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**We need  
your  
Support**



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 \$0.12 to \$11.88. Call us today or sign up on our web site.

# City News

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**WINTER 2014**

## 37th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade

**Saturday, March 15th, 2014**

**1:30 p.m. Downtown Maple Lake**

**Line up starts at 12:30 p.m.**

**Contact Irene Hudek 612-270-8586 or Deb Geyen 320-980-3144**



- \* **Annual Craft Sale** - Saturday, March 15th Maple Lake Elementary Gymnasium 9am - 2pm  
Contact Betty Gordon 320-963-5351
- \* **Irish Scamper** - Saturday, March 15th Registration 9am - 5K Race at 11am More information available online at [www.raceberryjam.com/scamper.html](http://www.raceberryjam.com/scamper.html). Registration forms can be picked up in person at the Maple Lake High School office as well.
- \* **Coronation** - Maple Lake High School Gymnasium following parade at approximately 4:30pm

**During the day** - The Maple Lake Lion's Club will be serving Mulligan Stew and other refreshments at the American Legion Club. Other civic organizations, restaurants and businesses will be offering St. Patrick's Day specials too!

## Have you ever wanted to be a Firefighter?

The Maple Lake Fire Department is having an informational question and answer night March 12th at 7 p.m. at the Fire Station for persons interested in becoming a firefighter/EMT. Applicants must be between the ages of 18 and 45 years old and be willing to respond to fire, rescue and medical calls.

Maple Lake Fire Department will be accepting applications beginning March 3rd. Applications will be available at City Hall. They may be picked up and dropped off here during normal business hours. Applications will also be available at the information night.

**Deadline to submit your application is 4 p.m. on March 28, 2014.**

# City of Maple Lake

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PO Box 757  
Maple Lake, MN 55358  
320-963-3611

## Office Hours:

Nov – Apr M-F 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

May – Oct M-Th 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Fri 7 a.m. to 11 a.m.

E-Mail: [cityhall@ci.maple-lake.mn.us](mailto:cityhall@ci.maple-lake.mn.us)  
Website: [www.ci.maple-lake.mn.us](http://www.ci.maple-lake.mn.us)

## Elected Officials

Lynn Kissock, Mayor .....320-963-3611  
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Bart Lauer, Councilmember .....320-963-5063  
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## Important Numbers

Police/Fire Emergency.....911  
After-hours water, sewer, street  
and snowplowing emergency.....612-490-8465  
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

## Billing Information

On January 1, 2014, an increase of \$0.75/thousand for sewer use in our tier billing system was implemented.

The service name has changed from Storm Sewer to Sewer Base II.

**Did you enjoy this newsletter? This is a one time mailing but, you can view past and present newsletters online at [www.ci.maple-lake.mn.us/newsletter](http://www.ci.maple-lake.mn.us/newsletter). If you would prefer to have it emailed to you simply subscribe at [www.ci.maple-lake.mn.us/subscribe](http://www.ci.maple-lake.mn.us/subscribe).**

**Your feedback is always appreciated! Email us—[cityhall@ci.maple-lake.mn.us](mailto:cityhall@ci.maple-lake.mn.us)**



**Volunteers\* wanted for:**  
Camera Operators  
Sports Announcers  
Production Assistants

Email your area of interest to: Volunteer @swtv.tv

\*These are volunteer positions only, no compensation available

**Movie On Birch scheduled for summer 2014.  
June 20th and August 15th (movies TBA )  
at dusk on the Monster Screen**

**A big thank you to the Sherburne Wright Cable Commission for providing the City of Maple Lake with state of the art equipment.**

## Sewer Reminders

Having a sewer line back-up into your basement is **NEVER** a good thing. History tells us that, more often than not, sewer back-ups are caused by people flushing items into the sewer that create blockage.

