

# MAPLE PLAIN

and

# INDEPENDENCE



## SHARED CITY NEWSLETTER

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### LETTER FROM BOTH CITY ADMINISTRATORS



We are excited to introduce the first edition of the new joint Independence and Maple Plain newsletter. Over the past several months the two city councils and staffs have discussed ways to share services. This newsletter is



one example of how we can cooperate with each other. The new look of the newsletter and joint production allows us to expand the newsletter while saving each city significant printing and production costs. Additionally, news and events happening in one city certainly can affect residents in another city. Please let us know what you think of the new joint newsletter and any ideas for what you would like to see in future editions. See page 11 for contact information.

**Toni Hirsch, City of Independence & Tessia Melvin, City of Maple Plain**

### MAPLE PLAIN DAYS BUTTON: GREAT SAVINGS

The City of Independence will not host its Heritage Days this year. This year, Independence is a sponsor of Maple Plain Days. Next year, the goal is to merge the two events.

This year the Maple Plain Days Volunteers are selling buttons to help with the expenses of the event. The \$5 button will get you the following during the event: **One Free I-Cee, Bag of Kettle Corn, Game of Bingo, Prize from the Chamber and City Booth and One chance to win an I-Pad Air.**

Buttons will be sold at both Maple Plain and Independence City Halls and local businesses. The Committee is also looking for sponsors and volunteers. Both corporate and individual sponsorships help fund the event. Volunteers help make sure it all happens. If you are interested contact Tessia Melvin, [tmelvin@mapleplain.com](mailto:tmelvin@mapleplain.com) or 763.479.0516. See pages 15-16 for 2014 schedule.





# COMMUNITY LETTERS



## COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS AND VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARDS



Jack Henrich, Marvin Johnson and Nate Jerde

The City of Maple Plain announced its Volunteer of the Year and Community Service Awards (CSA) on Monday, June 9. The Council presented a CSA to both Jack Henrich, past firefighter and owner of Bergerson Caswell, Inc., and Marvin Johnson City of Independence Mayor. Nate Jerde, past Maple Plain Fire Department Chief, was recognized as Volunteer of the Year.

## LETTER OF THANKS FROM RAY MCCOY

Dear Residents of Maple Plain and Independence,

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to the citizens, staff and councils of Maple Plain and

Independence for the opportunity to serve you as a police officer over the last 30 years. A special thank you to Mayor Hackbarth, Mayor Sweeney and Mayor Johnson for your strong support of West Hennepin Public Safety during my tenure as Director of Public Safety.

Your wise counsel and unending support greatly appreciated. The over whelming receipt of cards, attendance at my retirement festivities and words of appreciation and encouragement were humbling. I have counted it a distinct honor and privilege to have had the opportunity to serve our communities as your Director of Public Safety the last 13 years. Any success that I have had is directly contributed to the staff and officers at West Hennepin Public Safety.

Lastly, I want to say thank you and express my gratefulness to my wonderful bride, Bobbi, and our family for the unwavering support and sacrifices they have made as I served our communities.

Again, many thanks for allowing me to serve you for the last 30 years.

Ray McCoy, Retired Director of Public Safety



Pictured above "Ray McCoy Day" hosted by the Discovery Center in April. Children, parents and staff thanked Ray for his service.

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# WEST HENNEPIN PUBLIC SAFETY NEWS



## WEST HENNEPIN NAMES NEW SGT. AND HIRES TWO NEW OFFICERS



**Officer Rosati**



**Officer Kordiak**



**Sergeant  
Denneson**

West Hennepin Public Safety recently hired two new officers: Matt Rosati and Jeff Kordiak. They also filled Sgt. Kroells position, as he was recently named Director of Public. Officer Rick Denneson was promoted to Sergeant. “We are lucky to have three great guys filling the three roles,” said Gary Kroells, Director of Public Safety. “It was a tough choice as we were fortunate to have many great candidates.

