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City Newsletter

February 2005 Edition

Mayor's Message

Mapleton City Update

As we start the New Year may I report to you as to how Mapleton City is doing? This past year we completed the construction of a 500,000 gallon water tank at the bottom of Maple Canyon. The old tank was failing. This tank is key to the pumping of water to our two 2,000,000 gallon tanks farther up the canyon. The completion of this project assures us of adequate culinary water for the next few years.

The City Council and I have just completed negotiations with Nebo School District to use the new Junior High recreation facilities to be built this spring at the corner of 1200 North and 400 East. Mapleton City will pay \$100,000 toward the upgrade of the school gymnasiums and playing fields allowing community use of these facilities outside school hours. The City currently has a similar agreement for use of the Hobbles Creek Elementary School recreational facilities.

Public Safety

Our Public Safety Departments are doing an excellent job for our citizens. This year we replaced one of our two ambulance vehicles in an endeavor to ensure our emergency equipment is reliable whenever needed. The Ambulance Association under the direction of Stephanie Olsen is on call 24 hours a day. The same can be said about our Fire Department under the direction of Fire Chief Josh Diamond. This past year, with a \$97,000 grant from FEMA we were able to provide much needed turnout clothing for all our fire crews. We cannot thank these volunteers enough for their dedication and commitment.

Our Police Department consists of six officers including our Chief, Dean Pettersson, who enjoys occasional routine patrol work with his officers. They continue to do exemplary work for our City.

Thank You

The Committees and Commissions of our City have all given great service this past year to the city of Mapleton and we thank them for it. This brings me to our planned new Community Center. The funding is in place to build this tremendous asset to our City. It will house our Police Department, Library, Senior Citizen Center, Court, Council Chamber and City Administration. I think all

Mapleton citizens should be captivated with this building. I very much appreciate the donations that are now flowing in as contributions to the library portion of the structure. Please continue with this much valued support no matter how small each, individual donation will help. Let's make reading and library use a big part of our lives here in Mapleton.

The recreation for our City is run by Stacey Child. If you go by any of our parks, summer, spring, or fall you find them full of young people. The same is true of the city recreation hall and Hobbles Creek School gymnasium. We have 19 basketball teams playing this winter. This past year, funded by a \$37,000 Community Development Block Grant, the City provided a new adventure playground specially designed for young people with disabilities. It is located in North Park, 1600 North where our V.I.P. Sports programs for disabled young people are held. One of two programs organized in Utah.

It is an honor and a privilege to serve as your Mayor. Please know that I would be happy to visit with any of you personally or by phone. If you are handicapped and cannot come to the office, call me and I will be pleased to come to your home. I will give you the true facts as I know them about our City. Sometimes rumor and mis-stated opinions cause our citizens concern. This community is a wonderful place to live and we all need to work on the positive side. It is easy to find fault and criticize. The hard part is to be positive and uplifting to our fellowmen. I believe that is what we were put on this earth to do.

City Calendar

Feb 2	7:00 am	City Council Meeting
Feb 10	1:00-4:00pm	Museum Tours
Feb 16	7:00 pm	City Council Meeting
Feb 17	7:00 pm	Planning Commission Meeting
Feb 21	City Offices	Closed – President's Day
Feb 29	2:00-5:00pm	Museum Tours
Mar 8	6:00 pm	Public Workshop (see P&Z Article)

Meetings are held at the City Hall, 35 East Maple Street, unless otherwise indicated. For more information about City Meetings contact 489-5655. Agendas, minutes and the newsletter are available on the City website at www.mapleton.org.

City Council Action Items

January 19, 2005

1. Approved – A resolution authorizing the Mayor, City Administrator, and City Attorney to sign a Mapleton Junior High School Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with the Nebo School District.
2. Approved – A resolution authorizing the City Administrator to enter into a shared agency Computer Software and User License Agreement with Spillman Technologies for Emergency Services – Records Communication System.
3. Approved – A resolution authorizing a discount on utility bills for active military personnel extending the expiration date from December 31, 2004 to December 31, 2005.

Recreation

Baseball & Softball Sign-ups in March

Baseball & Softball registration will be held Tuesday, March 22nd and Wednesday, March 23rd, 2005 at Mapleton's Memorial Hall located at 40 East Maple Street. Late fee of \$10.00 after April 1, 2005.

T-Ball

Boys & Girls (ages 4-6) - \$30.00

Baseball

Boys Coach Pitch (1st & 2nd grade) - \$30.00

Boys Mustang (3rd & 4th grade) - \$45.00

Boys Pinto (5th & 6th grade) - \$45.00

Softball

Girls Coach Pitch (1st & 2nd grade) - \$30.00

Girls Falcon (3rd & 4th grade) - \$45.00

Girls Filly (5th & 6th grade) - \$45.00

VIP Adaptive T-Ball & Coach Pitch League

For any Special Needs Kindergarten – High School. A unique baseball program for children with special needs. Please call Mapleton City Recreation at 489-7752 for more information. Fee is \$15.00 (price includes uniform, hat, pictures, & trophy).