- **DO NOT** pour grease or oil down the drains. Grease such as cooking oils, tallow, bacon grease, etc. will harden in the lines and on the float switches, causing pumps not to work.
- **DO NOT** flush non-biodegradable items down the drains. Items such as cigarette butts, dental floss, Q-tips, disposable diapers, sanitary napkins, tampons or condoms can clog the pump and pipes.
- **DO NOT** flush rigid or gritty materials down the drains, such as cat litter, coffee grounds, chicken bones, egg shells, fish scales, etc. Limit the materials you put through a garbage disposal to edible food products only.
- **DO NOT** pour flammable or volatile liquids down the drains, such as gas, waste oil, and thinners. It is illegal to dispose of these items in the sewer.
- **DO NOT** pour household chemicals down the drains, such as paint, pesticides, herbicides, strong cleaning products, or other toxic chemicals.

These items cause problems that are very costly to taxpayers to repair. Please check the packaging for proper means of disposal.

**Remember: "Disposable" does NOT mean "flushable".**

## Winter Street and Sidewalk Etiquette

Just a few reminders; the winter parking ordinance is in effect through April 1st. Parking on city streets is prohibited between the hours of 2 a.m. and 7 a.m. daily. If there is a snowfall parking is also prohibited until streets are plowed curb to curb. Also be aware that residents are asked to clear the snow from sidewalks and fire hydrants within 24 hours following a snowfall.

# Congratulations on your Retirement!



On February 28th we said farewell to our long time City Clerk/Treasurer, Linda Hruby.

She began her service with the City of Maple Lake in 1993 as Deputy Clerk, and has served as City Clerk/Treasurer for the past 13 years. Her dedication to the City is an inspiration to our staff.

## Engineer's Update



### City Completes Sewer Lining Project

In Maple Lake we have miles of sanitary sewer lines under our streets. The sewer mains convey wastewater from throughout town to a pumping facility located on County Road 7 near the southern city limits. From there sewage is pumped to the Joint Powers Wastewater Facility. The Joint Powers Wastewater Facility charges the city based on the flow that the city sends to the treatment plant. That is, the city pays for every gallon of flow that is sent to the treatment plant.

Ground water that enters a sewer system through cracks in pipe and manholes is referred to as *infiltration*. As part of an ongoing program to reduce groundwater infiltration from entering the city's sanitary sewer system, the city recently completed an ambitious sewer maintenance and lining project.

In 2013 the City entered into a construction contract with SAK Construction for a project that included sewer repairs, sewer cleaning, and sewer lining. The project area generally included the area north of Highway 55 and east of Oak Avenue, as well as the entire city south of Highway 55. These areas of the city have the oldest sewer mains. Most of the sewer mains in these areas were constructed with vitrified clay pipe as opposed to poly-vinyl chloride pipe that is in use today.

The project included lining over 19,000 feet of sewer main. The process for lining a sewer pipe is completed by pulling a resin impregnated fabric tube (referred to as a "sock") through the sewer from manhole to manhole. The sock is then filled with warm water or steam which starts a chemical reaction in the impregnated resin causing the resin to harden and form a solid liner. After a short *curing* process, the liner is ready to be put back into service. A machine is pulled through the newly lined pipe and the service openings are cut open with a small robotic cutting tool.

The City will be closely monitoring the sewer flows this year to gauge the impact of the sewer lining project. It is anticipated that the lining will significantly reduce infiltration into the sewer system. This will reduce the charges that the city pays to the Joint Powers Sewer Facility.

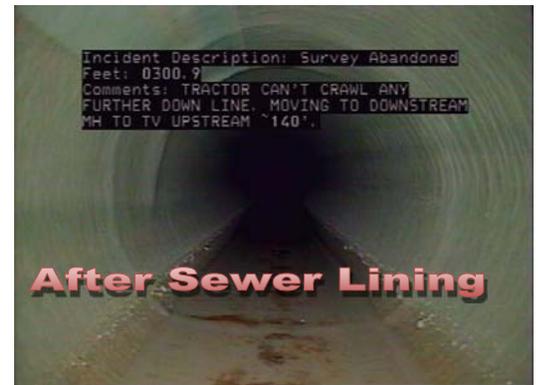
## Experience Maple Lake's Wine Club



Our next Wine Tasting is at 7p.m. Monday March 24th at The V by HH in Maple Lake.