## MESSAGE FROM DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY KROELLS

As the new Director, I want to assure you that West Hennepin Public Safety (WHPS) Department will continue to provide high quality police service for the citizens of Maple Plain and Independence. As directed by our police commission, WHPS Department is committed to providing our citizens with 24/7 police coverage, traffic enforcement, narcotics investigations, performing our own criminal investigations, emergency management for both cities, and direct involvement with our community education programs.

WHPS has a Mission Statement that is very simple and clear. Our officers are to protect and serve the citizens of Maple Plain and Independence in a professional and compassionate manner. We will continue this mission by following our core values of honor, courage, common sense, respect, dignity, loyalty, fairness and trust.



**Public Safety Director  
Kroells**

WHPS Officers and our volunteer Police Reserves are hard workers who are dedicated to serving our communities. They are well trained police officers that display honor, courage and common sense. Thank you for your continued support of our police department and officers. We are committed to serving and protecting our citizens and our communities. If you ever have a question or concern, do not hesitate to stop in or call 763.479.0500. Or if you'd like to sit down and chat with the chief, call or stop in to make an appointment.



# WEST HENNEPIN PUBLIC SAFETY NEWS



**Night to Unite**  
**Tuesday August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014**  
**West Hennepin Public Safety Departments**  
**Official Registration Form**  
**Registration Deadline is**  
**07/31/2014**

Coordinators Name	Home Phone	Work Phone
Street Address	Cell Phone	E-Mail
Helpers Name	Home Phone	Work Phone

Location of party event if different  
 Than coordinator's address:

Is this your first time hosting a block party?	Will you be having music? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Start Time*	End Time*	Theme Party?	# of households expected	# of Children	# of Adults
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\*Due to the large number of neighborhoods that participate in Night to Unite, we are unable to accommodate specific requests (eg, squad cars or fire truck at a specific time). We will do our best to have a squad and fire truck visit every gathering that has registered!

Will you be blocking off your street? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Any special arrangements must be approved by Sgt. Denneson from WHPS.

Plans for party/event:

Please number in order of preference 1,2,3,	West Hennepin Police	Local Fire Department	
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**Mail Form to**

**Fax form to:**

**Deadline:**

West Hennepin Public Safety Department  
 1918 County Road 90  
 Independence MN, 55359

West Hennepin PSD  
 Attn: Sgt. Rick Denneson  
 Fax: (763) 479-0504

July 31, 2014



# PUBLIC SAFETY NEWS



## WANTED: PARTY HOSTS

Join neighbors across Maple Plain and Independence on Tuesday, August 5, for the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Night to Unite in Minnesota. Night to Unite was created to celebrate and strengthen neighborhood and community partnerships. West Hennepin Public Safety would like to encourage neighborhoods to get together between 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. If you are interested in being a neighborhood host site, please complete form on page 4 and return it to West Hennepin.

## MOCK CRASH BRINGS HORRIFIC SCENE TO HIGH SCHOOL

On April 23, the Orono High School parking lot became the scene of a mock car crash that was staged to teach lessons, make an impact, and provide training for local emergency responders. Together West Hennepin Public Safety and the Maple Plain Fire Department, along with other emergency responders and some drama students, staged the car crash during Prom week to provide chilling insight into the dangers of drinking and driving, and texting while driving. The mock crash, which involved medical and fire response, and resulted in the mock death of one teenager. The horrific scene engendered genuine tears and disbelief from onlookers as it played out.



Mock crash illustrates the consequences of inattentive driving.



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR 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 and a Department Open House.

## LORETTO FIRE DEPARTMENT HOSTS NIGHT TO UNITE

The Loretto Fire Department will also host their Night to Unite on Tuesday, August 5, from 5—9 p.m. The following will be provided: food, games, bounce houses, truck rides, safety tips and more. The event will take place at the Loretto Fire Station.





# ENVIRONMENTAL REMINDERS AND UPDATES



## TIRED OF MOSQUITOS? CALL METROPOLITAN MOSQUITO CONTROL AGENCY

After spending some time outside, are you finding yourself itching and scratching more than usual? A likely culprit causing that itch is mosquitos. The abundance of rain this season is helping these pests thrive. If you are experiencing excessive levels of mosquitoes, Metropolitan Mosquito Control Agency (MMCD) may be able to help. Call MMCD at 651.645.9149, or email [mmcdmosq@mmcd.org](mailto:mmcdmosq@mmcd.org). An inspector may take mosquito population samples to determine if mosquito levels are high enough to warrant treatment. When applied correctly, these products pose no measurable risk to human health or the environment.



