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 or 763.479.0516. See pages 15-16 for 2014 schedule.
COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS AND VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARDS

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 was greatly appreciated. The overwhelming 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
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 Denne-son 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.

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.
Night to Unite  
Tuesday August 5\textsuperscript{th}, 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?  

\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|c|}  
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\textbf{Will you be having music?} & \textbf{Start Time*} & \textbf{End Time*} & \textbf{Theme Party?} & \textbf{# of households expected} \\  
\textbf{\small Yes} & \textbf{\small No} & & & \\  
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\textbf{# of Children} & \textbf{# 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 (e.g., 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?  

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\textbf{\small Yes} & \textbf{\small No} \\  
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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  

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
MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR 2014 MAPLE PLAIN FIRE DEPARTMENT STEAK FRY

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MOCK CRASH BRINGS HORRIFIC SCENE TO HIGH SCHOOL

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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.
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 mosquitoes. 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. 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

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<td>10.16 ton</td>
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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.

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 or call 612.348.3777.

2014 HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION EVENTS

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<td>3607 East 44th Street</td>
<td>8100 Jefferson Highway</td>
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<td>Brooklyn Park, MN 55445</td>
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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.
AMERICAN LEGION POST 514 AND AUXILIARY HOSTS MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM

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
WEST HENNEPIN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE RIBBON CUTTINGS

The Chamber has been busy with ribbon cuttings and welcoming new businesses into Maple Plain. Chamber Board members and Maple Plain City Council members are pictured above at the most recent events at UFC and Wedding Chix.

MAPLE PLAIN LIBRARY RE OPENS AFTER 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.

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 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.
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.

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**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
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, 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 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
## Independence Contact Information

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<td>Norm Wenck</td>
<td>4025 Windmill Drive</td>
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- **Brent Mickolichek**, Public Works
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  - 763.479.0525
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Please RSVP by contacting Julie at 763-479-6010 – email: jmkfpc@gmail.com or Carol at 612-759-9908 – email: 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.

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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

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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.

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CITY LAUNCHES NEW WEBSITE: SAME ADDRESS NEW LOOK

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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. 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. 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.
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 4th 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!

TEENIS 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.

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.
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

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
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/mapleplaindays

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.

For more information, call Tessia Melvin at 763.479.0516 or email tmelvin@mapleplain.com or visit our website at www.mapleplain.com