



**WORK SESSION MEETING
OF THE
CITY COUNCIL
City of Maplewood, Missouri**

City Council Chambers, City Hall
7601 Manchester Road, Maplewood, MO 63143

**Tuesday, December 9, 2025
6:00 PM**

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Sustainability Commission Application Review
4. Parking Modifications to Address Resident Needs Adjacent to MRH Middle School/High School
5. Emergency Warming Shelters Update
6. Adjournment

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Posted on December 5, 2025, at Maplewood City Hall and maplewoodmo.gov

Memorandum



To: Mayor and City Council
From: Amber Withycombe, City Manager
Date: December 4, 2025
Re: **Sustainability Commission Vacancy Applicants**

Enclosed are applications for two vacancy appointments to the Sustainability Commission: one position designated for a Maplewood resident and one position for an individual who works for or owns a business in Maplewood.

We received one new application and confirmed the continued interest of two applicants from earlier in 2025. All three applicants are qualified for appointment:

- Casey Kelly – Owns a Maplewood business; applied November 14, 2025
- Clayton Merritt (Ward 3) – Applied in the spring 2025 cycle; listed the Sustainability Commission as his first choice
- Daniel Sparks (Ward 1) – Applied in July 2025; upon staff follow-up, expressed interest in the Sustainability Commission

The applications are enclosed for Council’s review. Following this work session discussion, staff will prepare appointment resolutions for Council’s consideration at the January 13, 2026, meeting.

SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION - 2025 VACANCY APPLICANTS

# OF VACANCIES		2					
FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	WARD	RESIDENT	WORKS FOR MAPLEWOOD BUSINESS	MAPLEWOOD BUSINESS OWNER	DATE SUBMITTED	NOTES
Clayton	Merritt	3	Y	N	N	5/4/2025	Applied in spring cycle; Sustainability 1st choice
Casey	Kelly	n/a	N	Y	Y	11/14/2025	
Daniel	Sparks	1	Y	N	N	7/25/2025	Applied in July; would like to be considered for SC

**City of Maplewood, Missouri
Boards and Commissions Application**



I am interested in serving on the following Board(s) or Commission(s):
(Please rank in order of preference, 1 being your most preferred board/commission. Mark N/A if not interested in serving.)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Board of Adjustment and Housing Board of Appeals | <input type="checkbox"/> Plan and Zoning Commission |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Civil Service Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> Police Advisory Board |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Design & Review Board and Historic Preservation Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> Special Business District Tax Advisory Commission
(Members of the SBD Tax Advisory Commission must be individuals who own property or operate as a municipally licensed business within the boundaries of the district.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Human Services Commission | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sustainability Commission |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Library Board | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parks & Recreation Commission | |

Applicant Contact Information

First Name: Casey

Last Name: Kelly

Address: 7176 Manchester Rd

City: Maplewood State: MO Zip: 63143

Email Address: _____

Primary Phone: _____ Other Phone: _____

Are you a Maplewood resident? Yes No Do you work for a Maplewood business? Yes No

Personal Information

Current Employer (optional): C K Draft Design

Occupation (optional): self employed interior design

Reason(s) for wanting to serve on a board or commission:

I am LEED certified and I have studied compact city urban design

What experience or qualifications do you have relating to the function of the board or commission?

I have worked with design committees for multi-unit residential to design - I can present ideas and organize procurement selections - I am a creative thinker and pragmatic team player.

Do you currently hold, or have you previously held, any local, state, or federal government positions, appointments, or office(s)? Yes No

If you checked yes, please list dates and positions held.

[Empty box for listing dates and positions held]

List civic or community activities with which you have been involved.

Pocket Parks, Lifewise, APA, community improvements such as planting trees

References

Please list two references. At least one needs to be a Maplewood resident who is familiar with your experience and abilities.