## 2014 CLEANUP DAY RESULTS

The 2014 Cleanup Day was another success for the cities of Independence and Maple Plain as it provided a resource for residents to get rid of junk, metal, tires, batteries, appliances and light bulbs.	Item	2014	2013
	Junk (ton)	10.16 ton	8.2 ton
	Scrap Metal (ton)	4.82 ton	3.56 ton
	Tires (total count)	53	46
	Batteries/ electronics (total)	8,990 lbs	35 batteries
	Appliances (total count)	51	51
	Light Bulbs (total count)	287	173

## CHOOSE TO REUSE COUPON BOOKS VALID AUGUST 1-OCTOBER 31

Choose to Reuse coupon books will be valid August 1—October 31. This book will get you great deals on quality products, plus it supports businesses and protects the environment. Pick up a coupon book at all Hennepin County Service Centers, Hennepin County libraries and all Three River Park District locations. You can also get an App for your phone.



For more information, or to find the reuse options using the Choose to Reuse directory, visit [www.hennepin.us/choosetoreuse](http://www.hennepin.us/choosetoreuse) or call 612.348.3777.

## 2014 HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION EVENTS

### Jul 31– Aug 2

Jenny Lind Elementary School  
50126 Dupont Ave. N.  
Minneapolis, MN 55430

### Aug 21-23

340 27th Ave. NE  
Minneapolis, MN 55418

### Sept. 18-20

University of MN Parking Lot C66  
2904 Fairmont Street SE  
Minneapolis, MN 55414

### Oct 2-4

Public Works Department  
24200 Smithtown Road  
Shorewood, MN 55331

### Oct 9-11

Minneapolis Public Works  
3607 East 44th Street  
Minneapolis, MN 55406

### Year Round

Hennepin County Recycling Center  
8100 Jefferson Highway  
Brooklyn Park, MN 55445  
South Hennepin Recycling Drop-Off  
1400 West 96th Street  
Bloomington, MN 55431

**For more information, call 612.348.3777 or to see the entire list of acceptable materials visit**

[www.hennepin.us/residents/recycling-hazardous-waste/collection-events](http://www.hennepin.us/residents/recycling-hazardous-waste/collection-events).



# COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS



## AMERICAN LEGION POST 514 AND AUXILIARY HOSTS MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM



**Honor Guard**



Doris Stuckmayer, Gerti Corpe & Marilyn Hamilton



**Col. Maureen Vanavige**

Travelling from Oregon, Gerti Corpe, attended the annual Memorial Day service at the Lewis Cemetery, with hundreds of other gatherers. Also in attendance and speaker was Col. Maureen Vanavige, a resident of Independence, who served more than 20 years in the Air Force both active duty and reserve. Hennepin County Judge William Koch and guest speaker and Pastor Gregg Tisor of Maple Plain Community Church participated in the events. Music was provided by the Orono High School Band and Orono Student Voices.

### UPCOMING EVENTS AROUND TOWN

- Fri. July 4 — Cities of Maple Plain and Independence Closed
- Tues. July 8, 2-2:30 p.m. — Maple Plain Library A Sense of Science
- Tues. July 22, 2 p.m. — Maple Plain Library Bill the Juggler
- Thurs. July 31 — Night to Unite Forms Due
- Tues. August 5, 5-8 p.m. — Night to Unite (West Hennepin Public Safety and Maple Plain Fire Department)
- Tues. August 5, 5-9 p.m. — Night to Unite (Loretto Fire Department)
- Thurs. August 15 — Maple Plain Days (see back page for schedule)
- Fri. August 16 — Maple Plain Days (see back page for schedule)
- Sat. August 17 — Maple Plain Days (see back page for schedule)
- Mon. September 1 — Cities of Maple Plain and Independence Closed
- Sat. October 4 — Maple Plain Fire Department Steak Fry

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



# COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS



## WEST HENNEPIN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE RIBBON CUTTINGS



**UFC Ribbon Cutting**



**Wedding Chix 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 picture above at the most recent events at UFC and Wedding Chix.

