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# THE MAPLE LEAF

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## MAYOR WHITE'S MESSAGE



MAYOR  
JAMES WHITE



I would first like to say that my thoughts and prayers are with the Ferguson community and I hope the leadership and the citizens are able to work together to heal and find a solution during this difficult time.

The tragedy experienced in Ferguson brings to light the need for a clear line of communication and accountability be-

tween a police department and the members of the community it serves. I am pleased to announce that the Maplewood Police Department has been working towards that important goal and in July, our department became professionally certified by the International Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA).

Becoming an accredited law enforcement agency immediately lowers the City of Maplewood's insurance rate for liability. You now live in a city with a police department which is now in the top 2% of all law enforcement agencies internationally. Your police department constantly utilizes the best practices available and will continue to do so as the CALEA process never stops.

Law enforcement agencies begin the process of becoming accredited by submitting an application for acceptance into the process to CALEA. In 2009, a grant was submitted to the CALEA commission under the direction of Maplewood Police Chief Steve Kruse.

During the last three years, our police department has conducted an intense self-assessment process lead by Sgt. Michael Martin which included the revising, implementation and issuance of 143 General Orders which guide our police officers on a daily basis.

The police department began the task of compiling proofs of compliance for all the required standards. Once the proofs were in order, the police department contacted other CALEA agencies in the St. Louis area that set aside time to meet at the Maplewood Police Department and conduct a Mock assessment of compliance to the process. Once the Mock assessment was completed, assessors met with Chief Kruse and gave him an overview with suggested recommendations.

In March of this year, we welcomed Chief John Bruce from the Frisco Texas Police Department and Chief John Smythe from the Burlington North Carolina Police Department. Both Chief Bruce and Chief Smythe spent three days reviewing our policies, procedures and proofs of compliance to the CALEA standards. They also interviewed several officers, city officials, citizens, members of the business community, school personnel and conducted a walk-through of our entire facility.

Once the on-site was completed, a report was completed and submitted to the CALEA commission. On July 26, 2014, I traveled to Schaumburg, Illinois with our City Manager Marty Corcoran, Chief Steve Kruse and Sgt. Michael Martin to go in front of the commission to discuss our report and seek accreditation by CALEA. After the review by the commissioners and several positive comments regarding the Maplewood Police Department, we were awarded the status of International Accreditation.

Sincerely,  
Mayor James White



# Business Buzz

NEW BUSINESSES IN MAPLEWOOD!

<b>A Pizza Story</b> 7278 Manchester Ave. 899-0011 Restaurant	<b>Jeff Worsham &amp; Associates, CPA's</b> 3368 Oxford Blvd., A 226-9828 Accounting office	<b>L'Amore Rose Photography</b> 7270 Manchester Ave. 707-3539 Photography studio	<b>SCS Marketing Inc.</b> 7240 Anna Ave. 276-6682 Frozen dessert processing & packaging
<b>Access Wholeness</b> 2918 Sutton Blvd. 618-670-5458 Wellness consultation	<b>John C. Blasé</b> 3008 Sutton Blvd., #200 497-4484 Attorney & CPA	<b>Mape Vape LLC</b> 7213 Manchester Ave. 833-5564 Electronic cigarettes, hats, art	<b>Salon Samuel Jacob</b> 7354 Manchester Ave., #18 718-3167 Hair stylist
<b>Bolyard's Meat &amp; Provisions</b> 2810 Sutton Blvd. Butcher shop – Opening soon!	<b>John Fedele Images Inc.</b> 7372 Marietta Ave. 367-1011 Commercial photography	<b>Nightingale Salon</b> 7354 Manchester Ave., #19 323-5114 Hair stylist	<b>Sharon Draude</b> 7354 Manchester Ave., #4 636-485-6914 Hair salon
<b>Earth Path Massage &amp; Bodywork</b> 2716 Sutton Blvd. 229-0257 Massage therapist	<b>L &amp; E Research MO, Inc.</b> 7305 Marietta Ave. 282-4085 Hosting & facilitating qualitative research	<b>Rue 21</b> 3202 Laclede Station Road 647-2773 Retail apparel sales – clothing & accessories	<b>The Paint &amp; Wine Studio</b> 2607 Bellevue Ave., C 326-0216 Art classes