Name: Erin LeClerc

Email Address: _____ Phone: _____

Maplewood Resident: Yes No

Name: Ryan Pennington

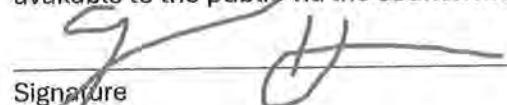
Email Address: _____ Phone: _____

Maplewood Resident: Yes No

Have you read the duties and responsibilities of the board or commission for which you are applying? Yes No

Will you be able to attend the regular meetings of the boards and commissions to which you may be appointed? Yes No

By submitting this form, you affirm that the information contained in this application is true and accurate to the best of your knowledge and that you are the person named in the applicant section of this form. In addition, you acknowledge that upon receipt by the City, this form is a public record and its contents will be provided to anyone requesting a copy and that your name will be made available to the public via the council meeting agenda, which is posted online.

Signature 

11/14/2025
Date

Please return to City of Maplewood, City Clerk, 7601 Manchester Rd., Maplewood, MO 63143
If you have any questions, call (314) 646-3604 or email cityclerk@cityofmaplewood.com.

Boards and Commissions Application

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Submitted by: Clayton Merritt

Submitted On: 2025-05-04 10:37:28

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Priority: Normal

Assigned To: City Council

Due Date: Open



City of Maplewood, MO

Boards and Commissions Application

Contact Information

* **First Name:**

Clayton

* **Last Name:**

Merritt

* **Address:**

7326 Myrtle Ave

* **City:**

Saint Louis

* **State:**

MO

* **Zip:**

63143

* **Email Address**

* **Primary Phone (numbers only)**

Other Phone (numbers only)

Ex. (123) 456-7890

Personal Information

Current Employer (optional)

Community Building LLC

Occupation (optional)

Property Management

Work Phone (numbers only)

Ex. (123) 456-7890

* Are you a Maplewood resident?

Yes No

* Do you work for a Maplewood business?

Yes No

* Reason(s) for wanting to serve on a board or commission:

Get more involved in the community

* What experience or qualifications do you have relating to the function of the board or commission?

Worked on and ran jobsites for multiple sustainability projects in multiple states that involved permaculture, xeriscaping, composting, aquaponic and hydroponic gardening. 17 years in the building industry including general contracting, home maintenance, landscaping, and property management.

* Do you currently hold, or have you previously held, any local, state, or federal government positions, appointments or office(s)?

Yes No

If you checked yes, please list date(s) and position(s) held.

List civic or community activities with which you have been involved.

Sherwood Forest, Earth Day 365, Dogtown Ecovillage, Gateway Arch Park Foundation, NPR

If you would like to attach any documents or items that may be of interest to the Mayor or Council for the application review process, please do so below.

Choose File No file chosen

References

Please list two references. At least one reference needs to be a Maplewood resident who is familiar with your experience and abilities.

* Reference Name:

Natalie Merritt

* Reference Email Address:

* Reference Phone (numbers only):

* Maplewood resident?

Yes No

* Reference Name

Alex Theiss

* Reference Email Address

* Reference Phone (numbers only)

* Maplewood resident?

Yes No

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* Board of Adjustment and Housing Board of Appeals

Not interested in serving on this board / commission.



*** Civil Service Commission**

Not interested in serving on this board / commission.



*** Design & Review Board and Historic Preservation Commission**

Not interested in serving on this board / commission.



*** Human Services Commission**

Not interested in serving on this board/commission.



*** Library Board**

Not interested in serving on this board / commission.



*** Parks & Recreation Commission**

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*** Plan and Zoning Commission**

Not interested in serving on this board / commission.



*** Special Business District Tax Advisory Commission**

Not interested in serving on this board / commission.



Members of the SBD Tax Advisory Commission must be individuals who own property or operate as a municipally licensed business within the boundaries of the district.

