

### AGENDA CITY COUNCIL - REBRANDING MAPLE PLAIN CITY HALL July 14, 2025 4:00 PM

- 1. CALL TO ORDER
- 2. ADOPT AGENDA
- 3. DISCUSSION
  - A. Communications Quarterly Newsletter, Leaflet, Social Media & Electric Sign

# 5. FUTURE TOPICS

- A. Monument Signage RFP
- B. Budget and Initial Designer Discussion
- C. Designer Concepts
- D. Design Edits
- E. Final Drawings
- F. Permitting and Installation



# **Executive Summary**

City Council – Rebranding Committee

AGENDA ITEM:	Communications - Quarterly Newsletter, Leaflet, Social Media & Electric Sign	
PREPARED BY:	Kevin Larson – Assistant City Administrator	
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Discussion & Decision		

#### Summary:

#### **Overall Goal of Public Communications**

- Timely information to inform the community
- Consistent and accurate message

## **Quarterly Newsletter**

- Current process
  - Draft a list of topics that are run by the City Administrator and the Mayor.
  - Write a preliminary draft and gather any relevant images
  - o Revise the drafts and send to the City Administrator and Mayor for review
  - Make any necessary edits
  - Send out to the public when the utility bill goes out.
- Future process

#### Leaflet

- Current Process
  - Gather 4-5 topics written in a headline manor with links to an information page on the City website.
  - Send a copy of the Leaflet to the City Administrator and Mayor for review
  - Make any necessary edits and sent out. Typically, on Fridays every 2-3 weeks.
- Future Process

#### Social Media

• Overall: Limit the number of post in limit the saturation of posts and is event-based information. Either informing the public about an upcoming event or pictures from a community event.

**Electric Sign** 

• Mainly City meetings and City supported community events.

Staff is looking for discussion to possibly change the communication process to meet the Councils aspirations.

**Reference Documents** 

- Exhibit A Latest Quarterly Newsletter
- Exhibit B Latest edition of the Leaflet
- Exhibit C Facebook page
- Exhibit D Electronic Sign schedule

Kwik

TRIP



# Groundbreaking Ceremony July 9th

You're invited to join us for an exciting milestone in Maple Plain's continued growth and development!

Mark your calendars for the official groundbreaking ceremony of the new Kwik Trip on Wednesday, July 9 at 1:00 p.m. The event will take place at the future site of the store, located on Gateway Boulevard.

This groundbreaking represents a major step forward in bringing additional convenience and services to residents, travelers, and our business community. City officials, project representatives, and members of the public are welcome to attend and celebrate the beginning of construction on this highly anticipated project.

We hope to see you there as we mark the start of this important addition to Maple Plain. Please direct any questions to City Hall at 4 ) 0515 or visit our website for more information.

# Letter from the Mayor

# Mayor Julie Maas-Kusske



I hope everyone is enjoying the summer months with friends and family! So much has happened since our last newsletter, and I am excited to share a few highlights with you. We began the spring season by welcoming our new Director of Public Safety, Chief Matt DuRose, on March 31. Chief DuRose brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to West Hennepin Public Safety, and we are thrilled to have him lead our team. Just a few weeks later, on April 22, we had the honor of recognizing Chief Gary Kroells for his 31 years of dedicated service. His leadership has left a lasting legacy, and we wish him all the best in his well-deserved retirement.

Community spirit has been alive and well this season. The Maple Plain Fire Department held its annual award reception on May 9<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to everyone who participated in Spring Clean-up Day on May 10. On May 26, we gathered at Lewis Cemetery to honor our Veterans. We're grateful to Paul Stinson American Legion Post 514 for organizing such a meaningful Memorial Day service, and to the Orono High School Band for their moving musical tribute. Another highlight was Party in the Park on June 7, hosted by the Orono Rotary in partnership with the City. The weather was perfect, the music and food were a hit, and the smiles said it all. A heartfelt thanks to all sponsors, volunteers, and local organizations who made it a success, especially Maple Plain Fire, West Hennepin Public Safety, West Suburban Fire, and Towards Zero Death.

