

MAPLE PLAIN

and



INDEPENDENCE



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LETTER FROM INDEPENDENCE MAYOR JOHNSON



Marvin D.
Johnson

Greetings! I hope the unbelievable short summer yields to a long mild fall. Rains and green grass are a welcome change from what we have had the last few years in late summer. Now if "Mr. Frost" will delay his appearance too! The extremely heavy rains in May and June created hardships for many homeowners and farmers that won't be forgotten.

'Thank You' to those who hosted a "Night to Unite" party this year. What a beautiful evening, and I think everyone who attended a party had a great time.
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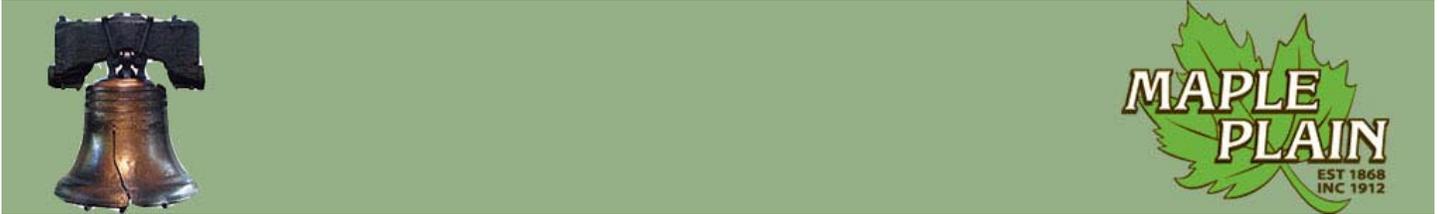
LETTER FROM MAPLE PLAIN COUNCILMEMBER MCCOY

Each year we get the distinct honor and privilege to hear the President of the United States give the State of the Union address to a joint session of Congress. This speech fulfills the rules in Article II, Section 3 of the U.S. Constitution and has the purpose of giving an update on the condition of our nation. Many times this address focuses on small town America and the success stories of small business and families. Here in Maple Plain, we have many of these successes that garnish this type of notoriety in our community. The state of our community is strong.



Justin McCoy

The Maple Plain City Council is working hard through strategic planning to redevelop Maple Plain into a destination city, to work together to build relationships between citizens and government bodies, to ensure our infrastructure delivers the services you expect, to maintain the high level of police and fire protection and
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LETTER FROM MAYOR JOHNSON (CONTINUED...)

Staff and Council are busy trying to establish budgets for departments for 2015. Several things have been put on hold for nearly six years and some tough realities on maintenance, replacements and upgrades must be dealt with sooner rather than later. The Council must establish a maximum levy for Hennepin County at its September 23rd meeting. The final levy is approved in December.

Our local Fire Departments will be having "Open Houses" this fall. If possible, support their event.

November 4th is Election Day. Be sure to vote. Independence does not have a city election, but we must vote for a U. S. Senator, U. S. Congressional Candidate, State Governor, other State Offices, a local representative, judges and in some cases, school board members. Be informed and then Vote!! Polls open at 7:00 A.M. Absentee voting is available also at City Hall.

Until the next newsletter, have an enjoyable and safe fall! **Marvin D. Johnson, Independence Mayor**

LETTER FROM COUNCILMEMBER MCCOY (CONTINUED...)

continue to encourage and support our thriving business community. The state of our community is strong.

Maple Plain Days was another success with hundreds of people attending events throughout the three day celebration. The committee that organized the event put in countless of hours putting on a class act event which our whole community thanks this group for their public service. Working with neighboring Independence and the many business sponsors enhanced the events for our entire community. The state of our community is strong.

The West Hennepin Chamber of Commerce recently received highlighted press for the turn-around success of this chamber. On top of all this success they have been working hard with the business community by holding routine meetings and welcoming business into town by providing each new business with a ribbon cutting event. The state of our community is strong.

Maple Plain is part of the Orono School District who recently was named the number 51st school district in the nation for preparing students for college by *Newsweek Magazine*. Orono Schools is a district whose teachers are highly motivated to provide the highest level of education to our children. The state of our community is strong.

