to meeting 3 hours, one night a week for 8 weeks.



Use of Force Training with Officer Ebeling

The Citizens Police Academy was designed to create a better understanding of law enforcement through education. The Citizens Police Academy participants are presented with realistic hands on information, which will help each participant better understand the police department functions. The classroom and hands on information covers: **DWI and Traffic Enforcement, home security, personal security, use of force, including deadly force which includes a demonstration of the Taser Gun and FATS training (firearms simulation), Hennepin County Dispatch Center, Court procedures including testifying before a Judge** and many other areas related to law

enforcement. An informational video explaining citizens police academy can be found on our website at www.westhennepin.com/citizens-police-academy.html

This is a great opportunity to meet your police officers, fellow citizens, and other members of government to learn why we do what we do. At graduation you will receive a certificate and become a member of the Citizens Academy Network Alumni.

WHY SHOULD I ATTEND?

We believe an informed citizenry will enhance public safety, make better decisions about how to protect themselves and their business, understand law enforcement strategies to problem-solving and provide leadership to other areas of government.

This class is a must for those people who live or work in or near the West Hennepin Public Safety Department's jurisdiction. The West Hennepin Public Safety Department is currently establishing a list of participants who would be interested in the next class. The recommended attendee age is 18 years and older. Please contact the West Hennepin Public Safety Department at (763) 479-0500 between the hours 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., if you are interested in attending the Citizens Police Academy.



2018 Citizens Academy Graduating Class

2018 View Santa



Santa Claus on his sleigh on a snowy afternoon. Left to Right: Sgt. Rick Denneson, Officer Jon Howes, Reserve Coordinator Officer Ben Anderson, Reserve Officers; Dillon Field, Blake Tyra, Steve Fenner, Lisa Schreier, Phil Beck, Nathan Faust, and Titus Winger.

On Saturday December 1, 2018 the West Hennepin Public Safety Reserve Officers hosted the popular event "View Santa" in Maple Plain and Independence. The Police Reserves escorted Santa in his sleigh around town to visit with and see children throughout many neighborhoods. In doing so they collected food for the Maple Plain Area Food Shelf.

"This year was a great year with many people coming out to visit Santa and making donations to the local food shelf. The Police Reserves collected over 1,205 pounds of food and \$259.00 in cash donations" said Director Gary Kroells. "The Volunteer Reserve Officers of West Hennepin Public Safety have been hosting this event for 38 years and it is a very special program for our small communities". "Without our Volunteer Police Reserves this wonderful event would never take place. By working together, our citizens and your police department filled the food shelf to provide to others who need it most. It is a truly wonderful event." said Director Kroells.

If you would like to become a Police Reserve please contact Reserve Coordinator Ben Anderson at (763) 479-0500.

THANK YOU!

So often I put together newsletter articles filled with facts and flashy graphics with messages embedded that are aimed to keep the readers attention, highlight catchy sayings and put out public safety messages aimed to keep you safe. Those messages are great and are needed, however, I'd like to pause, and publicly thank our community and firefighters for your love and support.

Thank you to that child for a friendly wave that put smiles on the hearts of firefighters that just cleared a deadly crash.

Thank you to the faith community for your endless prayers as firefighter leave your Sunday service to assist those in need

Thank you to the preschool and grade school children for making us Appreciation posters and bags of goodies.

Thank you to the business owners that dropped off cases of water at a House Fire on a hot summer day.

Thank you to our kids that understand why mommy or daddy had to miss their birthday party when the pager sounds.

Thank you to our local Police Department for the good working relationship we have as we assist and work together to keep each of you safe.

Thank you to the State Tournament and National Tournament teams that gave us reasons to celebrate your success.

Thank you to our cities we serve for equipping our department to do and be the best we can be.

Thank you to those that allow us into your homes to help during your worst days.

Thank you to the 25 Men and Women of Maple Plain Fire Department for your dedication, selfless acts of courage and making serving your community a priority.

Thank you for allowing Maple Plain Fire Department to serve you!

Justin McCoy, Fire Chief





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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Holiday Pick-Up Delays 2019

Memorial Day (Monday, May 27, 2019)- Service on Tuesday, May 28

Labor Day (Monday, September 2, 2019)- Service on Tuesday, September 3

Kindergarten Parent Meeting & Kindergarten Connection Classes!

Will your child be 5 years old by September 1, 2019? It's time for the class of "2032" to get ready for Kindergarten! Attend the parent-only Incoming Kindergarten Parent Meeting on February 28. You can also register for free Kindergarten Connection classes where you and your child will get a sample of Kindergarten. Registration for the April 9 & 16 classes or the April 22 & 29 classes is available online at www.oronocommunityed.com or call 952-746-5895.

2019-20 Preschool & Practice Preschool Registration

Registration for 2019-20 Preschool and Practice Preschool opens January 14th! There are part-day or full-day options 2, 3, or 4 days per week to fit your schedule and needs. Visit www.oronoeearlylearning.com for more program information. Register online at www.oronocommunityed.com.

Discovery Center Book Fair

Stomp, chomp & read! Mark your calendars for Scholastic "Dinomite" Book Fair. **Monday - Friday, February 4 – 8.**

Seussical Super Saturday

A free event for the entire family! Join us at the Discovery Center on **February 23** from 10 – 11:30 am. Meet Cat in the Hat, enjoy fun and games and hear stories from famous storyteller, Bob Gasch.

For more information – Call 952-746-5895, or email: earlylearning@orono.k12.mn.us



Orono Community Education Winter Spring Brochure is here!

The 2019 Winter Spring brochure is full of classes and programs for all ages, birth to senior citizens, taking place January - May! Register early as classes are filling quickly. If you did not receive a copy, you can pick one up at the Maple Plain City office, the Orono Discovery Center or the Orono Community Education office. Register online at www.oronocommunityed.com or call 952-449-8350.



Orono Community Education is looking for after school SPARKS Volunteers!

Orono Community Education is currently looking for volunteer mentors to work with students on homework, reading and fun enrichment activities after school. The role of the SPARKS volunteer is to be a caring adult in a student's life and encourage students to succeed in school. Volunteers work one-on-one or in small groups with elementary or middle school students. The time commitment is approximately 1-4 hours per week (3-5 or 4-5 pm) on Mondays and Wednesdays or Tuesdays and Thursdays through May. Mentors can volunteer one or two days a week. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Genna Torney at [952-449-8338 X6350](tel:952-449-8338) or gtorney@orono.k12.mn.us.



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Maple Plain, MN 55359
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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

West Hennepin Public Safety

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

Other Frequently Used Phone Numbers

Delano Senior Center– 763-972-0574
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Maple Plain Post Office– 763-479-1514

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City Meeting Schedule

City Council Workshop

Second Monday at 6:30 pm

City Council Business Meeting

Fourth Monday at 7:00 pm

Economic Development Authority

Second 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/meetings