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City Newsletter

January 2005 Edition

Mayor's Message

Christmas Tree Lighting

My sincere thanks go to the children from the Mapleton and Hubble Creek Elementary Schools for their musical program at the City Park on December 3rd. Their participation is crucial to making the annual tree lighting ceremony such an outstanding success and the arrival of Santa Clause such a special event for our community. To those who furnished hot chocolate, thanks to you for warming our hands and insides. It was exceptionally cold!

Sewer Capacity

Accommodating growth in our City remains a constant challenge being limited by our ability to provide sewer connections to new developments and subdivisions. We are limited by our 23% capacity of Spanish Fork's Wastewater Treatment Plant and the City Council is presently examining several options in their attempt to find solutions to this aggravating logistical problem before the six month moratorium has elapsed.

New Community Center

The City Council has now selected the general contractor for the new Community Center and we anticipate that the new city building will be under construction by the end of this month.

Donations and pledges for the new library are beginning to flow in. The Home Builders Association handed to the City a donation of \$1,200 at the December 15th City Council Meeting.

Snow Removal

Thanks to our citizens who move their vehicles and property off the streets when we have a snow storm. This makes it so much easier for our snow plow drivers to clean the streets better and more efficiently. November thru March no vehicles can be parked on the streets overnight due to snow plowing.

Happy New Year!

On behalf of the City Council members and City employees, we would like to wish you and your family a happy and prosperous New Year.

Christmas Tree Removal Dates are January 17th & 18th

Christmas Tree Removal will take place on January 17th and 18th. Residents must have trees out at curbside by 7:00am on FIRST scheduled pickup day. Trucks will run each route one time only.

Trees will be recycled by grinding them up for mulch; therefore the trees must be clean. No lights, ornaments, decorations, or bags. Flocked trees will not be accepted.

Pressurized Irrigation Water Charges

At the December 1st meeting, the City Council approved an exemption clause to the ordinance that imposed a \$10 monthly charge on residents who have elected not to connect into the pressurized irrigation water service where it is available for use.

The amended ordinance exempts those residents who choose not to connect from the available pressurized irrigation system from this charge if their total gross household income is less than \$11,750 a year. This figure is based on 75% of the median adjusted income for Mapleton. The exemption from the monthly fee will be for a period of two years and subject to renewal thereafter. If this pertains to you, please make an application at the Mapleton City Office.

Museum

We would like to invite those individuals who have had members of their family who have served in the armed services to donate their uniforms. If you're willing to do so please call Bruce Mendenhall at 489-5850 or Keith Stirling at 489-7786. There will be a military room in the Museum where we will honor servicemen and women. We would like pictures, and information about their service for this special room.

Eagle Scout Recognition

The City Council paid tribute to an outstanding project undertaken earlier this year by Courtney Rogers in connection with his Eagle Scout badge. He purchased flag poles to be displayed on Main Street for commemorative occasions. We thank Courtney for his efforts which will be appreciated over many years.

City Calendar

Jan 4	6:00 pm	Planning Commission Meeting
Jan 12	8:00 am	City Council Meeting
Jan 13	1-4:00 pm	Museum Open
Jan 17 & 18	7:00 am	Christmas Tree Removal
Jan 19	7:00 pm	City Council Meeting
Jan 20	7:00 pm	Planning Commission Meeting
Jan 27	1-4:00pm	Museum Open

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

December 1, 2004

1. Approved an ordinance imposing a Temporary Zoning Regulation temporarily suspending development under the City's Development Code.
2. Approved a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a lease-purchase agreement of approximately \$865,000 to finance the construction of a new Community Center.
3. Approved a resolution inviting fresh bids for the General Contractor/Project Supervisor for the new Community Center.
4. Approved a resolution amending the fee schedule for Pressurized Irrigation for lots where it is available but not being used.

December 15, 2004

1. Approved a resolution approving budget revisions for Fiscal Year 2005 Budget
2. Approved an ordinance adopting a regular meeting schedule for 2005. City Council Meetings will stay on the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays and Planning Commission will be held on the 3rd Thursday of each month.
3. Approved a resolution approving the extension of the Interlocal Agreement by and between Utah County, Utah, and Mapleton City regarding library service for 2005.

Recreation

Boys Basketball Coaches Preview – 3rd & 4th Grade Boys
3rd & 4th grade boy's mandatory coach's preview and team selection will be held on January 4th from 6:00pm-7:15pm at Hobble Creek Elementary School.

Boys Basketball Coaches Preview – 5th & 6th Grade Boys
5th & 6th grade boys preview and team selection will be held on January 5th. Games will begin the last week in January.

Instructional League – 1st & 2nd Grade

The 1st & 2nd grade Instructional League will begin the week of January 10th.