The Parks and Planning Commissions are consistently working behind the scenes finding cost effective ways to improve and maintain our awesome park system as well as looking at zoning code and site plans to make Maple Plain the small town we all desire it to be. The state of our community is strong.

The Maple Plain faith community continues to provide a place of worship for its parishioners and provides assistance to the least amongst us. The state of our community is strong.

The Maple Plain community continues to thrive and is strong thanks to each of you. Communities are not built by city staff, city councils or several individuals. Communities are built by like-minded people all residing in our area.

Thank you for your part in making our community strong.

Justin McCoy, Maple Plain City Council



WEST HENNEPIN PUBLIC SAFETY NEWS



HAWK SIGNAL: HOW TO DRIVE THROUGH IT CORRECTLY



The HAWK (**H**igh-intensity **A**ctivated **C**ross**W**alk) signal is a pushbutton-activated pedestrian signal on Highway 12. This signal provides a way to stop traffic so that pedestrians may safely cross. Research has shown that motorists' compliance at a HAWK signal is up to 97% more effective than an unsignaled crosswalk.



Where is it?

The new pedestrian signal has been installed on Highway 12 between Budd Ave and Country Road 19 in Maple Plain. This is the first installation for the City of Maple Plain. Only a few of them exist in Minnesota. The HAWK has been used successfully in other communities since it was developed in 2004.

How it Works and Driver requirements?

- The signal remains dark until a pedestrian activates the walk indication by pushing the pushbutton.
- The signal will then flash yellow to warn drivers that a pedestrian will begin using the crosswalk.
- A steady yellow indication follows, advising drivers to stop if safe to do so.
- The signal then turns **solid red**, requiring vehicles to **stop at the stop line**. The pedestrian will see a walk indication and can then proceed into the crosswalk.
- Once the walk time is completed, the signal will go to **flashing red**. This lets drivers know that once they come to a complete stop they may proceed through the intersection if there are no pedestrians in the crosswalk.

FROM THE CHIEF

I am commonly asked, 'Who is West Hennepin Public Safety Department?' and 'What police department do you work for?' West Hennepin Public Safety (WHPS) Department is a local police department that covers both the City of Maple Plain and the City of Independence. It was formed in 1979 when the two cities decided to enter into a joint powers agreement together to form their own local police force and named by the two cities. We are the local police for Maple Plain and Independence. We are not part of Hennepin County Sheriff's Office."

WHPS is located at 1918 County Road 90 in Independence and employs 10 full-time police officers (Chief, Sergeant, 1 investigator, 1 narcotics agent, 6 patrol officers and 2 administrative assistants. WHPS is governed by a Police Commission made up of the Mayors of Maple Plain and Independence and one appointed council member from each city.



Chief Kroells



WEST HENNEPIN PUBLIC SAFETY NEWS



FROM THE CHIEF

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Historically, WHPS handles approximately 7,800 calls a year, 650 a month, or 23 calls per day. Throughout May-September, WHPS handled 2,769 incidents. See the variety of calls reported:

- 78 Criminal Activities: 15 DWI's; 1 Liquor - Underage consumption, possession; 2 Cancel-IPS; 2 Flee from an Officer ; 10 Drug Offenses; 6 Domestic Assaults, 1 Burglary; 5 Forgeries; 2 Trespassing; 18 Thefts; 5 Shoplifting; 9 Property Damage; 1 Vehicle Theft & Tampering; 1 Weapons, 2 vehicles are pending forfeiture.
- 81 Missing / Found Property: 7 missing persons; 12 missing animals; 4 missing / lost property; 40 found animals; 9 found property; 9 abandoned vehicles.
- 56 Crash / Emergencies: Motor Vehicle – 5 hit & run, 28 property damage & 7 personal injuries: 16 falls/ cuts.
- 17 Fire: 6 fire alarms, 5 gas leak, smell, 3 grass, brush fire, 3 smoke.
- 120 Medicals: 2 detox patients; 2 deaths; Suicide: 1 suicide and 6 suicide threats; Welfare Checks - 19 adults, 9 juveniles; 75 medicals and 6 mental health issues.
- 1,380 Miscellaneous calls consisting of: traffic complaints, verbal domestics, suspicious activity, house checks, permits, ordinance violations, animal calls, public assists, alarms, agency assists, miscellaneous services public relations, warrant arrests, transports and ride-along.
- 1,037 Traffic stops: resulting in 338 citations, 634 verbal warnings and 65 written warning.

