



The Maple Leaf

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Mayor's Message

This July 21st will be the one year anniversary of the shooting on Zephyr Place that mortally wounded Maplewood's youngest firefighter, Ryan Hummert, who as the son of former Mayor Andy Hummert and Jackie Hummert, had roots that ran deep through the Maplewood community. Two police officers, Adam Fite and Sergeant Mike Martin, were shot and wounded. A crew of Maplewood Firefighters and a number of Police Officers found themselves in the line of fire and risked their lives that day to save colleagues and protect residents from a pathological sniper who ultimately took his own life. We will never know why this happened nor will we ever forget that day.

This incident occurred as I was serving in my last weeks as Police Chief. Never in my career had I witnessed such a tragedy. I will never forget the bravery of the men and women who serve to protect the City of Maplewood, their commitment to their work and those they serve was very clear during the crisis. Later, the police and fire department staff involved received medals for their bravery, these were well deserved. All of the staff were working under crisis conditions that week, public works and administrative alike, all of them exhibited a commitment to duty and to the City of Maplewood.

We received priceless support from Saint Louis County Police and the region's fire departments, they selflessly gave of their time and spent hours on the scene and at City Hall both investigating the crime and planning the visitation and funeral of Ryan Hummert with the Hummert Family. There were countless people involved, too many to name here today but we are forever grateful.

Going back to that day, residents of Zephyr and those close to the 7500 block of Lyndover and Gayola were asked to leave their homes on a brutally hot day with little notice. Businesses on Big Bend were cut-off from traffic. There was a lot of confusion and there were many tears. The amazing part of this story is that we all came together. Residents found shelter offered by neighbors and neighboring businesses. Business owners and their employees poured into city hall with donations and offers of assistance.

At the end of the week, we said goodbye to our beloved firefighter. The funeral procession for Firefighter Hummert was one of the most touching and breathtaking sights we will ever see. More than 130 public safety vehicles drove in the procession and hundreds of cars followed. Along the route of the procession the stunning views of the aerial ladders proudly flying the American Flag across Manchester at City Hall and the hundreds of people, including young children with handmade signs, lining the streets of Maplewood, Webster Groves, Crestwood and Affton will always remain in our memory.

We will never fully grasp the magnitude of this tragedy. We will forever keep the Hummerts and those that served to protect that day in our hearts and prayers. We hope that the lesson learned from this event helps us to continue to unite as a community that it helps us remember to care for each other and do good each day and we hope to never see this happen again.

Please join us in Ryan Hummert Memorial Park on Tuesday, July 21st at 8 p.m. for a candlelight vigil in memory of Ryan Hummert. Please call City Hall at 645-3600 or go to www.cityofmaplewood.com for more information.

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*A special thanks to our Public Works, Police and Fire Departments
for all their dedication and hard work.*

THE DOG DAYS OF SUMMER

Has Maplewood gone to the dogs? With the advent of a very successful dog park and the perennial dog swim at the Maplewood Family Aquatic Center on September 11, 12 and 13, one would think so! And if you take a close look, you will find that a number of our business owners bring Fido to work everyday. In honor of the Dog Days of Summer, we are featuring Maplewood's dogs and you will find them pictured throughout this edition of the Maple Leaf. Thanks to ADG, Airedale Antics, Cheryl's Herbs, Flora Diva, Jillians of Ideas, Moosylvania, Studio X, Tiger Lily and The Printstation for the photographs! Follow the paw prints . . .

AN OCTOGENARIAN & A GENTLEMAN

Best Wishes and Happy Birthday to Councilman Fred Wolf for turning 80. The Honorable Fred Wolf was just sworn in for a new term in April!

The age of our council members spans from the early thirties to eighty!



Mayor Jim White, Deputy Mayor Karen Wood, Councilman Shawn Faulkingham, Councilman Fred Wolf, Councilman David Cerven, Councilman Tim Dunn, Councilman Barry Greenberg

DON'T FORGET THE SUMMER CONCERT SERIES: Special performance by The Blue Lemmings on July 4th and July 22nd The Dogtown Allstars take the stage all in Ryan Hummert Memorial Park two blocks north of Manchester on Sutton Blvd. And, National Night Out is August 4th at the Maplewood Family Aquatic Center!