Looking ahead, we're excited about several upcoming community events that promise fun, connections, and celebration. Mark your calendars for the Kwik Trip Groundbreaking on July 9, the Museum Ice Cream Social on August 2, the Polo Classic on August 3, and Night to Unite on August 5. Later in the month, McGarry's Charity Golf Event and the Battle of the Badges will both take place on August 18. And there's even more to come! Be sure to stay informed by checking this newsletter, the City website, and our bi-weekly Leaflet for the latest updates.

Civic engagement is the heart of our city. We're grateful to all who give their time—formally or informally—to help Maple Plain thrive. Right now, we're accepting nominations for the Good Neighbor Award. Please take a moment to recognize someone who has made a difference this year. We're also accepting applications to serve on the Planning Commission, Economic Development Authority, and the Citizens Advisory Group (CAG). If you've been looking for a way to get involved, we'd love for you to share your time and talents with us.

In a world that can sometimes feel divided, may we continue to model kindness, compassion, and respect. When we truly listen to one another, we often find that we have more in common than we think. One of my favorite quotes is by Helen Keller: "Alone we can do so little. Together we can do so much."

Together, we are better!

Mayor Julie



# MAPLE PLAIN HISTORICAL MUSEUM ICE CREAM SOCIAL

The Maple Plain Historical Museum Committee warmly invites you to an old-fashioned Ice Cream Social on Saturday, August 2nd, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Maple Plain Historical Museum, located at 5240 Main Street East. This fun and family-friendly event is a great way to celebrate summer while enjoying delicious ice cream and visiting with neighbors and friends. Guests will also have the opportunity to explore the museum's exhibits and learn about the people, places, and events that helped shape Maple Plain's history. Whether you're a longtime resident or a first-time visitor, all are welcome to join in the celebration of our community's heritage. Can't make it on August 2nd? The museum will also open to the public from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. during the weeks of July 12–19 and August 9 Don't miss out!

#### COMMUNITY NEWS

# **MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY - LEWIS CEMETERY**

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The City of Maple Plain offers its heartfelt thanks and deep respect to everyone who has served in the United States military, especially those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. Memorial Day is a time to remember the true cost of the freedoms we enjoy. It is not just a day off—it is a day to honor the brave men and women who gave their lives in service to our nation. We must never forget their courage and dedication, and we must always strive to honor their memory through our actions and gratitude.

On May 26th, the Paul Stinson American Legion Post 514 held its annual Memorial Day service at Lewis Cemetery. This meaningful event included special rituals to honor both living and fallen veterans. These traditions help us reflect on the lives lost and the families forever changed by war. The ceremony was attended by many community members and featured guest speaker Minnesota State Representative Kristin Robbins of District 37A and Orono High School Band directed by Tim Arnold. The City is proud to support this event and honors the legacy of all who have worn the uniform.



Pictured left to right: District Director Taylor Mills, US Representative Kristin Robbins, American Legion Commander Jim Meyer, Mayor Julie Maas-Kusske, and Orono School Board Wendy Lundsguaard

# THE 2025 NIGHT TO UNITE ANNUAL NEIGHBORHOOD PARTIES



Night to Unite is sponsored by the Minnesota Crime Prevention Association and local law enforcement communities. This program is designed to provide an opportunity to meet your neighbors and to work together to build strong, safe, and united neighborhoods that are proactive in crime prevention. Neighborhood parties will be held on Tuesday, August 5th from 6pm-9pm.

If you would like to host a party in your neighborhood, please register with the West Hennepin Public Safety Department at this link www.westhennepin.com/night-to-unite. Please register by July 29th.

For registered parties – West Hennepin Police and Maple Plain Fire Department will make a visit to your event. Please contact Officer Raskin or call West Hennepin Public Safety Department office with any questions, (763) 479-0500. We look forward to uniting once again!