## MAPLE PLAIN LIBRARY REOPENS AFER ITS RENOVATION

The Maple Plain Library, part of the Hennepin County library system, re-opened Saturday, June 7 after renovation that included: new carpeting, study tables, shelving, book bins and improvements to the children's area.



**Adult Area**



**Children's Area**



**Computer/Study Area**

**LIBRARY HOURS:** Tuesdays: Noon-8 p.m. Thursdays and Saturdays: 9 a.m.—5 p.m.  
**Events:** Tues. July 8: 2-2:30 A Sense of Science and Tues. July 22 at 2 p.m. Bill the Juggler  
 Register for fun upcoming events at [www.hclib.org/pub](http://www.hclib.org/pub) or call 612.543.5700.

## BUDD STREET IMPROVEMENTS DELAYED

The City of Maple Plain will begin work on Budd Street, from Independence to Main Street East, in August. This project was originally scheduled to begin June 1, but it was delayed due to a MNDOT permit. Due to the celebration of Maple Plain Days, it will be delayed until August 18.



# COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS



## CONTACTS

Gail Sinkel,  
Senior Center  
Coordinator

Linda Van Lith,  
Senior Center Assistant  
Coordinator



## DELANO SENIOR CENTER

Office: 763.972.0574 Fax: 763.972.9034

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.

<b>Legal Aid Help</b>	1st Mon. of every month	1 and 1:30 p.m.
<b>Eye Glass Repair</b>	1st Tue. Of every month	11:30 a.m.
<b>Blood Pressure Clinic</b>	Tuesdays	Noon—2 p.m.
<b>Exercise</b>	Wed. & Fri.	11:20 –11:40 a.m.
<b>BINGO</b>	Mon 11:15 a.m./Fri. 12:40 p.m.	
<b>500 Cards</b>	2nd & 4th Wed.	1 p.m.
<b>Bridge</b>	2nd & 4th Mon.	1 p.m.
<b>Farkel</b>	1st & 3rd Tue.	1 p.m.
<b>Mexican Train Dominos</b>	2nd & 4th Tue.	1 p.m.
<b>Cribbage</b>	1st & 3rd Wed.	1 p.m.
<b>Choir</b>	Practices every Mon.	10 a.m.
<b>Storytheater</b>	Practices 1st & 3rd Tue.	10 a.m.
<b>Writers Group</b>	1st & 3rd Thur.	10:30 a.m.
<b>Book Club</b>	3rd Wed.	10:30 a.m.
<b>Birthdays</b>	2nd Mon. of each month	Noon
<b>Parkinson Support Group</b>	3rd Thur. of the month	2:30 p.m.



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

**Upcoming Dates:**

**July 3**

**July 10**

**July 17**

**July 24**

**July 31**

**Closed for Independence  
Day: Friday, July 4**

## SPECIAL EVENTS

**Buffalo Shopping**  
Tues. July 8 @ 9 a.m.

**Music by Lyndon Peterson  
and his one man band**  
Tues. July 15  
@ 11:15 a.m.

**Eden Prairie Center  
Shopping**  
Wed. July 16 @ 9 a.m.

**Bucks Restaurant in Long  
Lake, Serving "Buckhorn  
Chicken"**  
Mon. July 21 @ 4:45 p.m.  
\$9.95 for dinner plus van ride

**Ridgedale Shopping**  
Thurs. July 24 @ 9 a.m.

**4– Hour Driving Refresher  
through St. Cloud State**  
Thurs. Aug. 7 @ 5:30 p.m.

**Treasure Island Casino Trip**  
Tues. Aug. 12 @ 7:30



# COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS



## IMPORTANT ELECTION DATES

### PRIMARY ELECTION

- **June 27– August 11:** Absentee Voting for State Primary
- **July 22:** Last day to pre-register for primary election
- **July 29-August 12:** Candidate filing for Councilmembers (Maple Plain)



### ONLINE VOTER REGISTRATION

Minnesota voters can now request an absentee ballot online. A new tool, launched by the Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State at [mnvotes.org](http://mnvotes.org), allows voters to apply for an absentee ballot quickly and easily without the need to print, scan forms, and return by mail, fax or email.