# Events



## Small Business Saturday

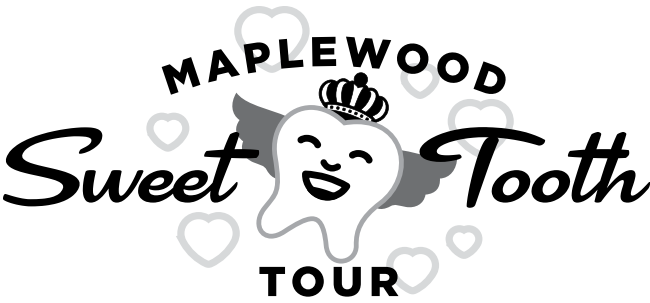
Saturday, November 29

Shop, dine and enjoy a day with Maplewood's small business owners. Meet the merchants who bring you an array of uncommon goods and goodies throughout the year. Sips & samples: chocolates, coffees, teas, breads and wines are just some of the tastings you will savor as you make your way through our historic downtown. Sponsored by the City of Maplewood Special Business District. More information at [cityofmaplewood.com/small-business-Saturday](http://cityofmaplewood.com/small-business-Saturday)

## The Maplewood Chamber of Commerce Annual Christmas Tree Walk

Friday, December 5 – 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

A regional tradition for the entire family! Take a stroll through our historic downtown for a Christmas Tree Lighting, caroling, carriage rides and merchant open houses. More information at [maplewood-chamber.com](http://maplewood-chamber.com)



## 2nd Annual Maplewood Sweet Tooth Tour

Saturday, January 31  
Noon to 5 p.m.

The holidays are over and it's cold outside. Time to warm your tummy on a self-guided tour fueled by sweet treats from your favorite Maplewood food purveyors. Sample a special tasting of sugary delights including breads, chocolates, pies, donuts, cakes, coffees and dessert wines. Tickets are just \$15, on sale starting at Small Business Saturday in participating shops while supplies last. Sponsored by the City of Maplewood Special Business District. More information at [cityofmaplewood.com/sweet-tooth](http://cityofmaplewood.com/sweet-tooth)

## Winter Market

November – March

The Schlafly Farmers Market moves indoors for the winter at The Bottleworks, 7260 Southwest on these Saturdays: November 22, December 20, January 24, February 28 and March 28 from 8:30 a.m. to Noon. More information at [schlaflyfarmersmarket.com](http://schlaflyfarmersmarket.com)



# Proposition F

## NEW FIREHOUSE BOND ISSUE

**Y**ou will have the opportunity to vote on a bond issue for a new firehouse for the Maplewood Fire Department on Tuesday, November 4, 2014.

The present firehouse was built in 1962 and by today's standard is too small and functionally obsolete. The firehouse was not designed to accommodate modern emergency response vehicles and equipment. A lack of space and outdated functional design has led to purchasing equipment and vehicles that fit within the limited space available while also trying to find balance with modern emergency response needs. Since 1962, the Fire Department's staffing levels have expanded to offer the community a higher level of emergency services, including paramedics, and the level of services is impeded by the rigid building structure that cannot be retrofitted to accommodate the expansion of services. Our firefighters serve 48 hour shifts and the existing building doesn't provide for sleeping quarters or restroom facilities for female firefighters/paramedics.

The City of Maplewood owns the property just to the west of

City Hall (formerly a used car lot) and it would serve well as the site for the new firehouse. The bond issue on the ballot, if approved, would authorize the City of Maplewood to issue \$6,000,000 in General Revenue bonds to pay the majority of costs for the construction of the new firehouse.

Maplewood's taxes have been lowered over the last few years. This bond issue, if approved, would result in a 28¢ property tax increase which equals a \$53 property tax increase for each \$100,000 of assessed valuation. If this bond issue is approved, your property tax rate, with the increase, would be exactly the same as it was in 2003.

We are offering you an opportunity to see the firehouse for yourself every Wednesday evening from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., for other times please call 314-646-3666 and arrange a tour. We are confident that once you observe the current conditions, you will understand the need for a new facility to serve the community. Please call 314-646-3666 and arrange a tour.







# MAPLEWOOD LIBRARY HAPPENINGS

November and December 2014

Our summer reading program was a huge success this year. The Adult Summer Reading Program had 122 participants. 239 youth were involved in all 3 of the kids' reading programs. Over 3,800 stars represented the total number of hours or number of board books that were read over the summer. Thank you to our sponsors and to all who participated. We hope you enjoyed the various programs and activities!!

The library will be closed:  
**November 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>**  
**December 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>**  
**Check on hours for**  
**December 31<sup>st</sup>**

Due to unforeseen circumstances, programs and times are subject to change. If in doubt, please call the library before coming in. You can also "like" us on Facebook and notices are sent as reminders.



## MAPLEWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY

7550 LOHMEYER  
MAPLEWOOD, MO  
63143

314-781-2174

www.maplewood.lib.mo.us  
HOURS:

Mon.-Thur. 9am to 9pm

Friday 9am to 7pm

Sat. 9am to 5 pm



The library is not just for books anymore. We have DVDs, CDs, audio books, Internet access, links to download E-reader materials, and programs to teach and entertain. Come in and see us soon.

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

### MANAGING DIABETES DURING THE HOLIDAYS

**Thursday, November 6  
6:30-7:30 p.m.**

The holidays can be a difficult time for those trying to manage their diabetes and participate in all of the festivities that come around.