LET THEM EAT ART: MARDI GRAS MEETS THE CHRISTMAS TREE WALK

Come join in on the fun! This is an anything goes self-guided live art and entertainment event! Downtown Maplewood celebrates Maplewood's tribute to Bastille Day, July 10, 2009. All events take place during the hours of 6:00 p.m to 11:00 p.m. And making its debut: The "Don't Dream It...Be It" Costume Contest!

There will be: Regional artists painting live! Live music featuring Gumbohead! Maple Jam, Elliott Ranney and more! Belly dancing! Top spinning! Loads of surprises!

"Don't Dream It...Be It! Costume Contest!

Bring out your inner Marie Antoinette or whoever you are dreaming to be and bring yourself to Downtown Maplewood on Friday, July 10th and be part of the debut of the "Don't Dream It...Be It" costume contest. Entries are due by July 6th and available online at www.cityofmaplewood.com

Celebrity Judges include the lovely Lola Van Ella and one of St. Louis' top stylists, Darin Slyman!

For additional information on this event call 645-3600.

BE THE ONE LEFT HOLDING THE BAG!

The Maplewood Special Business District now has reusable shopping bags! They are very durable, made from recyclable materials and recyclable. We are giving away a limited supply at Let Them Eat Art, July 10th in Downtown Maplewood and selling them at City Hall for \$1.00. Each bag has the potential to save 1,000 plastic bags from being thrown into landfills! We are potentially saving 25,000 bags from going to waste.

Check out our new website at www.cityofmaplewood.com



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OF
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BUSINESS BUZZ
NEW BUSINESSES AND NEW SERVICES IN MAPLEWOOD



A CLEAN DOG IS A GOOD DOG

Grooming services have been added at the new location! **Airedale Antics**, 7316 Manchester
 Phone: (866) 414-8888, www.airedaleantics.com

**SASSY BEAR
 OF
 AIREDALE
 ANTICS**



**HARRY BEAR
 OF
 AIREDALE
 ANTICS**



OUR HOME TEAM

The newly open Post Sport's Bar and Grill is here to offer you great food and drink along with just about every sport you can follow. There are fantasy sport leagues and other games you can play, too!

Post Sport's Bar and Grill, 7372 Manchester, Phone: 645-1109, www.thepostsportsbar.com

SMOKE-FREE IN MAPLEWOOD

Looking for Smoke-free dining in Maplewood? Cooper Ella, Foundation Grounds, Jimmy John's, Maravelle (formerly Bravo), Qdoba, Red Lobster, Saint Louis Cellars Food & Wine, Sansai, Schlafly Bottleworks and maybe not a kid place, but of note, Monarch Restaurant are all 100% smoke-free restaurants. All of these businesses are listed in the Maplewood Business Directory available at Maplewood City Hall or can be found in our resource directory on our website at www.cityofmaplewood.com

TAKE A SPA DAY FOR YOUR CAR...

Now you can get your car washed or detailed in this very convenient location. Give the staff a call for weekly specials and details.

Efficacy Car Wash and Spa, 2803 S. Big Bend Blvd.
 Phone: 875-0222

ANTIQUES MADE HERE!

Fresh Paint a new boutique, combining antiques, semi-antiques, and some contemporary pieces that have been embellished to make them unique has opened!

2709 Sutton Blvd., Phone: 647-0794

NEW OWNER SAME GREAT SERVICES

David Lovell is the new owner of **Massage Envy** in Maplewood Commons. Massage Envy offers an array of massage services and will help you determine which service is best for you. Call 646-8484 for a massage appointment today. For more information about Massage Envy please visit www.massageenvy.com

BEYOND THE BOTTLE

Open to rave reviews by food lovers and food critics alike!

Saint Louis Cellars has added a dining experience that brings you fabulous daily specials and a case full of wonderful dining options. A pastry chef is on staff, too to make delicious morning treats and desserts. Don't forget to check out the "Splurge" section wine case featuring wines over \$20. Look for cooking classes and other events with Chef Extraordinaire, Greg Maggi.