Voters may request an absentee ballot for both the August 12 Primary Election and November 4 General Election. Ballots for those elections will be mailed when they become available on June 27 and September 19, respectively. Upon requesting an absentee ballot, voters may use the “Absentee Ballot Lookup” tool at [mnvotes.org](http://mnvotes.org) to find the status of their ballot, such as when it was mailed, and if their completed ballot was received and accepted by their local elections office.

Minnesota voters no longer need an excuse to vote absentee, such as being ill or out of their precinct on Election Day. As a result, more voters can vote early by absentee to avoid long lines and waits at the polling place. Alternatively, voters may continue to request absentee ballots by mail, and vote absentee in person.

Absentee ballot applications are also available online for military and overseas voters. Please note that paper applications are still available.

### Absentee Ballot Application

You can vote by absentee ballot beginning 46 days preceding an election. Absentee ballots will be available for the August 12 primary election on June 27 and on September 19 for the November 4 general election.



To begin the process, request an absentee ballot online or complete an Absentee Ballot Application at your City Hall. Absentee Voters may vote in person or complete the entire process by mail. If you are not a registered voter, a voter registration card will be included with your ballot, and must be returned with the ballot.

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



# CONTACT INFORMATION



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**Matt Morris, Public Works**  
publicworks@mapleplain.com  
763.479.0525



## COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS



Stop in and cheer on the Maple Plain Town Team on the following dates:

Tues. July, 1: 7:30 p.m. @ Buffalo  
 Sun. July 6: 5 p.m. Home against Cokato  
 Wed. July 9: 6:30 p.m. Home against Rockford  
 Fri. July 11: 7:30 p.m. @ Howard Lake  
 Sun. July 13: 4 p.m. Home against Maple Lake  
 Wed. July 16: 6:30 p.m. Home against Mound  
 Sunday, July 20: 2 p.m. Home against Loretto

The City of Maple Plain would like to thank the Orono Baseball Association for their donation of \$2,000 and the Town Baseball Team for their donation of \$1,000 towards the upkeep and maintenance of Maple Plain's Timpe Field. The City would also like to thank all of the of the volunteers that help maintain the field and work at the games. **The Maple Plain Diamond Devils baseball team will host the induction of Brandon Schliinz to the Northstar League Hall of Fame on Sunday, July 20, at Loretto.**

### VOLUNTEERS FROM WEST HENNEPIN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CONTINUE TO EDUCATE ON AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS (AEDs)



The West Hennepin Chamber of Commerce is hosting a training event, for the residents of Maple Plain and surrounding communities on **July 30 at 10 a.m.** at the **Maple Plain City Hall**. Training sessions will train on the use of Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) and sessions are no longer than 1 ½ hours. There is no charge for the training.

Please RSVP by contacting Julie at 763-479-6010 – email: [jmkfpc@gmail.com](mailto:jmkfpc@gmail.com) or Carol at 612-759-9908 – email: [cheswick.carol@gmail.com](mailto:cheswick.carol@gmail.com). Please leave your name, contact information, and number of attendees. If you are unable to attend and would like additional information and/or information on upcoming training opportunities, please contact us.



## CITY OF INDEPENDENCE NEWS

### DO YOU LOVE TO GARDEN? THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE IS LOOKING FOR YOU

The City of Independence is looking for volunteers to help with gardening at the City Hall and the City Parks. For more information please contact the City of Independence at 763.479.0527.