An instructor from the American Diabetes Association will help guide you through the holidays by discussing carbohydrate control, hydration, being active, and pacing yourself when all of the tempting foods are in front of you.

### NaNoWriMo IS BACK!

This is a national event that encourages budding authors to sit and write that novel you've always wanted to write. Just bring your laptop and ideas. The Kick-Off event will be Saturday, November 1, 11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. and will be an "open house" format. Weekly "write-ins" will be held Tuesdays, November 4, 11, 18, and 25, 7:00-9:00 p.m. For more information, please check our website, [www.nanowrimo.org](http://www.nanowrimo.org).

### CELEBRATING MAPLEWOOD'S HISTORY WITH DOUG HOUSER

**Monday, November 17  
6:30-7:30 p.m.**

A lot has been said regarding the Maplewood of today. That is a great thing—it's a great community.

But Maplewood has a glorious history, as well: the first meeting place to decide where the county headquarters should be, home to two great families with ties to St. Louis' elite, marvelous architecture, homes built with leftover materials from the 1904 World's Fair—the list could go on and on. Hear more from Maplewood's historian.

### SPOTLIGHT ON LOCAL AUTHORS

**Thursday, November 20,  
6:00-8:00 p.m.**

We have some very talented authors in the St. Louis area and in Maplewood. Some have been published, some are on the verge, and some use other methods to get the written word into the hands of the reader. We will be hosting a panel discussion featuring five of these writers. They will share the things they have written, why they write, how they became published, what other venues they use (i.e. blogs, discussion groups), the merits or downsides to self-publishing, and anything else that pertains to the joys and challenges of writing. Whether you're an aspiring writer or someone who loves the written word, join us for an interesting evening all about books.

### CHANUKAH: SHEDDING LIGHT ON THE FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

**Monday, December 1  
6:30-7:30 p.m.**

Dreidels, gelt, menorahs—what do these symbols mean? What does Chanukah mean? Why do we celebrate? Cantor Ronald Eichaker of United Hebrew Congregation will explain the history and symbolism of this rich festival. Cantor Eichaker is a dynamic presenter, skilled guitarist and percussionist, and composer. Share an evening of song and laughter!

### HOLIDAY TRADITIONS IN ST. LOUIS

**Thursday, December 4  
6:30-7:30 p.m.**

This entertaining talk looks at the diversity of holidays in St. Louis. A wonderful selection of artifacts and photographs will be explored, showcasing a variety of traditions and celebrations. Sharon Smith is a Curator of Civic Identity with the Missouri History Museum. As Curator and historian, she is responsible for the 1904 World's Fair and Olympics collection as well as numerous others, including Lindbergh, children's toys, and St. Louis sports.

## **ONGOING PROGRAMS**

### **MAPLEWOOD LIBRARY BOOK CLUB**

**Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at  
7:00 p.m.**

Book titles will be announced.  
Join us for a lively discussion of new and classic titles. For dates & upcoming titles, sign-up and we will add your name to our email list for future notification.



### **MAPLEWOOD LIBRARY WRITER'S GROUP**

**"Write-In" Meetings will be held the third  
Thursday of each month from  
7:00-9:00 p.m.**

This is a casual, loosely structured event. Come for as long or as short a time as you wish. This is not a class, nor a formal program. Just bring your laptop or pencil and paper. We will gather in the Reading Room (fireplace room) around 7:00 for introductions and a brief chat, followed by writing time and/or continued conversation. Enjoy the company of other writers.

### **KNITTING WITH YVONNE**

Join Maplewood resident Yvonne White as she offers knitting instruction. Open to beginners and seasoned knitters.

Just bring a pair of knitting needles and Yvonne provides the yarn and guidance.

**EVENINGS: Mondays, 7:00 p.m.  
DAYTIME: Fridays, 10:00a.m.**

### **TACK QUILTING CLASSES**

**Monday Evenings**

**6:30-8:30 p.m.**

Learn to make quilts in this time-honored way. Learn how to make them for those in need or for yourself. Learn simple techniques of quilt-making.

Join Ms. Ruth Peetz as she instructs the class in simple tack quilting techniques.

**PLEASE NOTE: Registration is required.  
You may register at the front desk or by  
phone.**

Check with the library for new class dates and beginning sessions.

## **MORE UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

### **HOLIDAY MUSIC TRADITIONS**

**Monday, December 8  
7:00-8:00 p.m.**

Join us as we welcome the Arlington Brass.  
They will be playing various holiday musical selections to provide an evening of fun and relaxation. The group has been in existence for over 18 years and has expanded to include trumpet, French horn, tuba, and trombone players. Past members have attended MRH High School or are long-time residents of Maplewood. Their home base is Arlington United Methodist Church in Bridgeton, MO.