# 988 SUICIDE & CRISIS LIFELINE: FREE, CONFIDENTIAL SUPPORT 24/7

If you or someone you know is struggling with emotional distress, substance use challenges, or thoughts of suicide, help is just a call or text away. The 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline offers free, confidential, and judgment-free support 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Trained crisis counselors are available to listen, de-escalate difficult situations, assist in developing personalized safety plans, and connect individuals with local treatment providers or other community resources.

Support is also available for people who are concerned about the mental health or wellbeing of a loved one. Whether you're reaching out for yourself or someone else, the Lifeline is here to help with compassion, understanding, and professional guidance.

#### HOPE HAS A NUMBER: Call or Text 988

The 988 Lifeline is part of a nationwide network of over 200 local crisis centers, ensuring callers receive help that is both locally informed and aligned with national best practices. The Lifeline is supported by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, a leader in advancing behavioral health services across the country.



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# MAPLE PLAIN CONGRATULATES DIRECTOR MATT DUROSE



The City of Maple Plain proudly congratulates Director Matt DuRose on his official swearing-in on March 31st as the fifth Director of West Hennepin Public Safety. On April 21st, a joint City ceremony with the City of Independence marked a meaningful milestone in our community's history. It reflected our shared commitment to strong leadership, excellence in public safety, and fostering trusted partnerships between residents, city leadership, and law enforcement to ensure a safe, connected, and thriving community for all.

Director DuRose brings a wealth of experience in law enforcement, leadership, and community engagement. His dedication to public safety and collaborative policing will be a tremendous asset to both Maple Plain and Independence as we continue building safe, connected, and thriving communities. His vision is strongly aligned with West Hennepin Public Safety's tradition of excellence, innovation, and service. Mayor Julie Maas-Kusske joined Independence Mayor Brad Spencer in expressing full confidence in Director DuRose's leadership and enthusiasm for the future of public safety in our communities. We are excited to welcome Director DuRose and look forward to a strong partnership that enhances the safety, well-being, and quality of life for all who call Maple Plain home.

Pictured left to right: Mayor Brad Spencer, Mayor Julie Maas-Kusske, Director Matt DuRose

# MAPLE PLAIN THANKS DIRECTOR GARY KROELLS

The City of Maple Plain proudly extends its deepest gratitude to Director Gary Kroells for his extraordinary 31 years of dedicated service in law enforcement. As he officially retires from his role as Director of West Hennepin Public Safety, we join with the community in celebrating a remarkable milestone in public service.

Director Kroells has been a cornerstone of public safety in both Maple Plain and Independence. His leadership, vision, and unwavering passion for community policing have left a profound and lasting impact. Through his tireless efforts, he fostered strong, trusting relationships between law enforcement and the public setting a standard of excellence that will continue to guide and inspire future generations. Under his guidance, West Hennepin Public Safety became a model agency, known for its professionalism, innovation, and steadfast commitment to serving others. Director Kroells' legacy is one not only of years served, but of lives touched and communities strengthened.

We are truly grateful for all he has given to Maple Plain and beyond. We wish Director Kroells a fulfilling and well-deserved retirement, and we congratulate him on an outstanding and impactful career.



Pictured left to right: Ret. Director Gary Kroells, Mayor Julie Maas-Kusske

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# MAPLE PLAIN FIRE DEPARTMENT AWARDS BANQUET



The Maple Plain Fire Department hosted its annual Awards Night on May 9th, honoring the dedication, service, and achievements. The evening, held with pride and community spirit, included heartfelt recognition of retired firefighters, a 2024 department year-inreview, and an inspiring keynote address. Fire Chief Rick Denneson provided a comprehensive overview of the department's accomplishments and challenges over the past year. Mayor Julie Maas-Kusske of Maple Plain and Mayor Brad Spencer of Independence expressed gratitude for the department's continued commitment to public safety. The evening concluded with a stirring keynote address from Matt DuRose, Director of WHPS Department, who praised the department's dedication and encouraged continued excellence in service.