West Hennepin Public Safety's Mission Statement is *'To protect and serve the citizens of Maple Plain and Independence in a professional and compassionate manner.'*

Chief Kroells stated, "West Hennepin Police Officers are here to protect our citizens from criminals who are looking to take advantage of others. Our vision is that our personnel shall achieve and maintain the highest standards of ethics, integrity, community interaction, professional conduct in providing police services to the citizens of Maple Plain and Independence. "

WEST HENNEPIN RESERVE OFFICERS ARE A DEDICATED GROUP

For 33 years WHPS has been assisted by a group of dedicated volunteers who make up their Reserve Officer Program. They help by patrolling the neighborhoods, responding during emergencies and weather related events, directing traffic, and making appearances and performing functions at community events. In 2013, the Reserve Officers donated over 1,500 hours to our communities!



Each Reserve has undergone a background check, a physical agility test, and are upstanding members of the community. Our current Reserve Officers are Lisa Schreier, Phil Beck, Jeff Strand, Angela Grabowski, Lance Zilles, Dale Vassar, Dillon Field, and Pete Keding. If you see them around town, please thank them for their service, they have earned it!

Some of our current Reserve Officers have retired from their personal careers, some are actively gaining experience in the law enforcement field for their future career, and others donate their time in addition to balancing their own career. For people who want to give back to their community and want to be involved in public safety, contact Officer Ben Anderson at 763-479-0500.



WEST HENNEPIN PUBLIC SAFETY NEWS



NIGHT TO UNITE BIGGER THAN EVER! 11 PARTIES HELD



On August 5, 2014, the Maple Plain and Independence joined other cities all across the country as they recognized a Night to Unite. Whether it is a suspicious vehicle, a solicitor working in the area without authorization, damage or vandalism that is happening, or simply traffic issues or complaints, the WHPS department needs the assistance of the citizens in the neighborhood to call the police, report suspicious activity, or tip us off to issues that may affect the community. Night to Unite is a great way to meet WHPS officers and learn more about the services they provide.



ENVIRONMENTAL REMINDERS AND UPDATES



REDUCING WASTE AT HOME

Households in Minnesota are creating and throwing away more waste than ever. From junk mail to excess paint to food scraps - it takes a lot of time and money to deal with all the garbage! Fortunately, there's a lot you can do to reduce your waste at home. Here are a few ideas:

Reduce Excess Paper at Home

A good portion of what you throw in the garbage each day is paper. Much of the paper generated in our homes comes from mail.

Recycling junk mail is good, but reducing the flow of junk mail will conserve natural resources, save landfill space, and save you time and money. To reduce the flow of junk mail, you can:

1. Get off most national marketing lists by registering with the Direct Marketing Association's Mail Preference Service at PO Box 9008, Farmingdale, NY 11735-9008,
2. Stop certain catalogs by contacting individual mailers and asking them to remove you from their mailing lists, and
3. Stop the mailings of credit card offers by calling 1-888-5-OPT-OUT.

Reduce Packaging Waste

Packaging makes up 30 percent of municipal waste. You can reduce the amount of packaging you throw in the garbage by purchasing items that have less packaging.

Prevent Food Waste and Compost Organics

Food is wasted in many ways, such as by preparing too much, letting fresh food go bad, and/or buying too much. You can prevent food waste by:

1. Planning meals and creating a list of what you need before you go to the store, thus buying only what you need,
2. Composting leftover fruit or vegetable food waste with your yard waste, and
3. Donating excess canned goods to a food shelf.

Learn more about what you can do at www.reduce.org

REDUCE





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WEST HENNEPIN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BOO MARKET



Halloween is just around the corner....boo!

On October 25, 2014, the West Hennepin Chamber of Commerce will be host to the Boo Market.

The market will feature all sorts of scary fun like: Pumpkin decorating, cookie decorating, bean bag toss, and *more!*

Join us at the Maple Plain Food Center parking lot, from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., located at 1500 Howard Avenue, Maple Plain.



SCARECROWS AT MAPLE PLAIN BUSINESSES

Ready for some more Halloween fun?

