



City News

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**Support
Your
Community**

Sixth Annual Maple Lake Library Fundraiser October 4th, 2014

Social hour begins at 5pm at the
Maple Lake American Legion
A buffet style dinner will be served at 6:30 pm
catered by Red's Cafe
Entertainment provided by Joe Thomas & Dan Henjum
There will be a Silent Auction, Live Auction,
Cash Raffle and Wine Pull.
Ticket prices: Advance \$25
Door \$30

Tickets available at the Library, the Messenger, Star Bank and the Maple Lake American Legion



Sign up for our Round-Up Program to help with

the downtown beautification program. The total of your utility bill would automatically be rounded up to the next even dollar amount. This total yearly donation would run between \$.12 to \$11.88. Either call us or sign up on our web site.

Wine Club Dinner

October 23, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

Save the date for another fun-filled evening with fabulous food, delicious wines and great company.

The next Wine club Dinner is in the planning stage. Watch our website for details on location and cost.



www.mlwine-spirits.com



State General Election Tuesday, November 4, 2014

City Council seats up for election:
Mayor
2 Council Member Seats

Candidates:

Mayor: Lynn Kissock

Council Member: Deb Geyen
Kristy Hennen
Todd Jude



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Important Numbers

Police/Fire Emergency.....911
After-hours water, sewer, street
and snowplowing emergency.....320-963-3738
Public Works Department.....320-963-3738
Maple Lake Wine & Spirits.....320-963-3715
Advanced Disposal.....888-251-8919
Center Point Energy.....800-245-2377
Wright Hennepin Electric.....763-477-3000
Xcel Energy.....800-895-4999
Charter Communications.....888-438-2427
Windstream Communications.....800-345-3874

CITY OF MAPLE LAKE CITIZEN COMPLAINT PROTOCOL

When a citizen has a complaint they want to register, they must file the complaint **in writing**, on a form to be provided by the City. The form is available at City Hall, online at www.ci.maple-lake.mn.us, or by e-mail. Once signed and completed, the form will then be forwarded to the proper department for determination what, if any, action shall be taken. Upon determined, the complainant will be notified of the action taken. The Council shall be provided information regarding the signed complaint form and its subsequent resolution.

Persons refusing to file a signed complaint will have their complaint heard, but no action may be taken.



Fall Leaf Burning October 15 - November 15

Leaf burning is permitted within the city limits from October 15 - November 15 between the hours of 8 am – 8 pm. No permit is required.

Business Trick or Treat

The Maple Lake businesses will be hosting their annual Business Trick or Treat on Friday October 31, 2014 from 3 pm – 5 pm.

All businesses participating will have a sign posted in their window advertising their participation.

Fall Craft Sale

The annual fall craft sale will be Saturday, November 8th from 9 am - 2 pm in the Maple Lake Elementary gym. There will be many items to choose from.

You can register online at www.maplelakechamber.com

If you are interested in selling items, please contact Betty at 320-963-5351

Wine Club



Experience Maple Lake's Wine Club. It offers you the opportunity to taste a variety of wines from around the world. An annual 2-person membership is only \$25, which entitles you to free admittance to all wine tasting events and 15% off all wine purchases. Visit our website for upcoming wine tasting dates.

Winter Parking Ordinance

The winter parking ordinance will go into effect on November 1st and run through April 1st. Parking on city streets is prohibited between the hours of 2 a.m. and 7 a.m. or until streets are plowed curb to curb.



Lynn Kissock

A message from the Mayor

Hello everyone,

Wow, what a summer! Maple Lake has been buzzing with activity since the rains subsided this spring. The Gear Head Get Together was as always a blast with hundreds of cars, contraptions and thousands of people visiting. The airport was busier than ever for the fly-in even though with the low clouds not as many planes were able to make the trip. The combination of the fly-in and Gear Head was enhanced by craft sales and the opening of a new business in the downtown. I heard from many people that we should have a car show or 'Gear Head Lite' at least once a month.

The Downtown Revitalization Committee has been working hard with building owners to bring businesses back to our beautiful block of downtown. The Pottery Farm is a new business with pottery, jewelry, fabrics and other artwork in the building that housed the Den. Pottery and painting classes will soon be offered. The group is also looking for more artists or small businesses that may want to rent space on a temporary or long-term basis. Better Than Ever and Vintage Charm Interiors are also bringing more traffic to the downtown area.

The other great attractions in our downtown are the Library and the Costume Shop. The library has had another successful summer of reading programs. I saw a picture of bikes tossed on the sidewalk outside the library, and as much as the mess of bikes made me crazy – the thought of all those kids enjoying the library brought a smile to my face. Preparations are in high gear for the fundraiser in October, I hope to see you there!

Patricia Manuel and her Clown Camp were featured on Boyd Hupert's Land of 10,000 stories on KARE11. It can now be viewed on the KARE11 website. This unique and thriving business brings people to Maple Lake from around the world.