Summer Tennis Program

Youth beginning & Intermediate Classes - \$35.00

Early morning Women's Classes - \$45.00

Registration will be held during the month of May 2005. Please call 489-7752 for more information. Classes will begin June 1st.

Please visit our website for more information about Mapleton City at www.mapleton.org.

Kindergarten Registration

March 22, 2005 – 8:00am-4:00pm

Kindergarten registration will take place on Tuesday, March 22, 2005 from 8:00am-4:00pm at both the Hobble Creek and Mapleton Elementary Schools.

Library

Read with your Children

We hope that the families with children still at home in Mapleton are taking time to read often with their children. It is important to have family time and reading together can be a worthwhile and fun activity. Read the classics to your children while traveling in the car on longer trips, read a chapter at bedtime to all the children, and have a fun night when you all dress in comfortable clothes or pajamas and bring blankets and pillows to the living room or family room and have a "family read-a-thon". Each family member will bring a favorite book to read to themselves. Don't forget the popcorn or other treats. Here are some wonderful books that every child should read or hear read:

Complete Tales of Uncle Remus (Harris), Child's Garden of Verse (Stevenson), Little Women (Alcott), Peter Pan (Barrie), Wizard of Oz (Baum), The Secret Garden (Burnett), Pinocchio (Collodi), Robinson Crusoe (DeFoe), Wind in the Willows (Grahame), Jungle Book (Kipling), Winnie the Pooh (Milne), Anne of Green Gables (Montgomery) Polyanna (Porter), Black Beauty (Sewell), Heidi (Spyri), Mary Poppins (Travers), The Adventures of Tom Sawyer and Huckleberry Finn (Twain), Swiss Family Robinson (Wyss), any Hans Christian Andersen storybook, The Complete Adventures of Peter Rabbit (Potter), or any other books you can think of that are special for children.

Visit the library often and let children check out books. Make sure that each child has a reading light near their beds. Encourage reading in your home in any way possible.

Tutors Needed

We have an urgent need for tutors at the Literacy Center. Please call 489-6584 or 489-4833 if you have two hours a week to help someone become a better reader. Call if you have other questions about being a tutor and we can answer them for you.

Public Works & Parks

Special Thanks – Eagle Scout Projects

We would like to give a special thanks to Jace Anderson on his Eagle Scout Project for the Flag Pole holders and American Flags that are displayed on Maple Street. Hjorth Brother's assisted Jace with the materials to build these holders.

Canyon Halterman raised money donations to purchase American Flags and poles for Maple Street. Thanks to their family, friends, and the citizens who have supported these two young men with their Projects.

Any person wishing to do a Service Project please contact the Mapleton City Office at 489-5655.

North Park

Mapleton City has recently installed a new playground at the North Park, located at 1400 West 1600 North. Other improvements include a concrete walkway in and around the playground. North Park also has a ball field, two pavilions and restrooms. This is a great addition so come out and enjoy this beautiful park. Watch for the Grand Opening of the Special Needs Playground in May 2005.

Mapleton Senior Citizen's Center Update

Mapleton Senior Residents

Mayor Allan and City Staff met with Utah County's CDBG funding committee to discuss the requested \$231,358.62 project. The announcement on funding will come in the next few days. Mapleton Senior Advisory Committee asked in the January 2005 Newsletter to let the City know how many residents, 60 years and older, would be interested in belonging to the Senior Center. There was a good response, and we will continue to compile a list for the next few months. We appreciate the comments and suggestions that have been given. If you have any questions or comments please contact us Tracy or April at 489-6138, or via email at tbarker@mapleton.org or ahouser@mapleton.org.

Mapleton Police Department

Dog Tag renewal

Dog tag renewals were due by January 31, 2005. If you have not renewed your tag(s) the fee will double as of February 1, 2005. When renewing you must have proof of current rabies vaccination and a description of the dog(s).

C.E.R.T

Mapleton City is looking for volunteers to join the Community Emergency Response Program, (C.E.R.T). Training will be on Saturday March 12, 2005, from 8:00 am to 9:00 pm, and Saturday March 19, 2005, from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. The cost is \$35.00 and includes all books, materials and equipment. This is a great way to get involved in the community and to help serve the community in the event of a disaster. For more information contact C.E.R.T director Don Little at 489-4208.