*** Sustainability Commission**

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*** Have you read the duties and responsibilities of the board or commission for which you are applying?**

Yes No

*** Will you be able to attend the regular meetings of the boards and commissions to which you may be appointed?**

Yes No

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*** Electronic Signature**

Clayton Merritt

*** Date**

05/04/2025

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*** Email address**

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Boards and Commissions Application

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Submitted by: Daniel Sparks

Submitted On: 2025-07-25 13:14:26

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Status: Open

Priority: Normal

Assigned To: City Council

Due Date: Open



City of Maplewood, MO

Boards and Commissions Application

Contact Information

* **First Name:**

Daniel

* **Last Name:**

Sparks

* **Address:**

2900 Bartold Ave Apt 318

* **City:**

Maplewood

* **State:**

MO

* **Zip:**

63143

* **Email Address**

* **Primary Phone (numbers only)**

Other Phone (numbers only)

Ex. (123) 456-7890

Personal Information

Current Employer (optional)

Occupation (optional)

Work Phone (numbers only)

Ex. (123) 456-7890

* Are you a Maplewood resident?

Yes No

* Do you work for a Maplewood business?

Yes No

* Reason(s) for wanting to serve on a board or commission:

I would like to become more involved with Maplewood residents and meet other civil servants who want to foster a welcoming and familiar community.

* What experience or qualifications do you have relating to the function of the board or commission?

I have a juris doctorate with a concentration in employment and labor law and I am familiar with the legal side of the civil service process.

* Do you currently hold, or have you previously held, any local, state, or federal government positions, appointments or office(s)?

Yes No

If you checked yes, please list date(s) and position(s) held.

List civic or community activities with which you have been involved.

United Way volunteer 2011-15 Hospital volunteer 2011-2015

If you would like to attach any documents or items that may be of interest to the Mayor or Council for the application review process, please do so below.

Choose File No file chosen

References

Please list two references. At least one reference needs to be a Maplewood resident who is familiar with your experience and abilities.

* Reference Name:

Daniel Setzke

* Reference Email Address:

* Reference Phone (numbers only):

* Maplewood resident?

Yes No

* Reference Name

Jheel Gosain

* Reference Email Address

* Reference Phone (numbers only)

* Maplewood resident?

Yes No

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* **Civil Service Commission**

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* **Design & Review Board and Historic Preservation Commission**

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* **Plan and Zoning Commission**

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* **Special Business District Tax Advisory Commission**

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Yes **No**

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* **Electronic Signature**

Daniel Sparks

* **Date**

07/25/2025

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Memorandum



To: Mayor and City Council
From: Amber Withycombe, City Manager
Date: December 4, 2025
Re: **Parking Modifications to Address Resident Needs Adjacent to MRH Middle School/High School**

Council is asked to discuss whether the City should implement additional parking restrictions on streets adjacent to MRH Middle School/High School to address ongoing resident concerns about parking congestion. This discussion is prompted by the City's need to extend no-parking zones on Florent Avenue for emergency vehicle access, which will reduce available student parking and may intensify congestion on adjacent streets.

Background

Following completion of MRH campus construction in 2024, all on-site parking at the school is devoted exclusively to faculty and staff. The City opened the MFAC pool lot for student parking, but few students utilize it, preferring to park closer to campus on Florent, Gerhardt, Oakland, Lohmeyer, and Martini. These streets now experience significant daily parking congestion during school hours.

Staff has received numerous resident complaints, particularly regarding Florent Avenue. Common concerns include difficulty entering and exiting driveways, limited on-street parking availability for residents during the day, safety concerns regarding emergency vehicle access, students parking illegally within three feet of driveways, and general frustration with the concentration of non-resident vehicles on narrow residential streets.

The City and MRH administration have attempted various educational approaches, including signage directing students to the pool lot, school-wide announcements, and morning incentives. While these efforts produced temporary improvements, resident complaints persist.

Emergency Access Improvements on Florent Avenue

Fire Chief Marsac identified a public safety concern on Florent Avenue. Emergency vehicles, trash trucks, and Public Works equipment cannot safely navigate the turn from Florent to Martini when cars are parked near the school parking lot entrance. Staff has prepared an ordinance establishing no-parking zones for approximately 54 feet on the west side of Florent from the school parking lot entrance. This ordinance is included in tonight's regular session meeting packet.