The Lakers had a great season which ended in a heartbreaking elimination at the State Tournament. I was impressed with the number of fans that made the trip to Jordan to cheer them on. The stands were filled with about 75% Lakers fans. I had a lot of fun working in the concessions at the home games, joined by several other volunteers and the Ambassadors on a few occasions.

Movies on Birch are getting more popular with every showing. There were over 300 people at the last movie – a great family friendly free event.

Transportation is a big concern with the discontinuation of the River Rider busses. Since the County Commissioners were unable to reach an agreement with a new transportation company most of the cities joined forces to create Wright County Area Transit (WCAT). I have been nominated as the Vice Chair of that commission and am now a representative serving on the Trailblazer Board. We are working to grow transit offerings throughout the county. The busses are available to everyone and more information will be coming as the service gets ramped up.

Safety on highway 55 is a concern I have been pursuing and have reached out to MnDOT to discuss options such as lower speed limit, extending the lower speed to the East of the beach, better signage and utilizing landscaping options to slow people down.

Other events keeping me busy are the Wastewater commission where we will be working to budget more accurately to keep rates low now that we have some historical usage data to base our fees on.

I will be presenting a 'State of the City' report at the Wright Co. Economic Development meeting in September. I'll also be attending more WCAT meetings and looking forward to the Library fundraiser and more Wine Tastings sponsored by the Liquor Store.

See you out and about!

Lynn Kissock,
Mayor



Photo from the perspective of a little Laker fan



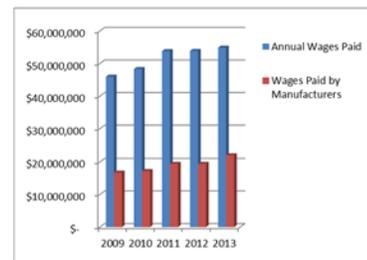
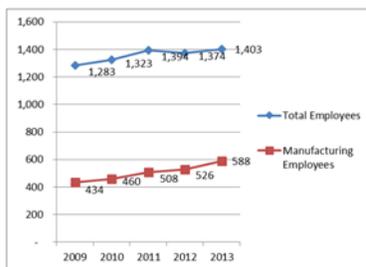
Economic Development

Revolving Loan Funding

Financial incentives are available to qualifying businesses in order to support economic development. Financial assistance can take a number of forms including grants, loans, property tax reduction or rebates. Each program has its own set of requirements and the City of Maple Lake economic development staff is available to help new or existing businesses navigate the maze of financial incentive programs to meet the needs of your business.

Maple Lake Experiences Increases in Employment and Wages

According to statistics at the MN Department of Employment and Economic Development, Employment in Maple Lake has grown 9.4% over the past five years, with a 19% increase in wages paid. Manufacturing jobs account for 154 of the new jobs in the City from 2009 to 2013. While manufacturers made up 15% of the total business establishments in 2013, they provided 42% of the jobs and 40% of the wages. Wages paid to Maple Lake employees increased by \$8,910,838 from 2009 to 2013. The City of Maple Lake takes pride in offering a low-tax and pro-business environment and encourages other business to join the community's growing commercial and industrial base!



| Year | Total Employees | Manufacturing Employees | Establishments | Manufacturing Establishments | Annual Wages Paid | Wages Paid by Manufacturers | % change in employment | % change in wages paid |
|------|-----------------|-------------------------|----------------|------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| 2009 | 1,283 | 434 | 106 | 17 | \$45,972,816 | \$16,736,290 | | |
| 2010 | 1,323 | 460 | 102 | 15 | \$48,329,254 | \$17,198,731 | 3.1% | 5.1% |
| 2011 | 1,394 | 508 | 98 | 14 | \$53,819,676 | \$19,420,772 | 5.4% | 11.4% |
| 2012 | 1,374 | 526 | 90 | 13 | \$53,881,062 | \$19,418,000 | -1.4% | 0.1% |
| 2013 | 1,403 | 588 | 89 | 13 | \$54,883,654 | \$22,043,076 | 2.1% | 1.9% |
| | | | | | | | 9.4% | 19% |

Source: MN Department of Employment and Economic Development



Engineer's Update

2014 Street Improvement Project Takes Big Step.

This year the City of Maple Lake is completing a major street reconstruction project on two of the older streets in town. The streets covered by the project are Linden Avenue and Park Avenue. The project area also includes portions of Division Street between Park Avenue and Rose Avenue.

Underground utility work with under the project consisted of replacing water main, sewer and water services, sanitary sewer manholes, and storm sewer. In addition, CenterPoint used the project as an opportunity to replace much of their infrastructure in the project area. Street work under the project included replacement of some sidewalk, the concrete curb, the gravel base, and the bituminous. In many areas additional granular material and geotextile fabric has been added to the street base.

A major step in the project was achieved in August when the first lift of bituminous pavement was placed. Residents in the project area were pleased to see the pavement installed after enduring over two months of construction. The construction was slowed by the excessive rains that occurred earlier this summer. The rain created higher than anticipated groundwater levels and caused the general contractor to adjust their schedule and plan of work.