- The night featured several awards:
- Years of Service: 15:Justin McCoy and Jessi Heitz; 10:Brian Doyle; 5:Patrick Felton
- Highest Call Percentage: Jessi Heitz
- Highest Training Hours: Adam Rubin
- Educational/Achievement Recognition: Ed McGinty, Brian Doyle, and Adam Rubin
- Friend of MPFD: Marvin Johnson (Mayor Emeritus) and Gary Kroells (Retired WHPS Director)
- The Maple Plain Fire Department's Awards Night not only celebrates indiv 7

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# **REMINDER: REPORTING NON-EMERGENCIES**

Summer weather can sometimes bring storms, strong winds, and heavy rain. These conditions may cause trees to fall, power lines to be damaged, or create other issues in our community. While these problems might not seem like emergencies, they can still impact the safety and daily lives of residents. For example, blocked roads can make travel difficult, and downed power lines can create safety hazards.

If you see any of these problems, such as fallen trees, blocked streets, or damaged power lines, please report them right away. Early reporting helps city staff and public safety teams respond faster. The sooner we know about these issues, the sooner we can start cleanup and repairs to keep everyone safe. You can report these issues by calling City Hall during regular business hours at 763-479-0515. If you notice problems after hours, please call the Public Works after-hours number 763-479-0555. In an emergency, call 911. Remember, timely reporting helps protect you, your neighbors, and our whole community.

Thank you for your cooperation and for helping us maintain a safe and well-kept community!





- Required for all fires greater than 3' x 3' x 3'
- Permits may be picked up at West Hennepin Public Safety (1918 CO Rd 90)
- Check the West Hennepin Public Safety website for hours or call 763-479-0500
- Prohibited items: treated or painted lumber, trash, mattresses/furniture, machinery/equipment, or other non-natural rubbish

Remember to check the weather and wind conditions prior to burning! Winds must be less than 15 mph, and the area must be free of any active fire bans! Visit dnr.state.mn.us for more information

# QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER JULY, 2025 Section 3, Item A. Section 3, Item A.

# ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS FOR THE GOOD NEIGHBOR AWARD



The Maple Plain City Council is now accepting nominations for the 2025 Good Neighbor Award. This is the highest honor awarded by the City Council and is given to an individual, organization, or business within the Maple Plain community that exemplifies outstanding commitment to the betterment of the city.

The Good Neighbor Award recognizes those who have demonstrated a lifetime of service, integrity, and dedication to Maple Plain through volunteerism, civic engagement, and acts of kindness. Nominees should show a consistent willingness to go above and beyond for others, working creatively and selflessly to meet the needs of neighbors and the community as a whole. Past recipients have included long-time volunteers, active local organizations, and businesses that have made meaningful contributions to community life. If you know someone or a group that lives or operates in Maple Plain and represents the spirit of being a "good neighbor," we encourage you to submit a nomination.

Nomination forms are available online at www.mapleplainmn.gov/community/page/good-neighbor-award or in person at City Hall. All nominations must be submitted by Friday, October 10, 2025. Help us recognize those making a difference in Maple Plain!

2026 CITY OF MAPLE PLAIN BUDGET AND TAXATION CALENDAR

The City of Maple Plain is beginning the process of preparing the 2026 budget and property tax levy. This annual process ensures that city services, infrastructure, and operations are funded responsibly and reflect the priorities of the community.

#### Key dates in the budget calendar:

2024 Good Neighbor Award Recipient

- July 28, 2025 Preliminary Budget and Tax Levy Workshop: City Council will review initial proposals and financial outlooks.
- Workshops on August 11, August 25, and September 8, 2025, as needed for additional Budget discussions.
- September 22, 2025 Adoption of the Preliminary Budget and Tax Levy: Council will vote on the proposed budget and levy, which sets the
  maximum levy for the year.
- December 1, 2025 Truth in Taxation Hearing: Residents are invited to learn more about the budget and share feedback.
- December 15, 2025 Adoption of the Final Budget and Tax Levy: Council finalizes and adopts the 2026 budget.