These necessary safety improvements will eliminate several parking spaces currently used by students, which may increase parking pressure on Gerhardt, Oakland, Lohmeyer, and Martini. This reality compels a broader discussion about parking management on all streets adjacent to the high school.

Existing Parking Restrictions

Current parking restrictions on the 2500 blocks of streets adjacent to the school include:

- Florent Avenue (2500 block): No parking on east side from Lohmeyer to 40 feet north
- Gerhardt Avenue (2500 block): No parking on west side; no parking on east side from Lohmeyer to 40 feet north
- Oakland Avenue (2500 block): No parking on east side; no parking on west side from Rannells to 30 feet south
- Martini Drive (2500 block): No parking on west side

Discussion Framework

Any additional parking restrictions will require balancing competing interests:

- Student access: All streets around the high school are public. MRH families are local taxpayers whose children have a legal right to park on public streets. The pool lot, while available, requires a longer walk to campus.
- Resident quality of life: Residents experience daily impacts including limited parking availability in front of their own homes, difficulty accessing driveways when cars are parked close to aprons or directly across the street, and frustration with sustained concentrations of non-resident parking.
- Enforcement capacity: Residential permit parking systems require significant enforcement resources. The Police Department would need to issue permits, monitor compliance, and respond to violations. Sustained enforcement capacity must be factored into any decision.
- Displacement effects: Removing parking spaces on Florent will likely push more students to adjacent streets unless additional restrictions are implemented or students are successfully incentivized to use the pool lot.

Options for Council Consideration

- Emergency access improvements only: Proceed only with the no-parking zones on Florent. Continue educational efforts with MRH students but impose no additional restrictions. Accept that eliminating these parking spaces may intensify congestion on adjacent streets.
- Residential permit parking on affected streets: Implement residential permit parking from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday on the 2500 blocks of Florent, Gerhardt, and Oakland. This would give residents priority parking during school hours while still permitting student parking after hours for events.
- One-side parking restrictions: Prohibit parking on one side of Florent during school hours to reduce congestion without completely eliminating student parking options. This approach may be easier to enforce than permit parking and follows precedent on many other city streets, but it will eliminate on-street parking for residents.
- Enhanced partnership with MRH: Work more intensively with MRH administration to develop meaningful incentives for pool lot utilization before implementing enforcement-based restrictions.

Staff seeks Council's direction on whether to pursue parking restrictions beyond the emergency access improvements, and if so, which approach best balances community needs with available enforcement resources.

Memorandum



To: Mayor and City Council
From: Amber Withycombe, City Manager
Date: December 4, 2025
Re: **Emergency Shelter Initiatives**

This memo provides an update on emergency shelter initiatives being explored by the Human Services Commission and Mayor Greenberg, both of which may involve City support or partnership.

Background

Following the Human Services Commission's emergency shelter initial proposal to Council on October 28, staff provided the Commission with feedback and guidance on key operational, legal, and financial considerations for establishing such a facility. This feedback addressed questions regarding liability, insurance requirements, operational partnerships, funding mechanisms, staffing models, community engagement, and coordination with regional service providers.

Human Services Commission Progress

Since receiving Council's feedback, the Commission has continued its research and planning efforts. Chair Bailey Schuchmann has been working to address the operational questions and concerns raised by Council and staff, including exploring partnerships with established service providers, refining cost estimates, and developing a more detailed implementation framework.

Bailey has identified Maplewood United Methodist Church as a potential location for a low-barrier overnight emergency shelter operating during the winter months (November through March). The current proposal envisions serving 10 to 15 individuals nightly with estimated first-season costs of \$15,000 to \$25,000. Bailey is exploring partnerships with established service providers to support operations and is targeting a pilot launch in November 2026.

Bailey will be present at the work session to provide additional details and answer questions. The Commission's full written update will be provided to Council via separate email on Monday, December 9, and will be added to the public meeting packet posted online.