The final layer of bituminous will not be placed on Park Avenue or Linden Avenue until 2015. By not completing the final paving until 2015 the long-term integrity of the street can be better assured as there will be an opportunity to repair any irregularities in the bituminous base that may come up after the streets go through a freeze/thaw cycle.

Topsoil and Seeding work in the project area will be completed in September. The City Council recently awarded a contract with a landscaping contractor to complete topsoil and seeding work associated with the project. The topsoil and seeding work will include: preparation of the surfaces, placing 4-inches of screened topsoil in the areas between the curb and sidewalk, placing 1-inch of screened topsoil in disturbed areas behind the sidewalk, and hydromulch seeding all areas.

City In the Process of Completing Miscellaneous Street and Utility Improvements.

In addition to the street improvements in the Park Avenue and Linden Avenue area, the City is also completing miscellaneous utility and street improvements in town. Some of the major work taking place this year is being completed in anticipation of a Wright County paving project scheduled for parts of Division Street and Oak Avenue in 2015. The City improvements include work in the following locations:

- **Division Street at Elm Avenue.** Replacement of old water main in the intersection of Elm Avenue is scheduled to be completed in September. This work will include temporary road closures and water system interruptions. Notices will be delivered to those properties that will experience water system interruptions.
- **Division Street at Maple Avenue.** Old water main has been replaced in the intersection of Maple Avenue and Division Street (near City Hall). Curb and sidewalk replacement was also completed in the intersection to provide Americans with Disabilities Act compliant pedestrian ramps at the cross walks.
- **Division Street and Oak Avenue Curb and Sidewalk Repairs.** The is completing miscellaneous sidewalk and curb repair work on Division Street and Oak Avenue in a few locations. The miscellaneous work on Division and Oak will be completed in September and October. Because of budgetary considerations, only the most damaged curb and sidewalks are being repaired at this time. The City anticipates completing additional sidewalk repairs on Division Street and Oak Avenue in future years as the budget allows.

2013 Sanitary Sewer Lining Project follow-up.

In 2013 the city completed a sanitary sewer lining project as part of an ongoing sewer maintenance and Infiltration/Inflow reduction effort. The project included lining over 19,000 feet of sewer lines in the older areas of the city. This summer and fall the contractor on the project will be completing post construction televising inspection of the lined sewers to verify the completion of the work. Residents may see construction equipment throughout the project area. Completion of the post-construction inspection work should not cause an interruption of service for residents.



Fire Prevention Week



Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives

Test Yours Every Month!

Fire Prevention Week - October 5-11, 2014

 www.FPW.org

Smoke Alarms at Home

Smoke alarms are a key part of a home fire escape plan. When there is a fire, smoke spreads fast. Working smoke alarms give you early warning so you can get outside quickly.

SAFETY TIPS

- ◆ Install smoke alarms inside and outside each bedroom and sleeping area. Install alarms on every level of the home. Install alarms in the basement.
- ◆ Large homes may need extra smoke alarms.
- ◆ It is best to use interconnected smoke alarms. When one smoke alarm sounds they all sound.
- ◆ Test all smoke alarms at least once a month. Press the test button to be sure the alarm is working.
- ◆ There are two kinds of alarms. Ionization smoke alarms are quicker to warn about flaming fires. Photoelectric alarms are quicker to warn about smoldering fires. It is best to use both types of alarms in the home.
- ◆ A smoke alarm should be on the ceiling or high on a wall. Keep smoke alarms away from the kitchen to reduce false alarms. They should be at least 10 feet (3 meters) from the stove.
- ◆ People who are hard-of-hearing or deaf can use special alarms. These alarms have strobe lights and bed shakers.
- ◆ Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old.

FACTS

Smoke alarms should be installed inside every bedroom, outside each sleeping area and on every level. Smoke alarms should be connected so when one sounds, they all sound. Most homes do not have this level of protection.

Roughly 2 out of 3 fire deaths happen in homes with no smoke alarms or the alarms are not working.

Christmas in Maple Lake

Saturday December 6th
11 am—1 pm

Join us at The V by HH for a fun filled morning. This event will include the Maple Lake Royalty, visits with Santa, prizes drawings, photo opportunities with Santa, a free hot dog lunch for kids and gift bags from Santa.

Calendar of Events

- Sept 2.....*First Day of School*
- Oct 4.....*Maple Lake Library Fundraiser*
- Oct 5-11.....*Fire Prevention Week*
- Oct 23.....*Wine Club Dinner*
- Oct 31.....*Business Trick or Treat*
- Nov 2.....*Daylight Saving Time Ends*
- Nov 4.....*Election Day 2014*
- Nov 8.....*Fall Craft Sale*
- Dec 6.....*Christmas in Maple Lake*
- Dec 13.....*Maple Lake Wine & Spirits Open House*