Saint Louis Cellars Food & Wine, 2640 South Big Bend Blvd - Phone: 880-9000 www.saintlouiscellars.com



**CHLOE OF
 FLORA DIVA**



**APRIL AND DASH
 OF
 ADG**



DANCE, PLAY AND PERFORM YOUR WAY THROUGH SUMMER VACATION!**FINDING THE BEAT IN THE HEAT!**

Crossroads Presbyterian Fellowship at 2640 Oakview Terrace will be hosting its 3rd Annual KIDS Music Camp the evenings of July 27th-31st from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The camp is geared toward children, preschool age (3 and 4 years old) to children who have finished 5th grade. Each evening kids will enjoy music activities that include drumming, singing, and dancing. The wrap up of the week includes an ice cream party and concert on Friday evening. Please contact the church office for more information at 644-0030 or office@crossroadspres.com

OPEN PLAY

Once Upon A Bash invites you to bring your little one to explore our playstations. There are trains, doll houses, sensory stations, blocks, craft tables, a child size kitchen, a reading area, a snack stand (made and run by children, shopped by moms) and much much more. Feel free to bring in your own snacks (spillproof cups for the little ones). Please call in advance for up-to-date information.

\$5 /child; Monday 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Tuesday-Thursday 9am-4pm

Once Upon a Bash, 2732 Sutton, 645-2FUN or www.onceuponabash.com

BE A STAR!

Congratulations to PIWACKET THEATRE listed in St. Louis Magazine's list of "Top 50 Things To Do with Kids This Summer!"

Now your kid can be part of the fun with Piwacket Summer Theatre Camp: July 13 - August 7

Monday - Friday / 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Cost is \$300 for a one-week session for campers (ages 6-14) who will utilize the skills they learn by presenting a performance onstage each Friday at 2:00 p.m.

Tickets to these performances are open to the general public for \$5. Go to www.blackcattheatre.org or call 781-8300 for more information.

FIDDLIN' AROUND

The Folk School of St. Louis offers "String Beans", guitar and fiddle classes for kids. Classes will be forming in Folk School of St. Louis fall music classes for adults and children begin August 17th. Call them or go to their website for more information: Phone: 781-2244 Website: www.folk-school.com The Folk School is located at 3155 Sutton Blvd., Ste. 101.

MAPLEWOOD LIBRARY NEWS

Things have been very busy at the library and looks like it will continue that way over the rest of the summer. We hope you can join us for two interesting and informative programs. Remember they are free of charge and no reservations are required.

"BE A VISITOR IN YOUR OWN TOWN" will be presented in a combined effort by the Missouri Tourism Board and the St. Louis Visitor's Center. They will have brochures and packets on enjoying our city and state. "Staycations" are becoming more popular and we have such wonderful places to see right in our own backyard.

WHEN: Thursday, July 23rd at 7:00 p.m.

"HEALTHY FAMILIES 101" is a program geared to help families maintain a healthy home environment, develop effective and consistent discipline, and help bring about open communication. This program will be given by the Progressive Youth Connection and gives practical ideas for parents.

WHEN: Thursday, August 13th at 7:00 p.m.

During the month of August, we will be displaying the art of local resident, Ricky Douglas. Stop by and see his great work. Remember we have two display cases that are available to show your collections or items of interest. Just give us a call to arrange a display.

We will also have a book display on "Back-to-School" ideas and books to help get the kids (and parents) ready for school.

Don't forget to check out our website. We have several links that will connect you to news sources, government agencies, magazine resources, databases for recommended reading, and even a connection to your local weather forecast. You can also access the library card catalog. Our web address is: www.maplewood.lib.mo.us. For further information or for any questions, you can also call us at 314-781-2174. Hope to see you soon !!



MAPLEWOOD PUBLIC WORKS NEWS

MOSQUITO CONTROL

The City of Maplewood contracts with the St. Louis County Department of Health for mosquito control. Spraying in Maplewood is done on a request basis only, meaning your street will be sprayed only if you call for service. If you are experiencing mosquito troubles, please call the Maplewood Public Works Department at 645-3600 and ask that your street be sprayed. The request will be forwarded to St. Louis County.

GARAGE SALES

Garage sale season is upon us. Any person wanting to conduct a garage sale must give the city a 5 day notice and pay a license fee of \$5 per day. The notice shall include the name and address of the premises where the sale will be held. A person cannot conduct more than 2 garage sales per year.



