

City of Maple Plain – Monthly Update

August 2025 Highlights

Jacob Kolander, City Administrator

Fire District

- Progress continues on the proposed Fire District consolidation. A joint resolution with the City of Independence was approved at the Joint Meeting on August 21st.
- Staff have been working to ensure the budget and consolidation plan are clear and accessible.

Public Works & Infrastructure

- The HAWK pedestrian signal remains out of service due to a part failure. Repairs are expected by the end of August.
- A storm drain blockage at Parkview and Main was successfully cleared with help from the City of Orono.
- The State Water Testing Fee will increase slightly in 2026, from \$2.45 to \$3.81 per quarter. This will be noted in the next city newsletter.
- Upcoming projects:
 - Drainage improvements on Poplar and Willow Streets to address water flow issues.
 - Rainbow Park parking lot resurfacing is under consideration but is a lower priority.

Planning & Development

- The Comfort Haven has started their remodel of the facility.
- A Conditional Use Permit application for a cannabis cultivation and manufacturing business is expected to be reviewed in September.

Community Standards

- Several property maintenance notices have been issued for overgrown lawns and debris.
- Increased enforcement is underway regarding illegal dumping and items left curbside. Residents are reminded to properly dispose of unwanted items.

Public Safety

- Investigator Cody Thompson has retired from the West Hennepin Public Safety Department. We thank him for his many years of service.

City Administration

- Staff continue to work on the 2026 budget, identifying areas for adjustment and improvement.

- Participated in regional and statewide meetings focused on emergency preparedness, and local government policy.
- Exploring a new emergency notification system that would save costs and improve communication with residents.

Upcoming Events & Meetings

- August 27 – Fire Relief Meeting, 5:00pm
- September 4 – Planning Commission Meeting, 6:00pm
- September 8 – Council Workshop & EDA Meeting
- September 9 – Police Commission Meeting, 8:00am
- September 22 – Council Workshop & Business Meeting