The public is encouraged to participate in this transparent and important process.

# **RESERVE A PARK SHELTER IN MAPLE PLAIN**

The City of Maple Plain offers two picnic shelters available for public reservation. One is located at Rainbow Park and the other at Veterans Memorial Park. These shelters are ideal for family gatherings, celebrations, and community events.

Shelter rental is free for Maple Plain residents. For non-residents and businesses outside Maple Plain, the rental fee is \$50. All reservation payments are due at the time the reservation is made. Please note that additional fees or requirements may apply depending on the nature of your event. Full details are outlined in the Facility Reservation and Use Application and Agreement.

To reserve a shelter, please call City Hall at 763-479-0515 to confirm availability. Once availability is confirmed, complete the Facility Reservation and Use Application and Agreement and submit it to City Hall along with any required fees. All reservations are subject to approval.



#### **CITY ADMINISTRATION NEWS**

#### Section 3, Item A. **RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERSHIP IN MAPLE PLAIN**

The City of Maple Plain reminds all pet owners of important rules to keep our neighborhoods safe, clean, and enjoyable for everyone.

- Leash Laws: Dogs must be leashed at all times when on public land. Leashes can be up to 20 feet long, but must be shortened to 6 feet if another person or animal is within 20 feet. This helps prevent unwanted contact and keeps everyone safe.
- Supervision on Private Property: Dogs cannot roam freely. If outside on private land, they must be properly supervised and restrained using a leash, fence, tether, electronic pet fence, or reliable voice control.
- Dog Limit: City Code allows no more than three dogs per household in Maple Plain. You can obtain dog licenses at City Hall.
- Cleaning Up Pet Waste: Owners must clean up after their pets on both public and private property. Always carry bags to pick up waste when walking your pet. Pet waste is more than just messy—it carries harmful bacteria like E. coli and contributes to water pollution. When left on the ground, it can wash into local waterways, harming people, pets, and wildlife.

Thank you for being a responsible pet owner

# **HELP SHAPE MAPLE PLAIN'S FUTURE** SERVE ON THE PLANNING COMMISSION

PLANNING IDEAS

The City of Maple Plain is accepting applications to fill open positions on the Planning Commission. These volunteer roles are a great way to serve your community and make a meaningful impact on the city's future. The Planning Commission reviews land use applications, zoning changes, and development proposals, helping guide responsible growth.

If you are interested in community service, have ideas about the city's future, or want to be more involved in local government, we encourage you to apply. No prior experience is required—just a commitment to thoughtful discussion and decisionmaking. Serving on one of these boards is a great way to learn about city planning, contribute your perspective, and help ensure Maple Plain remains a vibrant and welcoming place to live and work. Your voice matters. Help build Maple Plain's future today. For more information or to request an application, please contact City Administrator Jacob Kolander at cityadmin@mapleplainmn.gov.

# **DELANO SENIOR CENTER – A WELCOMING PLACE FOR ALL**

The Delano Senior Center is a vibrant and inclusive community space open to all regardless of your age or where you live. Whether you're looking to stay active, Delano Senior Center make new friends, or explore new interests, the center offers something for everyone.

Delano Senior Center programs are designed to enrich your daily life and foster strong community connections. Join us for a hot, nutritious lunch served every weekday at noon, or participate in one of our many engaging classes and activities. From educational workshops and fitness classes to hobby groups, games, and special-interest clubs, there are countless opportunities to learn and have fun.

We also offer exciting day trips throughout the region, giving you the chance to explore new places and experiences. For those looking to give back, the Senior Center provides a variety of meaningful volunteer opportunities.