**JASMINE
OF
CHERYL'S HERBS**

ARBOR DAY



The Public Works department participated in two tree plantings in observance of Arbor Day 2009. The first planting was at the Early Childhood Center. The second planting was at the elementary school.



Frontenac Engineering Group planted Bald Cypress tree seedlings along the banks of Deer Creek. In addition to volunteering the time, they also donated the trees.

THE MAPLEWOOD FIRE DEPARTMENT OUT IN THE COMMUNITY

Promoting Bike Safety

The Maplewood Fire Department made a trip over to the MRH Early Childhood Center in May and with the help of Enterprise Rent-A-Car, they help fit each and every student with a new bike helmet! The fire crew on hand gave the children a presentation on bike safety to help them off to a safe summer!

Our thanks go out to Enterprise Rent-A-Car for the generous donation of bike helmets!

AN HONORARY FIREFIGHTER

Kailln Lewis is a 10-year old boy who suffers from kidney disease and is on dialysis 3 times a week. When Kailln was offered his wish for a Wal-Mart shopping spree by the Make A Wish Foundation and the Miracle Children’s Network, his family brought him to Maplewood Commons for the day. When he arrived at Wal-Mart, Kailln was greeted by the Maplewood Fire Department and given a real fire helmet, a Maplewood Fire Department patch and declared an honorary member of the Maplewood Fire Department.

Special thanks to the Wal-Mart staff for coordinating this event!

ABBOTT CLINICAL SAVE AWARDS

Once again, the Maplewood Fire Department was recognized by Abbott Ambulance for a number of clinical saves. Do you know what this means? If a person stops breathing and his/her heart stops beating, they are clinically dead. If the heart can be restarted and continues beating long enough to make it to a hospital, this is a CLINICAL SAVE

One Save

Tim Marhanka Chris McCracken Paul Swyers Matt Wilcox Tim Wisely

Two Saves

Brian Kestler Rod Latorre Peter Marsac



Mayor White, Sgt. Sinnard and Chief Kruse



Mayor White, Corporal Dudley and Chief Kruse

POLICE OFFICERS HONORED FOR SERVICE

Police Officers Daniel Dudley and David Sinnard were honored for their years of service to Maplewood at a City Council meeting this May. Mayor White, who served as Maplewood’s Police Chief until September 2008, and Chief Steve Kruse were on hand to present each officer with a certificate from the City Council.



**PEPPER
OF
THE PRINT
STATION**



**CHLOE
OF
TIGER LILY**



Maplewood Fire Department News

SUMMER SAFETY TIPS FROM THE MAPLEWOOD FIRE DEPARTMENT

Every year Americans look forward to summer vacations, camping, family reunions, picnics, and the Fourth of July. Summertime, however, also brings with it fires and injuries. In fact, annually, over 8,000 people are harmed by fireworks and grill fires, more than half of them during the first week of July.

The United States Fire Administrations (USFA) National Fire Data Center estimates that yearly outside cooking grills cause more than 6,000 fires, over 5 fatalities, more than 170 injuries, and \$35 million in property loss. Gas grills alone cause over 2,700 fires, 80 injuries, and \$11 million dollars damage.

Additionally, improper use of fireworks causes more than 6,000 fires and more than \$8 million in damage every year, while improper maintenance of campfires can result in rampant destruction on campgrounds and beyond.

Thus, to make sure that summer remains a time of fun and happy memories, it is important to know and follow a few fire safety tips and instructions.

FIREWORKS SAFETY

The best way to enjoy fireworks is to visit public fireworks displays put on by professionals who know how to safely handle fireworks. For personal safety and fire prevention purposes, your Maplewood Fire Department strongly recommends against the use of personal fireworks. And, personal use of fireworks is illegal in Saint Louis County and City. However, if you are planning to leave the area to use personal fireworks and have made sure it is legal in the area you are visiting, please keep in mind the following tips:

- Never light fireworks indoors or near dry grass.
- Always have a bucket of water and/or a fire extinguisher nearby and make sure that you know how to operate the fire extinguisher properly.
- Do not wear loose clothing while using fireworks.
- Stand several feet away from lit fireworks. If a device does not go off, do not stand over it to investigate. Put it out with water and dispose of it.
- Always read the directions and warning labels on fireworks. If a device is not marked with the contents, directions, and a warning label, do not light it.
- Supervise children around fireworks at all times.