### **FOREST PARK: THE CROWN JEWEL OF ST. LOUIS Monday, December 15 6:30-7:30p.m**

Ted Wear's passion for photography began at the age of 12. After taking thousands of photos & earning membership in the St. Louis Photo Club and St. Louis Artist Guild, Ted has channeled that passion into a beautiful tribute to Forest Park. After a drive through Forest Park one icy March morning in 2008, the pictures Ted took began his journey to publishing a coffee table book with the help of friends from the Photo Club, Artist Guild, Missouri History Museum, & Forest Park Forever. It is at once a photo book, a history book, & a guide book through the place St. Louisans have loved for decades. Join Ted as he shares pictures, stories, & ideas of how to find new things about the park.

## **KIDS' CORNER**

### **New at the Library! BookFLIX & TrueFLIX for kids!**

We now have Scholastic's highly acclaimed BookFLIX and TrueFLIX children's eBook databases available for use by Maplewood library patrons. Scholastic BookFLIX (PS-Gr. 3) is an online literacy resource that pairs Weston Woods' short movies from classic children's picture books with related nonfiction eBooks from Scholastic to build a love of reading & learning.

TrueFLIX (Gr. 3-6) is an online resource that focuses on engaging subject-area content in science & social studies for intermediate level students. TrueFLIX can be a great resource for our home school families.

There are two ways to make use of BookFLIX & TrueFLIX: anyone can access these great new resources from the Library's homepage while in the library, or, if you prefer, connect to them from your home computer or any internet-enabled tablet or mobile device. It's easy to use BookFLIX or TrueFLIX from home: go the Maplewood Public Library's homepage, [www.maplewood.lib.mo.us](http://www.maplewood.lib.mo.us), scroll down the column on the right side of the screen until you see "For Young People", then click on the BookFLIX or TrueFLIX links. Now, type in your Maplewood library card number, and you're in!

For dates and times of our story time sessions just pick up a flyer on your visit or call and speak with Barb. Pre-registration is required.



Be sure to check with the library for any future kids' programs.

### **WANTED: Donations of Used Legos**

Has someone at your house outgrown their plastic Lego blocks? If so, please consider donating your used Legos to the Maplewood Public Library, for "Lego Club" building program for kids. Questions? Call Barb at the Library.  
314-781-READ.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS TO WATCH FOR**

- how to find your ancestors
- history of micro-brewing in St. Louis
- healthy eating in the new year
- black women entrepreneurs
  - Read the Book, See the Movie—
- “The Fault in Our Stars”
- life and death of abolitionist Elijah Lovejoy
- women in the Civil War
- daring dames of history
- History of the St. Louis County parks
- St. Louis sports
- Civil War eyewitnesses

## PARC: Parks and Recreation Cooperative

*Serving the Cities of Maplewood &  
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**THE HEIGHTS Fit Pass** Ages 16+  
The Fit Pass is the best value in group fitness! For one fee you have access to over 35 classes per week including Spinning, yoga, Zumba, and strength training classes. Whether you're looking to dance some pounds away, sculpt strong muscles, or challenge your fitness level, our Fit Pass has something for you! Participants are encouraged to bring their own fitness mat.

*Not valid for Reddy Health & Performance programs, The Next Level, or Weights for Women. These passes are non-transferable, non-refundable and valid at THE HEIGHTS.*

### **Session 1: 11/3-12/21**

• **Unlimited R&M \$60; NR \$76**

**20-Visit Value Card R&M \$130; NR \$155**  
**Daily Pass R&M \$8; NR \$10**

**CLASSES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE  
AND/OR CANCELLATION  
CLASSES ARE FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED**

**Black Friday Spin** Ages 16+  
Let Kathryn help you "Burn off the Bird!" This special 90-minute spin class is a great way to kick-off your holiday season! Pre-registration required.  
Friday, November 28 9:15-10:45 a.m.  
R&M \$8; NR \$10  
**THE HEIGHTS**

**Black Friday Nia** Ages 16+  
Nia blends dance arts, martial arts, and healing arts with an approach that will stimulate you to revolutionize the way you feel about fitness, focusing on how your body feels. Nia will pump your heart, spark your spirit, motivate your mind, enhance your balance, and tone your muscles with expressive movement.  
Friday, November 28 10:30-11:25 a.m.  
R&M \$8; NR \$10  
**THE HEIGHTS**

**A-Fit-Kid** Ages 8-15  
Calling all kids ages 8-15! Looking to start a fitness routine but don't know where to begin? A-Fit-Kid is a non-competitive fitness program designed to help kids discover an appreciation for the social benefits of living a healthy lifestyle. Working against a musical backdrop, the specialized program utilizes several nationwide campaigns to help kids develop fitness routines. All abilities and fitness levels are encouraged. You must register one week prior to the start of the session.  
Mondays 11/10-12/29 5-6 p.m.  
R&M \$120/8 weeks  
**Meet-A.B. Green Park**

**Tiaras and Tea** Ages 2-5  
Sophia the First is a new princess not used to her life as a royal. To welcome Sophia into royalty we are calling all princesses to dress in their finest gowns and tiaras and join us as we sip on pretend tea and snack on an enchanted treat. We will also create a fun craft for all princesses to take home to their castles. It is sure to be a ball! Sophia will not be in attendance.