Interest in 3 on 3 Basketball League for ages 14-18 ???

If you are interested in participating in a 3 on 3 Basketball League please contact Stacey Child at 489-7752. Teams of 5-6 players would play games during the months of February & March. Each team would need an adult coach that could attend all games and must register as an organized team. The approximate cost would be \$40 - \$50 per player (cost will be determined by the number of teams participating). We will not be able to organize this league without enough interest.

Recreation Supervisor

We are looking for a Gym Supervisor, age 21 or older, to help supervise games and referee. The hours are Tuesday-Thursday from 5:30pm-7:30pm. Please call Stacey Childs at 489-7752 if interested.

Library

Library, Literacy Center & Parent Resource Center

The Librarian at the Bookmobile Library thanks all of the patrons from Mapleton who come in to check out books. She appreciates how well they take care of the books and especially enjoys the friendships she has made. This book collection has been purchased over the years by the State and County for the use of Utah County residents and is a great addition to our city. It will be wonderful to house it in the new City Building. Please contribute generously to its construction.

At the Mapleton Family Literacy Center we continue our work in helping students become better readers. Call us anytime to get reading help or to be a volunteer tutor. Many parents buy reading software for their children to use on the computer. Here are some questions to ask during the process of selecting the right programs:

1. Does the software contribute to children's comprehension of the world around them? Does it foster and satisfy curiosity?
2. Is the program content appropriate and interesting for children?
3. Does it require a high degree of interaction and call for thoughtful responses that require children to make choices?
4. Are the directions clear and is it easy to run?
5. Is it designed so that the child can use it repeatedly, justifying the cost?
6. Does it provide concentrated and continual learning as opposed to just singing, dancing, and entertaining?

It is suggested that you talk to teachers and other parents about the software before buying it. Unfortunately, most programs come in sealed units so that it is hard to know what you are getting from the packaging. You may want to talk with others who have purchased the software for their opinion.

Do all that you can at home to help your child love learning. Read with them and to them on a regular basis. Turn off the TV, video games and the computer to allow more reading time and family interaction. Parents of young children can find a great selection of items at the Parent Resource Center to use in the home.

Recycling

Curbside Recycling – Glass, Aluminum & Newspaper

Please come in to the City Offices, or call us to say that you are interested in participating in curbside recycling. You may be contacted by Scout Groups and other interested residents within the City to come in and help us get our recycling program off the ground. Have a Happy and Safe New Year! We need a minimum of 300 residents to sign up. The additional cost is \$7-\$8 per month.

Paper Recycling - Newspaper

Residents wishing to have paper such as junk mail, phone books, magazines, catalogs, etc. collected from their home every Thursday afternoon might wish to contact Merrell Recycling at 491-2257. There is a \$5.00 monthly charge for this service. The City Council encourages paper recycling initiatives. There are recycling bins located in the parking lot of the Mapleton City Offices and Mapleton Elementary School.

Mapleton Senior Citizen's Center Update

Mapleton Senior Residents

Mapleton City had the opportunity to submit for a federally funded grant through Housing and Urban Development for the Senior Citizen Center. Utah County has been allocated \$1.5 million for cities in the county. The amount of funding requested was \$231,358.62. The announcement on funding will be the end of January 2005. It is our goal to have the new Community and Senior Citizen Center completed by the end of Summer 2005.

We are hoping like in the Field of Dreams movie "If we build it they will come"! The Mapleton Senior Advisory Committee is interested in how many of our residents 60 years and older would be interested in belonging to the Center. On your December utility bill it will remind you to write yes or no on your receipt stub if you would like to join the Mapleton Senior Citizens. If it is more convenient you can call April or Tracy at 489-6138 or e-mail tbarker@mapleton.org. We would like to start compiling a list as soon as possible. For all of you that unfortunately are not in that age group, your time will come when you can take advantage of the Mapleton Senior Citizen Center. If you have any questions or comments please contact us.

Mapleton Ambulance

Volunteer Help Wanted

Have you ever heard the sirens of the Ambulance and wondered what it would be like to help people in need? Do you like to volunteer your time? Being a volunteer is a very rewarding feeling. With the small size of our Community many volunteers are needed to help keep things running. Mapleton has many citizens willing to help, but they don't always know where they can help. The Ambulance Association is a great place to start. Many have volunteered during the past several years, and now there is a need for more assistance with the Ambulance. The current need is for those who can help during the daytime hours, particularly Monday through Friday. Initial training and ongoing trainings are available for those who are willing to commit to serve.

Many situations in which we respond are of a very serious nature. Therefore, the commitment to serve needs to be as well. It is a good feeling when you know you have helped someone in your Community. For more information please call Stephanie Olsen at 369-8441 or John Crandall at 489-7448. You can also obtain an application form at the City Offices, 35 East Maple Street.