Dispatch change over meets with great success

It has now been seven months since Mapleton City's emergency services (previously tied into Springville City Dispatch) switched to using the Utah County Sheriff's Dispatch for dispatching services. The City's emergency service has not encountered any problems. Linking directly into the County Dispatch service has saved Mapleton City thousands of dollars in dispatch fees. The transition went smoothly and has been a great success.

The Police, Fire and Ambulance departments have been pleased with the improved service we have received. As a reminder if you have a life-threatening problem call **911**. For non-emergencies, you can call our police secretary, Melissa Roundy, Monday thru Friday during the hours of 8:00 am to 5:00 pm at 489-9668 and she will have an officer contact you. If you need an immediate response for police, fire, or ambulance call County Dispatch at 851-4100. We have officers available 24 hours a day seven days a week.

Planning Department

Building Permit Applications Soon Available On Our Website

We will soon begin an electronic Building Permit application process that will make it much easier for citizens to apply for a Building Permit before ever entering the Planning and Building Office. Although the permit will not be interactive, you will now be able to print off the application and fill it out, then attach it to your plans. Look for this feature to be added to our Website within the next Month. As a reminder, effective January 1, 2005 all Building Permit Applications require one full size set of 24x36 and one reduced copy of 11x17 building plans.

Speaking of our Website

Our Website used to be updated by a volunteer effort. Over the past six months, we have started updating the website "in-house". We would like to give thanks and appreciation to Mapleton resident Brian Allred, who for years volunteered his time to update the Website on his own spare time. In fact Brian's employer has continued to host the site and donate the "bandwidth" to Mapleton City, making our Website possible to exist. Our Website is now updated regularly as needed. You can find Planning Commission and City Council agenda's, as well as Press Releases and other updated information at www.mapleton.org.

Public Workshop

On March 8, 2005 from 6:00-8:30 pm – Wasatch Choices 2040 in conjunction with Mountainlands Association of Governments is hosting a public workshop for the citizens from Springville to Goshen to discuss future transportation and land use options. County and local government officials will be on hand to gather south Utah County residents input on topics such as off ramps on I-15, mass transit, land use, job creation, commerce, housing and future quality of life. The workshop will be held at Payson Jr. High School Cafeteria, 1025 South Highway 91 (100 West). Please plan to attend.

Mapleton Ambulance

Addresses on Homes

Have you ever taken the time when you are out driving to notice the addresses on homes? On behalf of the Public Safety Departments we are urging everyone to take an interest in where your house address is located. It is very difficult for the Police, Fire or Ambulance to have good response times to your home when you have an emergency if your house numbers are not visible. Are your numbers too small? Are they stamped within a cement block with no lighting around it? Maybe your house is off the road a little and unless someone drives down the driveway the numbers aren't visible.

Some suggestions:

Make sure your numbers are at least 4" high, and can be seen at night. Have a light above the numbers. Have contrast between the numbers and the color of the house. Get large block numbers on your mailbox. Numbers on the curb are also helpful, but remember, in the winter the snow will cover them up. The Public Safety Department depends on you to make sure your home address is visible just as you depend on the Public Safety Department to help you in your time of need. Help us help you when you need us most. Thank you from your Public Safety Department.

Volunteers Needed

"I Can Read" Program

Mapleton Elementary is in need of volunteers for the "I Can Read" program. It involves tutoring 2 times per week on Monday and Wednesdays, or Tuesday and Thursdays, from 9:00am-10:00am. Contact Sheri Jensen at 489-2850 if interested.

Contact Numbers

Mayor:	489-5655	Library:	489-4833
City Council:	489-5655	Public Works:	489-6253
City Administration:	489-5655	Emergency:	911
Planning & Zoning:	489-6138	Dispatch Police,	
Building Inspection:	489-6138	Fire, Ambulance:	851-4100
Court:	489-7445	Non-emergency:	491-8048
Recreation:	489-7752	Newsletter:	489-6138

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The Murray Home

20 West Maple Street
Mapleton, Utah



This property was purchased by Aaron Johnson and his wife, Louisa, in 1889. Wayne Johnson built the house originally. There were four rooms on the main floor. The room on the northeast corner was used as a kitchen. It had a trap door in the floor that was used for food storage, with a burlap cooler for summer. Upstairs were three finished bedrooms, with a door to an unfinished attic on the north. The two front pine trees were planted by Aaron Johnson. The tax records show that David A. Stone paid taxes in 1905 and 1906. Heber Houtz paid taxes in 1918. A. C. Hansen paid taxes in 1920. In 1928 Arnold Lee bought the house. His family lived there until 1933. Martha Roades bought the house in 1933. Myra Murray bought the house in 1944. Fred D. and Barbara Murray bought the house in 1957. After Fred died, Barbara continued to live there.

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