Wednesday, November 12 10-11 a.m.  
R&M \$4; NR \$6  
**THE HEIGHTS**

**Have a Paw-ty With PAW Patrol** Ages 2-5  
Come and join us for this "paw-ty" of a lifetime. We will enjoy a delicious treat and create a paw-some craft! Come ready with your PAW Patrol Power, you will need it when we play some fun games. PAW Patrol will not be in attendance.

Tuesday, December 9 10-11 a.m.  
R&M \$4; NR \$6  
**THE HEIGHTS**

**Colorful Crowns** Ages 1-5  
Let's celebrate autumn's colors by making crowns and hats from a variety of fallen leaves and seeds. Join this hat-making party, scouring the ground for colorful berries and leaves as well as pine cones, and anything else we can find. Creating a startling array of headgear!

Thursday, November 6 10-11 a.m.  
R&M \$4; NR \$6  
**THE HEIGHTS Outdoor Classroom**

**Little Picassos** Ages 2-5  
Your child's artwork can become the Little Picasso of your home. We will celebrate the artist in every child by providing quality art classes that give each child the opportunity to create a masterpiece.  
Tuesday, October 28 10-11 a.m.  
Tuesday, November 25 10-11 a.m.  
R&M \$4; NR \$5  
**THE HEIGHTS**

**Gymnee Crickets** Ages 0-5  
Parents, drop by with your child, for a morning full of play! There is no pre-registration, just stop by for lots of fun!  
Monday, November 10 9:30-11:30 a.m.  
R&NR \$3 drop-in  
**THE HEIGHTS**

**Holiday BINGO** Ages 21+  
Join us for 12 games of Bingo and lunch!  
Wednesday, November 12 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.  
Wednesday, December 10 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.  
R&NR \$6 (lunch included)  
**THE HEIGHTS**

**Casino** Ages 21+  
Try your luck at a different local casino monthly.  
Tuesday, October 28 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.  
Hollywood Casino  
Tuesday, November 25 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.  
Ameristar Casino  
R&NR \$6 (lunch at own expense)  
**Departs: THE HEIGHTS**

## HEIGHTS Holiday Happenings

**Dine with the Clauses** All Ages  
Join the Clauses while you indulge in a pancake breakfast with all the trimmings. Enjoy entertainment, make a craft and have your picture taken with Santa! You must register by 12/1.  
Saturday, December 6 9-11 a.m.  
R&M \$6; NR \$8/person  
**THE HEIGHTS**

**Letter to Santa** Ages 10 & Under  
Drop a self-addressed, stamped envelope and letter to Santa in our special mailbox located in front of THE HEIGHTS or the Brentwood Recreation Complex, 11/21-12/19, to receive a special note from St. Nick.

**Claus and Paws** All Ages  
Bring your pet to the RH Fire Department to meet Santa Claus, where they will get a special treat and have their picture taken with Santa. Animals must be friendly and kept on leashes.  
Saturday, December 13 9-11 a.m.  
R&NR \$5  
**RH Fire Department**

**Holiday Lighting Ceremony** All Ages  
Come to THE HEIGHTS as we light up the night to welcome the 2014 holiday season. The City of Richmond Heights joins other participating cities as we "flip the switch" together promptly at 6:15 p.m. There will be refreshments, entertainment, giveaways and kids' holiday art activities starting at 5:45 p.m. And, of course, a visit from the big guy himself, Santa.  
Friday, November 21 5:45 p.m.  
No Charge!  
**THE HEIGHTS**

**Shopping Made Simple**  
Do all your holiday shopping with us. Unique vendors will be set up in THE HEIGHTS lobby 11/17 thru 12/22. See the complete schedule at THE HEIGHTS Guest Services Desk. To become a vendor contact Kate at [kwhaley@richmondheights.org](mailto:kwhaley@richmondheights.org).  
No Charge!  
**THE HEIGHTS**

**Holiday Party** Ages 18+  
Celebrate the Holidays with style at Maggiano's Italian restaurant. Entertainment and attendance prizes will surely get you in the holiday cheer.  
Tuesday, December 16 11 a.m.-2 p.m.  
R&NR \$45 (lunch included)  
**Departs: THE HEIGHTS**



# Spotlight On Parks: Sutton Loop Park



**H**AVE YOU VISITED SUTTON LOOP PARK LATELY? It has recently been updated, and is a wonderful addition to our downtown/commercial area. Named after the old Trolley System and Bi-State busses that used to do their turnaround there, the park maintains its historical integrity. The City Council saw the value in preserving the original pavilion structure from its Trolley/Bus days and it stands at the entrance to the park. The refurbished restrooms offer a nice amenity to an urban park.