Membership 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 (excluding dinners) and 15% off all wine purchases.

Not sure if you want to be a member? For \$5.00 you can attend the Wine Tasting event. If you decide to join, the \$5.00 will be applied to your new membership.



## Calendar of Events

Mar 08.....Irish Pre-party

Mar 09.....Daylight Saving Time Begins

Mar 12.....MLFD Information Night

Mar 15.....St. Patrick's Day Parade

Apr 13.....ML Lions Easter Candy Scramble

May 17.....City of Maple Lake Clean-Up Day

Jun 07.....Maple Lake All City Garage Sale

Jun 20.....Movie On Birch (at dusk)



## From the Mayor

I bring you warm wishes in the midst of this cold snowy winter. It's a good thing we live in Maple Lake where we have access to fun outdoor recreation such as ice fishing, snowmobiling, skiing and more. This winter has been fun in Maple Lake and I have been busy.

I attended the Wright County Economic Development annual meeting at which Daryl Hennen was honored as Wright County Citizen of the Year. Daryl is just one example of the great people in Maple Lake who give so much of themselves to make Maple Lake so wonderful. Thank you Daryl!!

Meetings continued with the producers and director of Inheritance – the movie being filmed in and around Maple Lake this winter. Bridget and Paul are excited with the response they've received from the community and are looking forward to filming soon. Stay tuned to the city and newspaper websites for more information about the filming timeline.

The fireman's dinner was again a success and a great time to honor the men and women who give of themselves to keep us all safe. Congratulations to Mike Peterson who was named fireman of the year. Again a very well deserved honor.

I attended a meeting with business owners to discuss options for growth of Maple Lake and revitalization of the downtown area. Several ideas such as 'Pop-up-Shops' or art crawls were mentioned. This spring we will discuss the Hwy 55 corridor beautification. The state offers a grant which will fund the design and materials, we will need to provide the workers. I want to see participation with design ideas as well as the sweat equity that we'll need to get this done.

The ice fishing contest had perfect weather and amazing attendance. I didn't get a chance to fish this year, but had a wonderful time talking with people from all over the country who had come to play with us in the snow and ice. I was interviewed by WCCO, the interviewer was very impressed with the derby.

Maple Lake Elementary School celebrated February's I love to read month by naming it "Paws for Reading" and invited me to speak to the kids about dog sledding. I gave presentations to the students with my dogs and dog sled on the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> of February. I was energized by the kids' reception of me when I met them at the Paws for Reading kickoff and enjoyed sharing the history and technical aspects of dog sledding and Siberian Huskies.

St. Patrick's Day is around the corner, and at the rate we're going I don't think we'll see any green on the ground other than napping leprechauns. I am practicing my wave for the parade then I'll be commentating on the parade with Deb Geyen again for SWTV – our local cable channel. So if you can't make the parade, tune in on channel 12 locally or channel 19 across the county. After the parade, join me at the coronation of our new Ambassadors.

This month brings the retirement of Linda Hruby, long time Maple Lake City Clerk. Her knowledge and time given to the city have been invaluable and she will be missed. She is leaving the city in good hands though, as LeeAnn Yager has accepted the position of City Clerk. We thank Linda for the great work and dedication she has given to the city.

Great things are happening in Maple Lake thanks to all of you our great citizens and business owners! Spring brings more changes to the city with the opening of the new veterinary clinic and Platinum Printing operations should be in full swing at their new location too. Stay tuned to the city website and the paper and keep an eye out for the next newsletter to keep up with the excitement. And as always, please feel free to reach out to me with comments questions and suggestions at [lynn.kissock@ci.maple-lake.mn.us](mailto:lynn.kissock@ci.maple-lake.mn.us).

**Lynn Kissock**