Starting in October, businesses throughout Maple Plain will be participating in the second annual scarecrow contest. Businesses will be constructing the scarecrows outside in a place for people to enjoy as they walk or drive by.

Watch for the spooky creations as they pop up throughout town!



2014 MAPLE PLAIN FIRE DEPARTMENT STEAK FRY



The Maple Plain Fire Department will host its annual Steak Fry on Saturday, October 4. The event is held in conjunction with National Fire Safety Week and Fire Prevention.

There will be activities for the entire family, a silent auction, and a Department Open House. Hot dog meals will be available.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE RIBBON CUTTING AT THE MERCANTILE



The Mercantile Ribbon Cutting

The Chamber has been busy with ribbon cuttings and welcoming new businesses into Maple Plain. Chamber Board members and Maple Plain City Councilmembers are pictured to the left at the most recent ribbon cutting event at The Mercantile.

The Mercantile is a vintage store located at 1570 Budd Avenue in Maple Plain.



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TRUNK OR TREAT AT INDEPENDENCE CITY HALL FOR ALL



The City of Independence is renowned for having beautiful spacious lots, long driveways, and farms; making it less than ideal for trick-or-treaters to go door-to-door, especially with Minnesota's unpredictable weather. So, the city is offering a safer and easier way to allow your little ghosts and goblins a way to go trick-or-treating.

City staff is asking **Independence and Maple Plain residents** to come to City Hall with your car trunks decorated and to be ready to hand out treats to the kids walking car-to-car.

The Hours to Trunk-or-Treat (trick-or-treat) will be from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, October 30th, at Independence City Hall - 1920 County Road 90, Independence, MN 55359

Should the weather be bad, the Community Room will be open and there will be access to restrooms and warm refreshments.

Please register to attend or volunteer by completing the online application www.independence.govoffice.com
The Application Deadline is Wednesday, October 22nd

THANKSGIVING DINNER AT INDEPENDENCE CITY HALL

There is no need to spend Thanksgiving alone. Share in free turkey dinner at Independence City Hall.

**Thursday, November 27, 2014
Thanksgiving Day at 1:00 p.m.
Independence City Hall - 1920 County Road 90**

A group of volunteers will serve a free turkey dinner with all the trimmings to those who may find themselves alone on the Thanksgiving holiday. All you need to do to participate is to call Independence City Hall to make your reservation.



Terry Kruger and a crew of volunteers are now hosting the annual event. It will be catered by Dan and Phyllis from Dobo's Café, along with their staff. All are welcome!

Please call Independence City Hall at 763-479-0527 to make your reservation.



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34TH ANNUAL "VIEW SANTA" EVENT

West Hennepin Public Safety Reserves are sponsoring the 34th Annual "VIEW SANTA" Event which will be held on December 6.

Santa's route has changed slightly in the City of Independence this year. The Reserves will be collecting NONPERISHABLE food and monetary donations for the Maple Plain Food Shelf.



Come meet Santa and take photos at:

City of Independence City Hall Parking Lot (1920 County Road 90) from **3:40 to 4:00 p.m.**
Maple Plain City Hall Parking Lot (1620 Maple Avenue) from **5:15 to 5:45 p.m.**

The Route will be as follow

- 4:10 p.m. - Pagenkopf Rd/Becker Rd
- 4:15 p.m. - Pagenkopf Rd/McDow
- 4:20 p.m. - Pagenkopf Rd/Independence Rd
- 4:25 p.m. - North Budd Ave. and Maple Plain Comm. Church
- 4:50 p.m. - Independence St, Howard Ave., and Drake Street
- 5:00 p.m. - Perkins Lane, Independence Street, Howard Avenue, and Main St. East
- 6:00 p.m. - Budd Avenue, Bryantwood Drive, Joyce Street and Bryant Street
- 6:15 p.m.. - Prairieland Avenue, Joyce Street, and Wyman Avenue (Haven Homes)
- 6:40 p.m. - Bryant Street and Pioneer Avenue
- 7:15 p.m. - Main Street West, Halgren Road, Parkview Avenue and Rainbow Avenue
- 7:35 p.m. - Main Street West, Parkview Road and Three Oaks Avenue