The new updates include a walking path around the perimeter that is perfect for a short stroll, or for toddlers and young children to practice their tricycle or bicycle skills. Passing the new plantings that will soon grow to surround and set off the park, park patrons will enjoy the green space that remains in the center, perfect for a start-up game of Frisbee, or an impromptu picnic for your family. Stationed on the perimeter are park benches and picnic tables, ideal for a break in your day. Enjoy a picnic lunch from your local eateries, or just sit and take in the view. The bubbling fountain at the southeast corner adds a natural sound and a place to wet your hands for a quick cool down. The new planters on Sutton Blvd act as a visual entrance to our urban park, and attract butterflies and bees to the natural surroundings. So next time you visit our Downtown area, stop by Sutton Loop Park. You will be delighted

with this change to our Downtown Commercial area, and it just may help you add a moment of relaxation to your busy day!



## DOG PARK MEMBERSHIPS

2015 Memberships to the Maplewood Dog Park will be on sale beginning Monday, January 5th at Maplewood City Hall. The Maplewood Dog Park is located in Kellogg Park and use of the dog park is by membership only. Dogs owned by Maplewood residents are charged a membership fee of twenty dollars (\$20) for the first dog and five dollars (\$5) for the second dog per calendar year. Proof of vaccinations and a photo of the dog (digital photos are preferred) are required during registration. Please submit digital photos to [dogpark@cityofmaplewood.com](mailto:dogpark@cityofmaplewood.com)

## MAPLEWOOD PET LICENSES

The City of Maplewood's 2015 pet licenses will be on sale beginning Monday, January 5th at Maplewood City Hall. The fee for a pet license is five dollars (\$5.00) for each dog or cat. Proof of rabies inoculation is required at time of purchase. All dogs and cats residing in the City of Maplewood are required to have an annual pet license.

### SPRING 2015 TREE PLANTING REQUESTS

The City of Maplewood will plant trees, free of charge, between the curb and sidewalk if this area is at least 4' in width. If you would like a tree planted in the tree lawn, please complete the online form at [www.cityofmaplewood.com/tree](http://www.cityofmaplewood.com/tree) The ordering deadline is February 27.

### RECYCLING IN MAPLEWOOD

To request a 65 gallon recycling container, please contact Republic Services at 636-947-5959. To request an 18 gallon carry out tote, please call Tiffany at 314-646-3640.

### SNOW REMOVAL

If possible, during and for 24 hours after snowfalls, please do not park your vehicle on the street. This will allow the Public Works Department to plow and spread salt closer to the curb. Also, note the Public Works Department does not widen plowing paths or clear driveways after snowfalls. Fewer vehicles parked on the street means speedier snow removal operations. Your cooperation is appreciated.

### FALL LEAF PICKUP

As a free service to its citizens, the City of Maplewood provides curbside leaf vacuuming. During the months of November and December, residents may rake leaves to the tree lawn (between the sidewalk and curb) for vacuum removal by the Public Works Department. Please do not rake leaves into the street. This causes clogged storm sewers.

Starting on Monday, November 3rd, the City will vacuum leaves at the curb using the following tentative schedule:

South of Manchester, west of Big Bend - Monday and Tuesday of the first full week of November

North of Manchester, west of Big Bend - Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of the first full week of November

North of Manchester, east of Big Bend - Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of the second full week of November

South of Manchester, east of Big Bend - Thursday and Friday of the second full week of November

South of Greenwood Blvd. - Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of the third full week of November

Leaves not vacuumed on schedule will be vacuumed on Saturdays or during the second round. Crews make a second pass through the entire city starting on the Monday after Thanksgiving. Please rake your leaves to the tree lawn as soon as possible. Crews will not vacuum leaves on rainy days because the wet leaves clog the machines. Also, the public works crew will not pick up leaf piles that are mixed with debris. These foreign objects damage the leaf machine.

Leaves will not be vacuumed after December 31. After that date, leaves must be bagged and marked with an Allied Waste tag, and set out for the regular Wednesday collection. Allied Waste tags can be purchased at City Hall, the Public Library and at Scheidt True Value Hardware, 7320 Manchester Avenue. If you have any questions about the leaf vacuuming program, feel free to contact the Public Works Department at 645-3600.

### CHRISTMAS TREE REMOVAL

Christmas trees placed out for removal will need to have a yard waste tag on them. They will not be picked up without a tag.