Whether you're here to socialize, stay active, or get involved, the Delano Senior Center is a welcoming place to connect and thrive. Stop in today to learn more, give them a call at (763) 972-0574, see the website, or stop by City Hall and look at the bulletin board. We'd love to help you find a program that's right for you!

234 2<sup>nd</sup> St. N. PO Box 462 Delano, MN 55328 763-972-0574 www.delano.mn.us



# QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER JULY, 2025 >>> PUBBLIC WORKS Section 3, Item A.

# **CONSUMER CONFIDENCE DRINKING WATER REPORT**



Each year, the City of Maple Plain tests its drinking water to make sure it is clean and safe for everyone to use. These tests are done throughout the year, from January 1 to December 31, and the results are shared in what's called the Consumer Confidence Drinking Water Report. This report helps residents understand where their water comes from, what is in it, and how it is treated to meet safety standards. It also reminds us how important it is to take care of our water sources so we can keep them clean for future generations. Knowing more about your drinking water helps you make informed decisions and encourages everyone to help protect this valuable resource.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency sets safe drinking water standards. Maple Plain works hard to provide you with safe and reliable drinking water that meet or exceed federal and state water quality requirements. The 2024 Consumer Confidence Drinking Water Report is now available and can be viewed on the City of Maple Plain's official website at: https://www.mapleplainmn.gov/public-works/page/water-and-sewer.

# CALL BEFORE YOU DIG: IT'S FREE, EASY, AND THE LAW

Planning a home project like planting a tree? Before you dig, call 811 or visit call811.com. Striking an underground utility line can lead to property damage, costly fines, service disruptions, serious injury—or worse. Fortunately, avoiding these risks is simple, free, and required by law.

When you contact 811, you're connected to your state's one-call center. Utility companies will visit your property and mark underground lines—such as gas, electric, water, and communication—so you can dig safely. Even if you've dug in the same spot before, lines can shift or be added, so always check before starting a new project. The process is quick and easy, and all state-specific requirements are handled in one contact. Whether you're a homeowner or contractor, making 811 your first step helps protect you and your community.

#### Don't let a dig mistake become a big mistake.

Before putting a shovel in the ground, make the call. Dial 811 or visit call811.com.

# TREE TRIMMING KEEPS MAPLE PLAIN SAFE AND ACCESSIBLE

Maintaining tree branches in the public rights-of-way (ROW) is essential to keeping Maple Plain safe and City operations running smoothly. Overgrown or low-hanging branches can block important safety signs—like stop signs—and may damage vehicles, leading to costly and frequent repairs.

To prevent these issues, tree branches within the ROW should be trimmed to a clearance height of at least 16 feet.

Residents are still welcome—and encouraged—to maintain trees adjacent to their property within the ROW. The City sincerely thanks all community members who continue to do their part in helping care for these shared spaces.

Regular maintenance ensures clear visibility, protects infrastructure, and putes to a safer, more attractive community for all. For questions or more in 11 ation, please contact City Hall.



#### PUBLIC WORKS NEWS

# IMPORTANT UPDATE REGARDING WATER SERVICE DISCO

Effective on February 24, 2025, the City change Code that allows the City to disconnect water service to properties with a delinquent utility balance on their account. The Code reads, in part:

Sec. 9-20. - Discontinuance of service for Code violations. Service may be discontinued if at any time:

- 1. The owner or occupant of the premises served, or any person working on any pipes or equipment thereon which are connected with the City water supply system, has intentionally violated any of the requirements of this Code relative to the water supply system or connections therewith;
- 2. The owner or occupant of the premises served threatens to violate, or cause to be violated, any of the provisions of this Code;
- 3. Any charge for water, service, meter, meter parts, or any other financial obligations imposed on the present or former owner or occupant of the premises served by the provisions of this Code is unpaid; and/or
- 4. There is fraud or misrepresentation by the owner or occupant in connection with an application for service.