Salvation Army Opportunity

Separately, Mayor Greenberg has been in conversation with Captain Jeanette Jensen of the Salvation Army regarding the possibility of utilizing the Salvation Army facility at 7701 Rannells Avenue for a warming center. The Salvation Army headquarters has expressed interest in learning more about this concept and has requested a written proposal outlining suggested operating times, resources, and implementation details.

Next Steps

Given that multiple stakeholders are exploring emergency shelter solutions, the work session will provide an opportunity to discuss both initiatives and consider how best to consolidate these efforts to maximize resources and avoid duplication.

Staff recommends that Council provide direction on whether to pursue one or both opportunities and how best to coordinate these efforts. When the Commission develops a formal proposal following this discussion, it will be placed on the regular meeting agenda for Council consideration at a future date.

Memorandum



To: Mayor and city council

From: Bailey Schuchmann, Maplewood Human Services Commission Chair

Date: December 9, 2025

Re: Updates on HSC's Progress Regarding Emergency Winter Shelter Operations

Thank you to Mayor Greenberg and City Council for taking the time to review the HSC's Emergency Shelter Proposal on October 14th and for providing us with comprehensive feedback and proposed next steps.

We are grateful for the unanimous consensus that the City should take concrete action to address this need in a fiscally responsible and humane manner. We appreciate Council's recognition that this represents an unmet public safety concern requiring municipal response.

We would like to update Council on our progress and respond to the concerns and considerations you identified.

1. Bond Referendum Timing

We acknowledge that the bond project has been in development for nearly a year, and we understand Council's concern about protecting voter support for necessary City Hall and police facility improvements. While the timing is challenging, we are working diligently on a separate, longer-term planning process not tied to the bond vote.

We believe these concerns highlight the importance of public education on shelter operations, and we encourage the City to consider how it can support community education on this topic. Thank you for taking the time to consider our proposals.

2. Demand and Capacity Considerations

Serving Maplewood Residents

As you know, both our October proposal and the new one will serve only Maplewood residents through a referral process coordinated with Maplewood police and our Social Services Coordinator. We understand that other cities sometimes transport unhoused individuals to Maplewood, and while we never want to turn anyone away from support, we believe it's important to address the needs of our own residents first.

We don't think it's ethical to delay this public safety measure because other cities lack adequate services for their unhoused populations. Our residents deserve safety regardless of regional gaps in services, which is why we're working with Maplewood police and our Social Services

Coordinator to ensure we're adequately caring for our city's unhoused population.

To address Councilwoman Garcia's comments about regional coordination, we're also working with County-level leaders to develop emergency shelter capacity not just for Maplewood, but for all St. Louis County cities. We agree that a successful model involves multiple communities implementing similar programs and that regional coordination would address overflow concerns while distributing responsibility. However, we're asking Maplewood to lead the way in this effort rather than wait for regional consensus.

Addressing Overflow Concerns

Council's feedback noted concerns that "as the only shelter in the immediate area, the facility might be quickly overwhelmed" and raised "questions about walk-in scenarios." We want to clarify that the referral system is specifically designed to address these concerns by controlling intake and preventing capacity issues. We don't anticipate the shelter being overwhelmed under this model.

If Council would like to learn more about how shelter operations and referral systems function, we would be happy to provide additional clarification. We will make sure to be present during future presentations to address questions in real-time.

It's worth noting that without an emergency protocol in place, overflow is actually more likely to occur with the interim measures being implemented this winter (detailed below).

Understanding Climate-Related Health Risks

Council's recognition that approximately 40 nights annually fall below 25°F suggests moderate but consistent need. For clarity, we'd like to share additional context about the health risks involved:

- Hypothermia can occur when temperatures drop below 68°F (indoors or outdoors)
- Frostbite occurs after 30 minutes of exposure at 5°F or below
- Hypothermia deaths among unhoused populations have risen 35% since 2014
- Over 700 hypothermia deaths occur nationwide annually; St. Louis experiences fatalities each year despite existing shelter operations (likely underreported)
- Drug overdoses increase 25-30% when temperatures fall to 32°F or below

We share these statistics to convey the urgency of this public safety threat that affects our neighbors every winter.