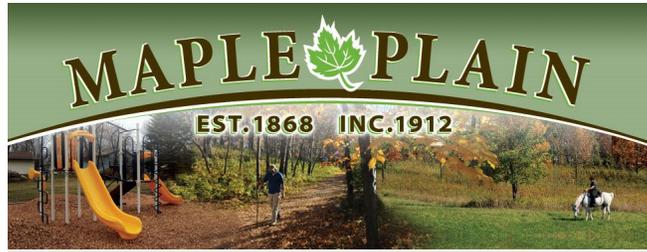




## CITY OF MAPLE PLAIN NEWS

### **CITY LAUNCHES NEW WEBSITE: SAME ADDRESS NEW LOOK**

Staff has been busy updating the City's website. The Phase 1 of the new website has added content, improved navigation and additional resources. If you have comments or suggestions, let us know for Phase 2. Contact Tessia Melvin at [tmelvin@mapleplain.com](mailto:tmelvin@mapleplain.com) or 763.479.0516.



### **PROJECT HOTLINE OR E-MAIL LIST PROVIDED BY CITY**

The City has two construction projects this summer: Main Street West and Rainbow Avenue and Budd Avenue. Stay informed on the projects with our phone hotline 763.479.2266 or provide your e-mail address to [tmelvin@mapleplain.com](mailto:tmelvin@mapleplain.com). Staff will continue using the phone hotline for City updates.

### **CONSUMER CONFIDENCE DRINKING WATER REPORT AVAILABLE**



Water suppliers that serve the same people year-round must prepare annual water quality reports (consumer confidence reports) for their customers. The 2013 Consumer Confidence Drinking Water Report can be seen in its entirety on the City's website at [www.mapleplain.com](http://www.mapleplain.com). If you would like a hard copy mailed to you, contact City Hall at 763.479.0515.

### **CITY HALL MOVING TO DISCOVERY CENTER IN OCTOBER**

The City has been working on downtown redevelopment for the past few years. In October 2013, the City Council hired Bossardt Corporation to conduct a site assessment to determine where City Hall should be located. The five original options were:

- Build a new City Hall on near the Fire Department
- Build a City Hall that would be connected to the Fire Department
- Rent and then move back once the Downtown development project was completed and lease the building
- Lease space from the City of Independence at their current City Hall
- Lease space from the Discovery Center



The engineer conducted interviews with surrounding cities that recently built City Halls, City Council and staff to determine a needs assessment. The findings of their study suggested that moving to the Discovery Center would be the best economical solution for the City, while allowing the Development to occur. Currently the City is looking to move by October 1.



# MAPLE PLAIN CITY NEWS

## 2014 STEP TO IT WINNER IS... THOMAS WARNER



The 2014 Step to it Challenge has come to an end. Members of the Maple Plain community came together on May 4<sup>th</sup> to kick off this year's, month long, annual Step to it Challenge from May 4 - May 31. The 2014 Step to it Challenge promoted "Taking Green Strides" or taking steps that involved green activities such as planting a garden, picking up garbage, and so forth. Steppers tracked their steps in an effort to be more active and possibly be step away as the community's top stepper. This year's top stepper is Thomas Warner with 557,827 total steps. As top stepper, Thomas, and other top steppers from other communities, was recognized, on field, at a Minnesota Twins game on June 20. Congratulations Thomas!

## TENNIS COURTS WELCOME PICKLEBALL

The Tennis Courts at Rainbow Park now include striping for the sport of Pickleball. As a result, the courts can be used interchangeably. Pickleball is a racquet sport which combines elements of badminton, tennis, and table tennis. The sport has been around for decades and has recently become more popular in communities throughout the State of Minnesota and elsewhere. The City is excited to make available another recreational option for its residents. As a means for residents to try the sport, the City will make available Pickleball rackets and balls at City Hall.



Pickleball Court outlined in yellow paint at the tennis court.

## CHANGES MADE TO UTILITY BILLS

You may have noticed a change in your last utility bill. The City has decided to change from postcards to an 8 ½" by 11" paper letter format. City Staff received several complaints on the size of the postcards and the ability for them to get easily lost in the mail or thrown away. The change will allow the city to provide better communication with residents as well by allowing the City to include "stuffers" along with the utility bill. If you have any questions on the change, please contact Maggie McCallum, Assistant to the City Administrator at 763.479.0515. The next utility bill will go out in July. Thank you residents for your patience with our billing during the water meter replacement program.