UPCOMING EVENTS AROUND TOWN

- Sat. October 4 - Maple Plain Fire Department Steak Fry
- Sat. October 11 - Loretto Fire Department Open House
- Mon. October 13 - Cities of Independence and Maple Plain Offices Closed - Columbus Day
- Sat. October 25 - Boo Market at MPFC Parking Lot
- Thu. October 30 - Truck or Treat at Independence City Hall Parking Lot
- Tue. - November 4 - General Election
- Tue. November 11 - Cities of Independence and Maple Plain Offices Closed - Veterans Day
- Thu. November 27 - Cities of Independence and Maple Plain Offices Closed - Thanksgiving
- Thu. November 27 - Thanksgiving Dinner at City of Independence City Hall
- Fri. November 28 - Cities of Independence and Maple Plain Offices Closed - Thanksgiving
- Sat. December 6 - 34th Annual "View Santa"
- Thu. December 25 - Cities of Independence and Maple Plain Offices Closed - Christmas

City of Independence Meetings

City Council: 2nd & 4th Tuesdays at 7:30 PM
Planning Commission: 2nd Monday at 7:30 PM

City of Maple Plain Meetings

City Council: 2nd & 4th Mondays at 7:00 PM
Council Workshops: 4th Monday at 5:30 PM
Economic Development Authority: 2nd Monday
at 5:30 PM
Planning Commission: 1st Thursday at 7:00 PM
Parks Commission: 3rd Monday at 7:00 PM



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TOYS FOR TOTS AT THE CITIES OF INDEPENDENCE AND MAPLE PLAIN



Independence City Hall is once again participating as a drop-off site for Toys for Tots.

Maple Plain City Hall will also host as a drop-off site for 2014 at their new location located at the Discovery Center.

Both cities will be collecting new, unwrapped toys that will be distributed to needy children in our communities starting in late November and running through mid-December. Exact program dates will be announced. Toys for all ages will be accepted.

Look for the Toys for Tots boxes at both locations!

HENNEPIN COUNTY LIBRARY EVENTS



Dance Together - Tuesdays, Oct. 7-21, 6:30 - 7:15 p.m.
Registration required which begins Sept. 9. Register online or call 612-543-5700.
Children 1 and up.

Genealogy Research: Birth, Love and Death - Saturday, Oct. 25, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Registration required which begins Sept. 27. Register online or call 612-543-5700.

Make This: Anime and Manga Drawings - Tuesday, Nov. 4, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Registration required which begins Oct. 7. Register online or call 612-543-5700.
Grades 7 - 12.

Community Book Club List

- October 16 - *The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind* by William Kamawamba
- November 20 - *Griffin and Sabine* by Nick Bantock
- December 18 - *The Uncommon Reader* by Alan Bennett



Storytime - Thursdays, Oct. 2, Oct. 16, Oct. 23, Oct. 30, Nov. 6, Nov. 13 & Nov. 20. Register online or call 612-543-5700.

Family Storytime - 11:00 - 11:45 a.m.
For children of all ages and their parent or caregiver.

Baby Storytime - 10:00 - 10:45 a.m.
For children from birth to 24 months and their parent or caregiver.

LIBRARY HOURS: Tuesdays: Noon-8 p.m. Thursdays and Saturdays: 9 a.m.—5 p.m.
Register for fun upcoming events at www.hclib.org/pub or call 612.543.5700.



COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS



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DELANO SENIOR CENTER 234 2nd Street North

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The Delano Senior Center and Senior Dining Program is open Mon. - Thur. from 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. and Fridays 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. All seniors are invited to participate in the Senior Center's programs and nutritious, tasty dinner served at noon every day! The center van is also available to bring seniors to the center and for other trips.