Readings for the second quarter of 2025 usage will be taken on July 1, and bills mailed no later than July 3rd. The due date for the bill is August 5! Thereafter, you will be subject to additional fees and potential shut-off. If shut off occurs, there will also be fees charged for the disconnect and reconnect of water. To pay online visit https://payments.municipay.com/mn\_mapleplain/search and select "Utilities". You will need your 13-digit account number.

# RESIDENTIAL BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES LAWN CARE TIPS

Maintaining a healthy lawn provides great environmental benefits. Healthy lawns can help prevent soil erosion, protect our watershed from water runoff, and even inhibit weeds and other pests. Choose the best management practices to improve the health of your lawn and protect the water!

- Mow high (3-4" tall). Taller grass promotes deep roots, aids water and nutrient retention, and shades out weeds.
- Mow regularly. This will reduce the need to collect clipping. It is best to cut less than 1/3 of the grass blade at any mowing to reduce plant stress and recovery.
- Leave grass clippings on the lawn. Clippings less than 1 inch long may be left on the lawn. They are a valuable source of nutrients.
- Take a soil test to know what nutrients your lawn needs and to help select the right fertilizer for your lawn. Excess nutrients will wash off landscapes and pollute surface waters.
- Apply fertilizers and herbicides according to the label (It is the law!) and when they will be most effective.
- Sweep up grass clippings and other materials from hard surfaces to prevent stormwater pollution.
- Regularly check irrigation systems to make sure they are positioned correctly and watering according to your lawn's needs. This will prevent stormwater pollution and help conserve our precious water resource.

# City Code Considerations

- City code sec. 6-28: Grass/weeds cannot exceed eight inches of growth, and depositing lawn clippings in the street is a condition and declared a nuisance.
- City code sec. 6-34 Noncompliance with the nuisance or repeat violations will result in an immediate hazard abatement. The resident will be charged to get their property into compliance with City code 6-28.

# 2025 HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW) COLLECTION EVENT

Hennepin County organizes collection events throughout the year to give residents more convenient local disposal options for their household hazardous wastes. Please note: the county will not be accepting electronics at the collection events; household hazardous waste will be accepted only.

# Key details:

- September 19 and 20 | 9 a.m.- 3 p.m.
- Hennepin County Public Works Orono Shop (3880 Shoreline Drive, Orono, MN 55391)
- Items should be stored in the trunk of the vehicle, bed of truck, or in a trailer. Only bring in items that one person can load in a vehicle by themselves. Staff will remove most items from vehicles.
- Because of the hazardous nature of the products being collected at these events, be sure to pack your HHW items to prevent spills, leaks, and breakage.
- Be prepared to show your driver's license or other proof of county residence.
- Residents should remain in their vehicles unless otherwise directed by staff.
- The event will be shut down during inclement weather.

For more information, please visit www.mapleplainmn.gov and search for the 2025 Hennepin County waste collection event





# **CITY NEWS**

is the official newsletter for the city of Maple Plain

### **REGULAR 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** Second Monday at 7:00 pm

**Planning Commission** First Thursday at 6:00 pm

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

#### **CITY CONTACT INFORMATION** City Hall

5050 Independence St, PO Box 97 Maple Plain, MN 55359 | www.mapleplainmn.gov Hours: Mon - Fri 9am - 4pm

#### Email:

- City Administrator Jacob Kolander Email: jkolander@mapleplainmn.gov Phone: 763-479-0516 Mobile: 763-200-8237
- Asst. City Administrator Kevin Larson Email: klarson@mapleplainmn.gov Phone: 763-479-0515
- Deputy City Clerk Sunny Bjorklund Schultz Email: sunny@mapleplainmn.gov Phone: 763-479-0515

**Public Works** PeopleService 24/7 763-479-0555

#### **Public Safety**

Emergency	911
Maple Plain Fire Department	763-479-0520
West Hennepin Public Safety	763-479-0500

#### **Other Frequently Called Phone Numbers**

763-972-0574
612-543-5700
763-479-1514



# **QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER**

## JULY, 2025

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SUMMER



## **City Council**

Maple Plain is a Statutory "Plan A" City, with an elected Mayor and City Council empowered by law to legislate city-wide policy and a full-time City Administrator who serves as chief executive. All Council members serve at large to represent the entire community. Residents may contact any one of them to express concerns and opinions. Mayor and Council members are elected in November of even-numbered years for four-year staggered terms.