## HOLIDAY TRASH/ RECYCLING PICK-UP SCHEDULE 2015

Labor Day and Memorial Day are the only holidays that effect Maplewood's trash pick-up day in 2015. Pick-up moves to Thursday the week of those holidays.

### NEW YEARS DAY

Thursday, January 1, 2015 – pick-up remains on Wednesday

### MEMORIAL DAY

Monday, May 25, 2015 - Trash will be picked up on Thursday, May 28th

### FOURTH OF JULY

Saturday, July 4, 2015 - pick-up remains on Wednesday

### LABOR DAY

Monday, September 7, 2015

Wednesday routes will be picked up on Thursday, September 10th

### THANKSGIVING

Thursday, November 26, 2015 - pick-up remains on Wednesday

### CHRISTMAS DAY

Friday, December 25, 2015 – pick-up remains on Wednesday

### MISSED PICK-UPS

If Republic misses your items for collection, call City Hall at 645-3600 and report the missed pick-up as soon as possible. You may also contact Republic directly at (636) 947-5959.

## TRASH PICK-UP FOR LARGE ITEMS

Please call Republic Services at (636) 947-5959 to schedule a pick-up for large items.



POLICE  
STATISTICS

	Reported	Cleared
Homicides:	0	0
Robberies:	5	5
Burglaries:	15	11
Stolen Autos:	13	8
Larcenies: (\$200+)	65	46
Rapes:	0	0
Arsons:	1	1
Stolen Autos	5	3

Traffic Stops	3788
Field Interviews*	338
Traffic Tickets	5654
Parking Tickets	944
7 Day Letters**	2482
Housing Letters ***	6
Summons	376
Re-checks****	1325

*\*Field Interviews are reports generated by a police officer that has questioned a suspicious individual.*

*\*\* Seven Day letters are sent to notify a homeowner or businessperson of a violation.*

*\*\*\*Housing Letters are letters sent to property owners citing code violations.*

*\*\*\*\*Re-check is a return to a residence or a business to see if the reported violation has been corrected.*

Cases reported  
January 1, 2014 to  
August 30, 2014

Maplewood Police  
Department

IDENTITY THEFT

It is the policy of the Maplewood Police Department to prepare an “Identity Theft” report for all city residents who communicate that their identity has been stolen or used to fraudulently obtain funds, products or services regardless of the suspected location of the theft.

This policy takes into consideration the multi-jurisdictional nature of the crime of identity theft. The police department’s ultimate responsibility is to provide the best law enforcement services possible to our community. It urges residents to use the proper precautions and safeguards to protect their identifying information such as credit card numbers, social security number or driver license number

that can be used to commit financial or other crimes. Identity theft is one of the fastest growing crimes in the nation. The first step to prevent identity theft is awareness of how and when you use your personal information. By keeping close tabs on your personal information, you can reduce your chances of becoming an identity theft victim.

11 Ways to Prevent  
Identity Theft

- Memorize your social security number and passwords. Don't record your password on papers you carry with you.
- Don't use your date of birth as your password.
- Shred pre-approved credit applications and other financial documents before discarding them.
- Retrieve mail delivered to your residential mailbox as soon as possible.
- Order credit reports every year from each major credit reporting agency and thoroughly review them for accuracy. Those agencies include Equifax, Experian and Trans Union.
- Never give personal information over the telephone or Internet unless you initiated the contact.

- Don't carry your social security card or birth certificate with you unless needed for a specific reason.
- Report lost or stolen credit cards immediately.
- Check your monthly credit card and bank statements for unusual activity.
- Use a firewall program on your computer; especially if you leave your computer connected to the Internet 24 hours a day.
- Do not download files sent to you by strangers or click hyperlinks from people you don't know.

Maplewood Fire Department News

SCORE A FIRE SAFETY HOME RUN! DO A HOME FIRE SAFETY INSPECTION!

October 4th thru 10th is National Fire Prevention Week. Your friends at the Maplewood Fire Department want you to strike out fire in your home. Take about 20 minutes to inspect your home. As you go

from room to room, answer the questions below by circling “yes” or “no.” Give yourself a point for every “yes” and add up the points to find out your score. Kids, ask a grown-up to help you complete this checklist!

First Base - Cooking Safety

- ☐ Yes ☐ No Does a grown-up always stay in the kitchen when food is cooking on the stove?
- ☐ Yes ☐ No Are stove tops and counters clean and uncluttered?
- ☐ Yes ☐ No Are there pot holders within easy reach of the stove?
- ☐ Yes ☐ No Are pot handles turned inward so they can't be bumped?
- ☐ Yes ☐ No Are curtains and other things that can burn well away from the stove?
- ☐ Yes ☐ No Is there a “kid-free” zone of three feet (one meter) around the stove when grown-ups are cooking?