Legal Aid Help*	1st Mon. of each month	1:00 and 1:30 p.m.
Eye Glass Repair	1st Tue. of each month	11:30 a.m.
Blood Pressure Clinic	Tuesdays	Noon - 2 p.m.
Exercise	Wed. & Fri.	11:20 - 11:40 a.m.
BINGO	Mon 11:15 a.m./Fri. 12:40 p.m.	
500 Cards	2nd & 4th Wed.	1:00 p.m.
Bridge	2nd & 4th Mon.	1:00 p.m.
Farkel	1st & 3rd Tue.	1:00 p.m.
Mexican Train Dominos	2nd & 4th Tue.	1:00 p.m.
Cribbage	1st & 3rd Wed.	1:00 p.m.
Choir	Practices every Mon.	TBD
Storytheater	Practices 1st & 3rd Tue.	TBD
Writer's Group	1st & 3rd Thur.	10:30 a.m.
Book Club	3rd Wed.	10:30 a.m.
Birthdays Celebrated	2nd Mon. of each month	Noon
Parkinson Support Group	3rd Thur. of each month	2:30 p.m.



**Movie Club is held
Thursdays at 1:00 p.m.**

Upcoming Dates:

**October 2
October 9
October 16
October 23
October 30**

SPECIAL EVENTS

**Navigating Medicare
Presentation**
Tues. Sept. 30 @ 9:00 p.m.

**Life Could Be a Dream
at Old Log Theatre**
Wed. Oct. 1 @ 11:00 a.m.
Cost \$56

Shopping Trip to Buffalo
Thurs. Oct. 2 @ 9:00 a.m.
\$6 bus fee

**Dinner at Red Lobster in
Golden Valley**
Mon. Oct. 6 @ 4:00 p.m.
\$8 bus fee

**Two Buck Tuesday Senior
Dining**
Thurs. Oct. 7 @ noon

**Virtual Tour of Historic
Ames-Florida-Stork House**
Mon. Oct. 20 @ 1:00 p.m.



COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS



**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH
IS ELECTION DAY!**



Polling Precincts will be open starting at 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

**Independence has one precinct located at 1920 County Road 90, Independence, MN.
Maple Plain has one precinct, which location has changed to 5050 Independence Street, Maple Plain, MN.**

To find a sample ballot, voter registration information, where to vote, how to vote absentee, or to view primary results, log onto the Secretary of State's website at: www.sos.state.mn.us.

Absentee voting is available now. If you are unable to vote in person, you may apply to receive an absentee ballot. Apply in person at your City Hall or apply online on the Secretary of State's website - www.sos.state.mn.us.

Extended hours for absentee voting are available on:
Saturday, November 1st, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. and Monday, November 3rd, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Absentee Ballots must be completed in person or mailed to your City Hall.

**Maple Plain City Hall
1620 Maple Avenue
Maple Plain, MN 55359**

**Independence City Hall
1920 County Road 90
Independence, MN 55359**



Mailing Address

**Maple Plain City Hall
P.O. Box 97
Maple Plain, MN 55359**

PLEASE NOTE: Starting October 15th, City Hall will be moving to the Discovery Center Building

MAPLE PLAIN CITY HALL MOVING TO DISCOVERY CENTER IN OCTOBER– REMINDER

With the 2014 General Election coming up in November, we want to remind residents that, in mid-October, Maple Plain City Hall will be moving from its current location on Maple Avenue to the Discovery Center located at 5050 Independence Street.

Upon entering the Discovery Center, Maple Plain City Hall will be located directly to the left. Please call city staff at 763-479-0515 if you have any questions regarding the move.





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MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION



SAFETY REMINDER FOR HALLOWEEN

STAY SAFE! Halloween Safety Tips



The cities of Maple Plain and Independence, and WHPS would like to remind residents that a safe Halloween is a fun Halloween!

Some safety tips for parents and trick-or-treaters:

- Children should be accompanied by an adult;
- Use sidewalks and if sidewalks are not present, walk toward oncoming traffic;
- Look both ways before crossing the street;
- Use reflective tape on costumes or carry and use a flashlight;
- To reduce the risk of trips and falls, avoid masks or costumes that limit vision or movement.

Some safety tips for motorists:

- Watch for children
- Obey traffic signs and signals. Reduce your speed, especially in residential areas where children are likely to be present;
- Trick-or-Treaters may not pay attention to traffic; be prepared to stop if someone darts out midblock or from between park cars;
- Don't text and drive and avoid being distracted by electronic devices.

AMERICAN LEGION CORRECTION

In our last newsletter, Col. Maureen Bansvige's name was misspelled. We apologize for this.