BARBECUE SAFETY

- Before using a grill, check the connection between the propane tank and the fuel line. Make sure the venturi tubes - where the air and gas mix - are not blocked.
- Do not overfill the propane tank.
- Do not wear loose clothing while cooking at a barbecue.
- Be careful when using lighter fluid. Do not add fluid to an already lit fire because the flames can flashback up into the container and explode.
- Keep all matches and lighters away from children. Teach your children to report any loose matches or lighters to an adult immediately.
- Supervise children around outdoor grills.
- Dispose of hot coals properly – douse them with plenty of water and stir them to ensure that the fire is out. Never place them in plastic, paper or wooden containers.
- Never grill/barbecue in enclosed areas or inside a building. Carbon monoxide could be produced.
- Make sure everyone knows to Stop, Drop and Roll in case a piece of clothing does catch fire. Call 911 or your local emergency number if a burn warrants serious medical attention.

CAMPFIRE SAFETY

- Build campfires where they will not spread, away from dry grass and leaves.
- Keep campfires small and don't let them get out of hand.
- Keep plenty of water and a shovel around to douse the fire when you're done. Stir it and douse it again with water.
- Never leave campfires unattended.

For further information please call your Maplewood Fire Department at 314-646-3666.

Maplewood Law and Order

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Tuesday, August 4th at 5 p.m.

Don't forget National Night Out at the Maplewood Family Aquatic Center, 7550 Lohmeyer. The Maplewood Police put on some party! Free admission to the pool, food and music. Bring your neighbors and your friends and family!

MAPLEWOOD POLICE DEPARTMENT CRIME REPORT

FROM: January 1, 2009

TO: April 30, 2009

CRIME STATISTICS	JANUARY 1, 2009 CASES REPORTED	TO	MARCH 31, 2009 CASES CLEARED
HOMICIDE	0		0
ROBBERIES	4		3
BURGLARIES	29		16
STOLENAUTOS	11		3
LARCENIES (Over \$200)	16		12
RAPES	1		1
ARSONS	0		0

PATROL ACTIVITY	YEAR TO DATE
TRAFFIC STOPS	2087
FIELD INTERVIEWS*	136
TRAFFIC TICKETS	2674
PARKING TICKETS	947

(all cleared during this period; some crimes cleared were reported from previous periods)



CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS

SEVEN-DAY-LETTERS**	859
HOUSING LETTERS***	9
RE-CHECKS****	712
SUMMONS ISSUED	181

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

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

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

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

**CITY OF MAPLEWOOD
CITY COUNCIL**

MAYOR: James White

WARD I

Karen Wood - Deputy Mayor
David Cerven

WARD II

Fred Wolf
Timothy Dunn

WARD III

Barry Greenberg
Shawn Faulkingham

MAPLEWOOD CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS — There will be two meetings in the month of July. July 14th & 28th. There will be only one meeting in August. August 11th.

Meetings are held in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 7601 Manchester, Maplewood, MO.

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

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THE BACK PAGE

This issue of the Maple Leaf brings you typical information from our various departments, summer events and business happenings. Summer is zooming along and we are enjoying it all but in these upcoming summer months we must take a moment to reflect and recognize an anniversary that will take us back to a tragic day. July 21st, 2008 is to date one of the most tragic days in Maplewood's history. Our youngest firefighter, 22-year old Ryan Hummert, was mortally wounded by a sniper and two of our police officers were wounded in the line of duty. Maplewood is a strong community and there has been very much support from residents, business owners and others from around the region but the healing still continues. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Hummert Family, the firefighters and police officers everyday and especially as the anniversary draws near.

Also in this issue you will be introduced to some of Maplewood's "shop dogs". We wanted to make light of the "Dog Days of Summer" and that makes for an interesting juxtaposition of matters as we remember July 21st. We hope the dogs bring a smile to your face and help remind you to take a moment to recognize and enjoy what life has to offer and remember those things that are important to you in family, friends and community. Wishing you a safe and enjoyable summer!

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