# MAPLE PLAIN DAYS: AUG. 14-16

## EVENTS MAP



### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

All events in downtown Maple Plain unless otherwise noted.

#### THURSDAY, AUGUST 14

##### MEMORIAL BLOOD CENTERS COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

3:30 to 7:00 PM

##### MAPLE PLAIN PICNIC

6:00 PM

##### BANK OF MAPLE PLAIN and PROTOLAB

MOVIE IN THE PARK DUSK

#### FRIDAY, AUGUST 15

##### FIRE DEPARTMENT WATERBALL CHALLENGE

6:00 PM

FIRE STATION • 1645 PIONEER AVENUE

#### SATURDAY, AUGUST 16

##### FOOD VENDORS

##### BEER BARREL RUN/WALK

REGISTRATION 7:30 AM; RACE 8:30 AM

PARK & POOL LOT • 1501 BAKER PARK ROAD

##### FARMER'S MARKET & CRAFT FAIR

9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

##### DISCOVERY CENTER CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

9:00 to 11:00 AM

DISCOVERY CENTER • 5050 INDEPENDENCE STREET

##### CLASSIC CAR SHOW

10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

##### MAPLE PLAIN SOFTBALL LEAGUE TOURNAMENT

9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

NORTHSIDE PARK

##### KIDDIE PARADE & COMMUNITY PARADE

10:30 AM 11 AM

##### MAPLE PLAIN MUSEUM TOURS

Noon to 2:00 PM

##### BINGO

1- 3 PM

### GETTING AROUND MAPLE PLAIN DAYS



**P** PARKING: Parking areas are marked by this symbol. All parking is free.



**SHUTTLE SERVICE:** Shuttle is available from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. It makes stops every 15-20 minutes and drops off/picks up at the Hennepin County Library (Activity Area 7).



**ACTIVITY AREAS:** Location for the different Centennial events and activities. Some areas are sites for multiple events.



**PARADE ROUTE:** Viewing bleachers, judges and announcer's stand at Discovery Center (Activity Area 8). Please pick up all garbage when you leave.

#### SATURDAY, AUGUST 16 CONTINUED

##### MONIE'S BEAN BAG TOURNAMENT

4 PM

##### BEER GARDEN OPENS

3 PM

##### ENTERTAINMENT AND STREET DANCE

MCGARRY'S PUB MAIN STREET

1 PM TO 11:30 PM



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## AUGUST 14 - AUGUST 16

### **SATURDAY, AUGUST 16** **ENTERTAINMENT & STREET DANCE**

**McGARRY'S PUB MAIN STAGE**  
MAIN STREET & BUDD AVENUE

**FISHING DEMO WITH BILL SHERK,  
THE MAN OF THE WOODS**  
1:00 to 2:00 PM

**BEER GARDEN OPENS AT 3:00 PM**

**STREET DANCE**  
**CORNER OF BUDD AVENUE AND  
MAIN STREET**

**SHANE MARTIN**  
3:00 TO 5:00 PM

**RED DOT GARAGE**  
5:30 TO 7:30 PM

**BOOGIE WONDERLAND**  
8 TO 11:30 PM

**MORE EVENT INFORMATION AT:**  
[www.mapleplain.com/mapleplainsdays](http://www.mapleplain.com/mapleplainsdays)

### **MAPLE PLAIN DAYS LOOKING FOR SUPPORT: HOW TO HELP KEEP THIS EVENT FREE?**

- **CORPORATE SPONSORS:** Give at any level to sponsor an event and get recognized in local papers and at the event.
- **INDIVIDUAL SPONSORS:** Can't volunteer, but want to help, donate to help keep the event free.
- **VOLUNTEER:** Shifts are short, but lots of fun. Plus you get a free t-shirt .
- **BUY A BUTTON:** Not only do you get free stuff, but it helps support the event. Buttons are available at both City Halls.

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