CITY OF INDEPENDENCE NEWS

LORETTO FIRE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE

Date: Saturday, October 11th, 2013
Time: 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Location: Loretto Fire Station
 259 N. Medina Street, Loretto, MN 55357



Enjoy a Pig Roast Dinner (free will offering), games, inflatables, Silent Auction, Face Painting, Fire Truck Rides, demonstrations, free drawings and more!



CITY OF MAPLE PLAIN NEWS

REDUCING WASTEWATER IN MAPLE PLAIN

The cost of everything is going up, or so it seems, including the cost of necessities such as water and the treatment of wastewater. In every metro community there's a charge for treating water that's been used (wastewater) and a charge for clean water (storm water) that gets into the sanitary sewer system. In Maple Plain, charges for the unnecessary treating of that extra clean water are high.

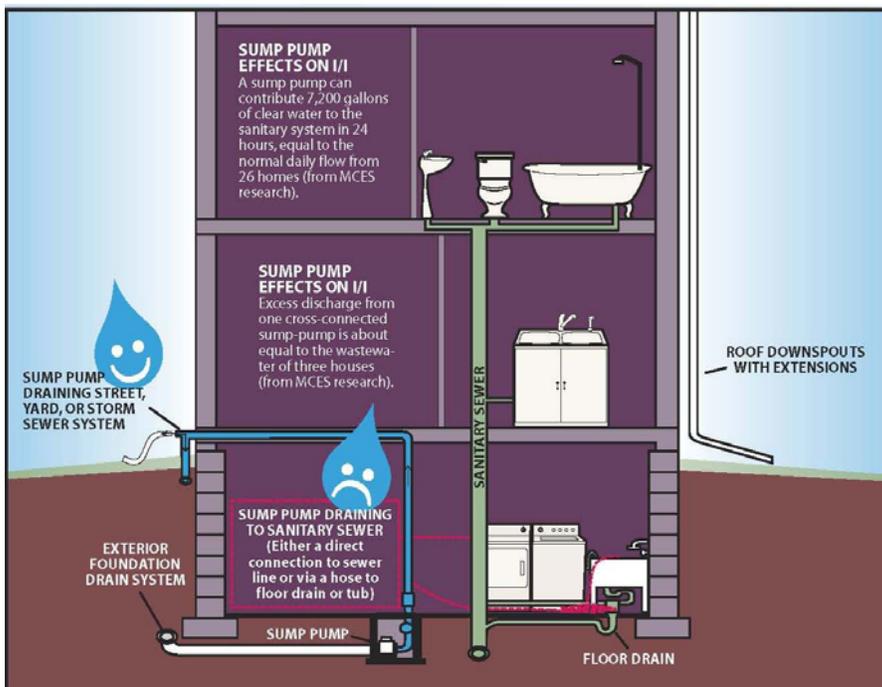
Wastewater from homes and businesses must be treated before it reenters the environment. Maple Plain's sanitary sewer system, like 103 other communities in Minnesota, connects into the **Metropolitan Council Environmental Services (MCES)** regional interceptor system, and is ultimately treated by the Metro Wastewater Plant. Unfortunately, Maple Plain is one of about 60 communities that overloads the

treatment system with clean water following heavy rains. This is referred to as **inflow and infiltration (I/I)**.

THE DRAIN OF INFLOW AND INFILTRATION (I/I)

There are two major sources of inflow and infiltration (I/I) surpluses. **Inflow** is usually traced to sump pumps that are directed (cross-connected) to discharge into the city's sanitary sewer system. They are often connected via a hose leading from the sump pump to a laundry tub or a floor drain. **Infiltration** occurs when groundwater seeps into sanitary sewer pipes through cracks or joints.

Treating clean run-off and ground water wastes about \$300 to \$400 million annually, according to MCES. Additional costs can stem from when storm water exceeds the



sanitary system's capacity causing wastewater to spill out of a manhole or back up into basements.

The most cost-effective solution to I/I, according to MCES, is a region-wide effort to disconnect sump pumps and foundation drains connected to sanitary sewers and to repair leaky sanitary sewer pipes.

REDUCING MAPLE PLAIN'S EXCESS I/I

Since the inception of its sanitary sewer system, the city of Maple Plain has battled infiltration by maintaining a regular schedule of cleaning and maintenance by televising the public system to identify and correct any problems.