Planning Department

Planning & Building – 2004 Year in Review

By the time you receive this newsletter, Mapleton City should have issued about 70 building permits for new home construction in 2004. This is up 45 from last year. We anticipate this number could double in 2005. Since January 2004, Mapleton City has issued Preliminary Approval for the creation of 618 new lots, and Final Plat Approval for the creation of 265 recorded lots. In January 2004, Mapleton City had a population of 6,487. In January 2005 we should have a

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population close to 6,800, although other agencies have estimated our population closer to 7,000. We have currently approved five Site Plan Approvals (Project Plan Approval), four for businesses that intend to locate in Mapleton and one for the new Jr. High School.

Reminder about Signs

The City Ordinance prohibits the placement of any off-premise sign, including Real-Estate signs, hand bills or posters on utility poles, and those advertising for garage sales, etc. In times past, we have tolerated garage sale signs placed on poles during a Friday afternoon, or a sign or message to a loved one placed on the corner of Maple Street and the Highway. We did this in the hope that those who placed the sign would have it gone by Monday, or after the garage sale, but we are finding that some who place signs are not picking them up. Reluctantly, we can no longer allow these types of signs, and they will be removed immediately.

Temporary Hold on Development

There are two other communities within Utah County that face similar problems as Mapleton. The City of Salem has placed a utility restriction, prohibiting new development due to lack of water facilities and storage. Spanish Fork has a utility restriction due to lack of sewer. Mapleton's situation is similar to Spanish Fork's, with whom we jointly share their sewer treatment facility. However, we have not placed an official utility restriction. We are working to try and solve the problem, thus the reason for the temporary hold on new development. If no solutions to our sewer problem are found, we too may need to adopt a utility restriction. A utility restriction is not a moratorium. By law, a moratorium can last no longer than 6 months. A utility restriction could last until the problem is eventually solved. In either event, rest assured that the City Council is working to solve the problem, and will explore all of the options that are available to us.

Sidewalks

It's that time of year again when we need to remind you to keep your sidewalks clear of snow and ice. This is especially important to those who live on corner lots where the sidewalk may not be in front of the home. Mapleton City Code requires that the occupant keep the sidewalk in front of or adjacent to the property, free of snow, ice, weeds and debris. Remember, the liability is the homeowner's responsibility. If you know of a neighbor or someone who is unable to maintain their sidewalks, we ask that those who can, help out their neighbors. Thank you and have a Happy New Year!

A Message from the Mapleton City Planning Commission

The Mapleton City Planning Commission would like to convey to everyone that the current and previous Planning Commission members have been recommending the City look at building a new City Hall and Community Center prior to the election of the current Mayor (Mayor Allan) and City Council Members. In 2002 the Planning Commission made several recommendations for Capital Facilities Plans that the City should consider, and the Community Center/City Hall was a priority on that list. Some members of the Planning Commission have heard people comment that the new City Hall is a relatively new idea of the current administration. They want to convey that this is not the case.

Library Story Time

Tuesdays & Thursdays at 10:30am

Story-time hour at the Mapleton Library is every Tuesday and Thursday at 10:30am. This takes place year round, and everyone is welcome. Come and enjoy some good books, crafts, learning, and fun with your children.

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

The Mapleton City Newsletter can be viewed at our website up to three days prior to receiving it in the mail at www.mapleton.org.

James Newland Wiscombe Home

310 West Maple Street
Mapleton, Utah



James Newland and Nellie Weight Wiscombe moved into their new home in March of 1923, located in Mapleton on what is now known as "310 West Maple." James (always called Jim) was born March 11, 1880 and Nellie's birth date was March 6, 1886, both being born in Springville. The twelve acres of land on this corner had passed in ownership through several owners before Jim and Nellie bought it from the Benjamin Blanchard family. Brick was hauled from Provo Brickyard in two wagons. During the building of the house a terrible wind storm blew the south side brick wall down, which required the task of rebuilding. On the main floor, there were three bedrooms, a large bathroom, a kitchen, a closet for tin storage, a double front room extending across the east side of the house and also a long front porch. A basement with two finished bedrooms, a large laundry and shower room as well as a fruit room, made the home delightful to live in. A well was dug on the south side of the house and an electric pump was installed under the basement stairs, making water available for various outlets inside the home. A grandson, James Elmer Wiscombe and his wife, Sue, bought the home in the early 1970's. Some additions and remodeling have taken place. There is now a fireplace in the north end of the "parlor", with a large window added on the south end of the living room. Also, another bathroom and laundry room on the north side. A family room in the basement adds much to the activities of family and friends, as well as other changes and additions.

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