#### Mayor

Julie Maas-Kusske 1489 Three Oaks Avenue W: 763-479-0515 X 4 juliemaaskusske@mapleplainmn.gov

#### **Council Members**

Mike DeLuca 5825 Maple Ridge Drive M: 612-801-5533 mikedeluca@mapleplainmn.gov **Connie Francis** 1445 Halgren Road M: 612-554-6193

Andrew Burak 1684 Perkins Lane M: 612-221-6578 andrewburak@mapleplainmn.gov

STAY C Plain Updates!

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**COMMUNITY CALENDAR** com www.facebook.com/Cityof See the News & Announce www.mapleplainmn.gov Sign-up for "Leaflet" Email www.mapleplainmn.gov

	Sept 1	
up for CodeRED Notifications!	Sept 22	
v.mapleplainmn.gov/codered	Oct 6	

conniefrancis@mapleplainmn.gov

**Rochelle Arvizo** 5765 Main Street West H: 507-259-4010 rochellearvizo@mapleplainmn.gov

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The Leaflet is a mini-update from the City of Maple Plain; just a glance at recent Council discussions or other issues. If you have questions or ideas for future updates, please send them to the City of Maple Plain.

Storytime with the Mayor: Mayor Julie Maas-Kusske will speak at the Maple Plain Library *tomorrow*, *Saturday*, *June 21st*, at 10:00 am. For more information, click HERE.

Suicide & Crisis Line 24/7, Free & Confidential Crisis Support: For more information, click HERE.

**Lawn Maintenance:** City Code Sec. 6-28. - Specific conditions and acts declared a nuisance. Grass cannot exceed eight inches in height, and grass clippings cannot be pushed into the street. For more information, click HERE.

Attending to Pets: Pets must be on a leash, and City Ordinance requires the prompt pick up of pet waste. For more information on the City Code, click <u>HERE</u>.

**Ground Breaking Ceremony:** On July 9th at 1:00 pm, the City will conduct a ground-breaking ceremony with Kwik Trip. For more information, click <u>HERE</u>.

**Ice Cream Social**: The Maple Plain Historical Museum will host the annual ice cream social on August 2nd, 2-4 pm. For more information, click HERE.

Night to Unite: The 2025 Night to Unite annual neighborhood parties will be held on Tuesday, Au 6pm-9pm. If you would like to set up a party in your neighborhood, please register with the West Hennepin Public Safety Department by Tuesday, July 29th. For more information, click HERE.

Street Construction Updates: For the homeowners who had road construction on Independence Street, Bryant Street, and Wyman Avenue. Punchlist work to complete and repair deficiencies that have appeared over the winter will soon begin. For more information, click HERE.

### **Upcoming Events:**

- June 21st Storytime with the Mayor 10:00 am
- June 23rd City Council Workshop 5:30 pm
- June 23rd City Council Business Meeting 7:00 pm
- July 4th Independence Day (City Offices Closed)
- July 9th Kwik Trip Groundbreaking Ceremony 1:00 PM
- July 14th City Council Workshop 5:30 pm
- July 14th Economic Development Authority 7:00
- July 28th City Council Workshop 5:30 pm
- July 28th City Council Business Meeting 7:00 pm
- August 2nd MP Historical Museum Ice Cream Social 2-4:00 pm
- August 5th Night to Unite 6:00-9:00 pm

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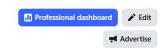
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