As directed by the Met Council, the city updated its Comprehensive Plan in 2010 to include a surface-water management plan and a comprehensive sanitary sewer plan (a program to reduce groundwater and rainwater in the sanitary sewers). Part of the city's initiative is an education campaign explaining to residents what they can do about reducing Maple Plain's excess I/I.



CITY OF MAPLE PLAIN NEWS

REDUCING MAPLE PLAIN'S EXCESS I/I (CONTINUED...)

Since 2007, as a means to reduce **infiltration** from private sanitary lateral lines (lines that connect homes and businesses to the public line) the city has, on a yearly basis, inspected lines through a method of televising to determine aging, cracking or growth of roots through the pipe. The repair of identified damaged lines has helped to reduce infiltration of clean water after storm events.

Residents can help reduce **inflow** by directing their sump pump discharges into their yards directly onto the ground (about 20 feet from the house but not into the neighbor's yard).

The city of Maple Plain's sewer rate is partly determined by the amount of wastewater that is sent to the Metro Wastewater Treatment Plant; this includes the unnecessary cleaning of clean water from I/I.

Help reduce Maple Plain's excess I/I.

CITY OF MAPLE PLAIN DEDICATED A HEARTSAFE CITY

On August 11, the city of Maple Plain was dedicated a HeartSafe City. Community leaders Julie Maas-Kusske and Carol Cheswick led the effort. They were recognized by North Memorial, City Council and the West Hennepin Chamber of Commerce for their efforts.

Maple Plain joins about 30 Minnesota cities in receiving this distinction. Thank you Julie and Carol for all of your work!



MAPLE PLAIN CITY PROJECT UPDATES

Move to Discovery Center and Downtown Redevelopment Project: Maple Plain City Hall will be moving to the Discovery Center in October. We will host a grand opening for residents and businesses to stop in and see our new location. We understand that there are some concerns about moving City Hall, but based on a Facilities Study, this was the most economic and efficient solution for the interim. The City Council and EDA continues to work on the Downtown Redevelopment and as part of that development, this move is essential.

Construction Projects: Thank you everyone for your cooperation and patience with the city and staff during all of our construction projects around town. While summer is usually an orange season with construction, our residents and businesses have experienced an enormous amount of cones and rerouting. It is the goal of City Council to maintain its infrastructure and these projects were necessary.

City Council Long Term Planning: The City Council has been working on creating a five-year budget, capital improvement plan, pavement maintenance and improvement plan, and a parks capital improvement plan. As we are in the process, the Council and staff welcomes feedback. All concerns and comments can be sent to Tessia Melvin, City Administrator at tmelvin@mapleplain.com or 763.479.0516.

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MAPLE PLAIN DAYS THANK YOU

A special thank you to the Maple Plain Days Committee, sponsors and volunteers for making the 2014 Maple Days a huge success.

There is no way that the event would take place without the endless time and energy from each person involved and the contributions from our sponsors.

THANK YOU!

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2015 MAPLE PLAIN DAYS TO BE A JOINT EVENT

Next year, 2015 Maple Plain Days will become a collaborative event between the cities of Maple Plain and Independence.

Much of what we have come to enjoy about Maple Plain Days will stay the same, except that the event will celebrate two communities instead of one.

This year we were fortunate to have a beautiful weekend. Thank you to all who were able to attend to celebrate community. While we just concluded this year's event, it is never too soon to start planning for next year. See you there!



METRO TRANSIT BUS COMING TO MAPLE PLAIN PARK AND RIDE



Beginning Monday, December 15, two Route 674 will extend to Maple Plain. Two morning buses will leave the Maple Plain Park and Ride at 6:10 a.m. and 6:42 a.m. and will be scheduled to arrive downtown Minneapolis at 2nd Avenue and 6th Street at 7:12 a.m. and 7:44 a.m. respectively.

The afternoon trips will depart at 4:47 p.m. and 5:17 p.m. and will arrive at the Park and Ride at 5:51 p.m. and 6:21 p.m. respectively. For questions or concerns, please contact Steve Mahowald, Senior Transit Planner at steve.mahowald@metrotransit.org or 612-349-7775.