3. Operational and Practical Considerations

Social Services Coordinator Capacity

We agree that the Social Services Coordinator's current workload and budget don't allow for additional responsibilities. Our new proposal will request city funding for an emergency shelter coordinator position to manage day-to-day operations at partnering facilities, with the Social

Services Coordinator serving as director of emergency shelter operations.

Additional Organizational Support

We don't yet have additional organizations beyond those already identified by the City and Social Services Coordinator to provide support. While there are many nonprofits outside Maplewood we could contact (and currently do), it's important to remember that unhoused persons are more likely to accept help when it's within their proximity, as transportation presents significant barriers.

Insurance and Liability

We understand the main concern was liability insurance for shelters in city-owned facilities. Our new proposal will focus on operations within church buildings in Maplewood, which we believe will significantly mitigate liability insurance concerns. We're researching insurance requirements for city staff managing these sites.

Long-Term Sustainability and Funding

We're still drafting our full proposal, but we'd like to share preliminary cost data for the staffing component. The proposed budget for an emergency shelter coordinator (the only cost requested from the City) would be **\$7,200 to \$10,800 annually**.

This represents a modest investment when viewed in context:

- **0.03-0.05%** of the total city budget (\$23.6 million)
- **0.08-0.13%** of public safety spending (~\$13 million)
- **Less than half the cost** of a single police vehicle emergency equipment upfit (\$26,091 budgeted for FY 24-25)
- **12-19% increase** to the existing Emergency Social Services allocation (\$56,560)

We view this as a strategic enhancement to existing emergency response infrastructure that aligns directly with city priorities. Emergency shelter operations serve multiple departments simultaneously:

For Public Safety (Police Department):

- Reduces non-criminal calls for service related to individuals seeking warmth or shelter
- Decreases need for transportation services to city-run operations
- Minimizes property-related complaints from businesses and residents

For the Special Business District:

- Supports business district stability by addressing visible homelessness compassionately and proactively
- Reduces overnight presence in business doorways and public spaces
- Enhances the district's reputation as a community that cares for all residents

4. Next Steps and Timeline

Council can expect our new proposal before the 2026-2027 city budget cycle. Thank you for directing city staff to work with the Human Services Commission to develop a longer-term strategic plan for homeless services. This new proposal will explore:

- a. Partnership models with regional organizations and nonprofits, including operational support and expertise
 - b. Mechanisms that build sustainability
 - c. Operational capacity requirements
 - d. Regional coordination opportunities with other municipalities
 - e. Alternative approaches using church and organization partnerships rather than City-operated facilities
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Current Interim Efforts

We'd like to briefly update Council on interim efforts underway since no city policies are yet in place.

Mayor Greenberg reached out to the Salvation Army of Maplewood and offered to help build their capacity for overnight sheltering services. As of December 2nd, Captain Jeanette Jensen is awaiting word from headquarters on whether they have the insurance and capacity to run emergency sheltering operations. We're hopeful to hear news soon.

Adam Pearson, Director of St. Louis City's Department of Human Services, reached out to Maplewood United Methodist Church offering supplies and volunteers to help accommodate emergency shelter operations. Pastor Andy Bryan met with the church's advisory council on December 7th to seek approval.

If approved, we're hopeful that with Adam's support, the Department of Human Services' delivery of supplies, and grant funding we hope to receive through House Everyone STL, Maplewood United Methodist Church will serve up to 10 people when temperatures drop to 25°F with precipitation or 20°F without.

We're hopeful that with the City's partnership with Maplewood United Methodist Church, the Community Unity Center, Community Connections, and city supports and services, this will be a successful venture. However, it's important to note that because this partnership involves the City of St. Louis Department of Human Services, this site will be open to anyone from the greater St. Louis area, not exclusively Maplewood residents as our formal proposal would serve. We still anticipate our unhoused residents will access the shelter first due to proximity, and Maplewood United Methodist and the Community Unity Center intend to notify us first when operations are in place so we can prioritize outreach to Maplewood residents.