



## Letter from the Mayor

### Time for a physical? *SERIOUSLY, it is time for your physical!*



Something you probably don't know is that this past summer, just a few months ago, I had a heart attack. Yes, a heart attack. I was walking the trail in City Park feeling fine, and then, I suddenly found myself feeling light-headed and extremely nauseous. When I arrived home and told my wife what had just happened, she immediately took me to the emergency room. I was diagnosed with having 100% blockage of the main artery to my heart. I could have died instantly from what is often called the "Widow Maker". Fortunately, I was saved by having a stint inserted in the artery to allow blood flow. Since that incident was an eye opener for me, I decided to get further checked for any other ailments and it was discovered that I had melanoma – the most serious type of skin cancer. The doctor told me that he hoped that it didn't already spread to my bones. Again, fortunately we caught it early enough to have it fully removed. I would not have found the skin cancer so early if it wasn't for my heart attack.

I share this experience with all of you as a reminder for you to take care of yourself. Don't wait until a certain age to have an exam. It may be too late at that point. Make an appointment with a doctor today and have a full physical. Take your health seriously by being proactive and ensure that you will be around for your loved ones for many years to come.

*Randy Walker*  
Mayor of Garden City

## COLD WEATHER FIRE SAFETY

- ✓ Have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified professional
- ✓ Plug space heaters directly into the wall outlet, not a surge protector or extension cord
- ✓ Use only space heaters with an automatic shutoff
- ✓ Remember to turn portable heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed
- ✓ Do not use space heaters in enclosed areas, like under a desk
- ✓ Keep anything that can burn at least three feet away from heating equipment, like the furnace, fireplace, wood stove, or portable space heater
- ✓ Burn only dry, seasoned fire wood



Do you have a weathered American flag that you would like to have retired properly? Drop it off in the lobby of City Hall. Thank you!



Masks Provided By  
Wayne County Department of Health  
Human, and Veterans Services

## FREE MASK DISTRIBUTION

\*5 washable/reusable and adjustable masks per person\*

Monday to Friday  
9 am to 1:00 pm

Maplewood Community Center's Balmoral Parking Lot

Call 734-793-1850 when you arrive. Stay in your vehicle. We will come out to you.

Valentine's day  
14 February

## STAY WARM STAY SAFE



Garden City Parks and Recreation

## WINTER CRAFT NIGHT

TUES | JAN 26 | 5:30-6:30PM

Maplewood Community Center



\$6 • LIMITED TO 12 CRAFTERS

Register by January 24th

MASON JAR  
SNOWGLOBES

Call 734-793-1850 to sign up or visit the front desk of the Maplewood Center

## Check Your Smoke Alarms Today!

Every year you should change the batteries in your smoke detectors. Why not use Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> as the date to annually change the batteries and keep yourself and your loved ones safe!



## Fire Hydrants and Catch Basins

If you have a fire hydrant in your yard, please help the Fire Department by clearing the snow 3' from the fire hydrant. Also, if there is a catch basin/storm drain in the road in front of your house, please keep it clear of leaves and debris so that the water drains off the sidewalks and roadway and stops ice from forming.



## BEST DECORATED HOUSE COMPETITION

### The 2020 Grand Champion

**The Iwinski Family**  
31264 Maplewood



### 2020 Honorable Mention

29171 Sheridan	30850 Brown	30915 Barton
30948 Bock	31917 Leona	32168 Balmoral
32201 Hennepin	29195 Sheridan	

The Grand Champion will be recognized at a City Council meeting. The Grand Champion is not allowed to enter the competition for five years after winning, so if you want to participate next year, you may want to buy your lights on sale this coming January/February...and get ready!

## AEROBICS



1/5 – 3/9 Tues. - 8:45 a.m.	1/7 – 3/11 Thurs. - 8:45 a.m.
\$6 Drop-in \$40/Resid – 10 Weeks \$50/Non-Res – 10 Weeks	\$6 Drop-in \$40/Resid – 10 Weeks \$50/Non-Res – 10 Weeks
Call 734-793-1850 to Register	

## Thank You GCHS AFJROTC Cadets

A special thank you is in order to the cadets in the Garden City High School Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps for their many hours of assistance this past year in “wrapping” purple bags for the City’s annual Purple Bag Challenge.



## Please Donate to “Our H.O.M.E. Food Pantry” in the Maplewood Center!!!

Millions of children and families living in America face hunger and food insecurity every day. The term “food insecurity” means that a person doesn’t know when or where they’ll find their next meal.

A child’s chance for a bright tomorrow starts with getting enough food to eat today. In America, 1 in 7 children may not know where they will get their next meal. That’s 11 million kids in the U.S. facing hunger. Nearly 5.5 million senior citizens also currently face hunger in our country. After a lifetime of hard work, many older adults find themselves facing a dilemma — to pay for groceries or medical care.



In the age of COVID-19, things have gotten worse. If you can donate food or a few dollars to help others, please consider donating to “Our H.O.M.E. Pantry” – “Helping others with Opportunities, Meals, and Empowerment.” Use the Balmoral parking lot of the Maplewood Center for a drop-off. *Thank You!*

**Maplewood Center**  
31735 Maplewood St.

**Santa Rides  
thru the City**



**Preschool PLAYTIME**  
Make New Friends  
FUN Activities  
Maplewood Community Center Gym

**Mondays – 9:30 to 11:00 am - \$3 Drop-in**  
Parents and kids ages 1-4  
*Meet with others to have fun!*

Maplewood Community Center

## DROP-IN PICKLEBALL

**Age 50 and up!**  
Learn to Play for FREE!!

**Every Tuesday – 10 am to 12 noon.**  
**\$3 Drop in Fee**  
Equipment is provided and will be regularly sanitized.  
Maplewood Center – 734-793-1870