Second Base - Heating Safety

- ☐ Yes ☐ No Are portable space heaters always turned off when adults leave the room or go to sleep?
- ☐ Yes ☐ No If space heaters are used in your home, are they at least three feet (one meter) away from anything else that can burn, including people, furniture, and pets?
- ☐ Yes ☐ No Does your fireplace have a sturdy screen to catch sparks?
- ☐ Yes ☐ No Has your chimney been inspected and cleaned during the past year?
- ☐ Yes ☐ No Has your furnace been serviced by a professional in the past year?
- ☐ Yes ☐ No Are propane tanks and other fuels stored outside your home?

Third Base - Electrical Safety

- ☐ Yes ☐ No Are extension cords used safely?
- ☐ Yes ☐ No Are electrical cords in good condition? (A grown-up should unplug lamps and appliances before inspecting the cords.)
- ☐ Yes ☐ No Are kitchen appliances - such as the coffeemaker, toaster oven, and microwave plugged into separate receptacle outlets?

Home Plate - Smoke Alarms and Home Fire Escape

- ☐ Yes ☐ No Does your home have smoke alarms on every level, including the basement, and outside each sleeping area?
- ☐ Yes ☐ No Are the batteries working in all your smoke alarms?
- ☐ Yes ☐ No Are all the exits in your home clear of furniture, toys, and clutter?
- ☐ Yes ☐ No Does your family have a home fire escape plan that includes two exits, usually a door and a window, from each room?
- ☐ Yes ☐ No Has your family picked a safe place to meet outside after you exit your home?
- ☐ Yes ☐ No Have you and your family practiced a home fire drill within the last six months?
- ☐ Yes ☐ No Do you know the fire department's emergency phone number (which should be called from a neighbor's or nearby phone once you get outside?)

*What's Your Fire Safety Batting Average?* If you answered “yes” to all of the checklist questions above, congratulations! You scored a fire safety home run! If you answered “yes” to 15 to 20 questions, you’ve made it to third base. Just make a few adjustments, and you’ll easily hit a fire safety home run. If you answered “yes” to 10 to 14 questions, you’ve hit a double. You’re going in the

right direction, but you’ve got some work to do before you get to homeplate. If you answered “yes” to fewer than 10 questions, you’ve reached first base, but you need to make many changes around your home in order to reach homeplate. Also, please feel free to contact the Maplewood Fire Department at 314-646-3666 or visit the city’s website at [www.cityofmaplewood.com](http://www.cityofmaplewood.com).



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Maplewood City  
Council Meetings

Maplewood City Hall business hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. City Hall phone number is 645-3600.

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**City Hall Holiday Schedule**  
City Hall will be closed on the following holidays:  

Thursday, November 27 and Friday, November 28 for Thanksgiving.	Thursday, January 1 for New Year's Day
Thursday, December 25 and Friday, December 26 for Christmas	Monday, January 19 for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

**Meeting Schedule**  
City Council is on Holiday Schedule and meets in the Council Chambers at City Hall as follows:  

Tuesday, November 11 at 7:30 p.m.	Tuesday, December 9 at 7:30 p.m.
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**Trash and Recycling Pick-ups won't be effected by any of these holidays.**

Please visit [www.cityofmaplewood.com](http://www.cityofmaplewood.com) for a list of board and commission meetings.

Proposition F

New Firehouse Bond Issue

You will have the opportunity to vote on a bond issue for a new firehouse for the Maplewood Fire Department on Tuesday, November 4, 2014.

The present firehouse was built in 1962 and by today's standard is too small and functionally obsolete. The firehouse was not designed to accommodate modern emergency response vehicles and equipment. A lack of space and outdated functional design has led to purchasing equipment and vehicles that fit within the limited space available while also trying to find balance with modern emergency response needs. Since 1962, the Fire Department's staffing levels have expanded to offer the community a higher level of emergency services, including paramedics, and the level of services is impeded by the rigid building structure that cannot be retrofitted to accommodate the expansion of services. Our firefighters serve 48 hour shifts and the existing building doesn't provide for sleeping quarters or restroom facilities for female firefighters/paramedics.

The City of Maplewood owns the property just to the west of

City Hall (formerly a used car lot) and it would serve well as the site for the new firehouse. The bond issue on the ballot, if approved, would authorize the City of Maplewood to issue \$6,000,000 in General Revenue bonds to pay the majority of costs for the construction of the new firehouse.

Maplewood's taxes have been lowered over the last few years. This bond issue, if approved, would result in a 28¢ property tax increase which equals a \$53 property tax increase for each \$100,000 of assessed valuation. If this bond issue is approved, your property tax rate, with the increase, would be exactly the same as it was in 2003.

We are offering you an opportunity to see the firehouse for yourself every Wednesday evening from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., for other times please call 314-646-3666 and arrange a tour. We are confident that once you observe the current conditions, you will understand the need for a new facility to serve the community. Please call 314-646-3666 and arrange a tour.

