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City Newsletter

October 2004 Edition

Mayor's Message

SAFETY CONCERNS:

For the safety of all citizens, it is important that we park vehicles, trailers, boats, etc. off the streets. Many of the roads in Mapleton are too narrow to accommodate parking on one side of the street let alone both sides. Many of our residents are walking, jogging, riding bicycles or other forms of exercise, and need the room on the side of our roads to avoid traffic.

As we approach winter, (hopefully we will get snow this year) it is extremely important that all vehicles are off the streets so that the snow plows can do their work.

For the purpose of safety and snow removal, can I ask for your cooperation in helping to keep our streets clear of obstruction as much as possible. "Thanks for your support."

COMMUNITY CENTER UPDATE:

The architect is providing final plans for the city council to review at our October 6th council meeting. The auditor will provide us with a financial report on how last year's budget performed and what financial reserves we have to put toward the new building. We expect this information to be positive and this will then put us in a position to put the building out for bid.

We are hopeful that the library part of the building will be totally funded by donation. The donation committee has already received commitment from the Mayor, council, building committee, city employees and some private citizens. The committee plans to send out donation forms to each family in the near future. Again, I would ask each of you, including children, to make a generous donation toward this important, educational tool for our community. Let's have everyone be a part of their library.

I am hopeful that we will receive financial support from a Community Development Block Grant for half the cost of the Senior Citizens Center within the Community Center. A public hearing will begin at 7:00 P.M. on October 6, 2004 at the Mapleton City Council Meeting to consider funding options for the Community Center.

We estimate the new building to cost \$1.4 million and that it will accommodate our police department (in the basement), library, administration, court, council chambers, and senior citizens community room. When we subtract our donations and grants from the total cost of our lease-back agreement the city should easily be able to handle the balance through our general fund. There will be no increase in taxes to the citizens of Mapleton to build this community center.

Police Department

With the weather changing and the winter months quickly approaching, I feel you should know what the laws are for parking vehicles on the roadway. The law reads that you cannot leave your vehicle parked on the roadway for more than 24 hours at any given time. You could receive a parking citation, and the vehicle can be towed away at the owner's expense. During the months of November through March, you may not leave your vehicle; this also includes trailers and boats, parked on the road between the hours of 11:00 pm to 6:00 am. In the past, the snowplows have had a problem with plowing the streets because of vehicles parked or left abandoned on the roadway as some of our streets are not wide enough.

Just as a reminder, we need to keep our car doors locked when they are parked. We have had several automobile burglaries in the last few weeks, some of which we have solved. In speaking with the suspects we arrested, they told us that most of the cars they entered were left unlocked and some of the burglaries took place during the daytime. Remember, you can call the Mapleton Police Department any time you see anything suspicious. Working together, we can make Mapleton a safe place.

(801) 491-8048 or for an Emergency call (801) 851-4100

City Calendar

Oct 5-6	5:30-7:00 pm	Girls Basketball Sign ups
Oct 6	7:00 pm	City Council Meeting
Oct 6	7:00 pm	CBDG Public Hearing
Oct 11		Columbus Day - City Offices Closed
Oct 13	4:30 pm To 7:00 pm	Utah Valley Transportation & Community Planning Open House Orem Senior Center, 93 N. 400 E.
Oct 14	7:00 pm	Planning Commission Meeting
Oct 14	7:00 pm	Community Information Night
Oct 20	7:00 pm	City Council Meeting
Oct 28	7:00 pm	Planning Commission Meeting
Oct 31		Daylight Savings Time Ends

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

September 1, 2004

1. Approved – A resolution purchasing an Orion Mobile RF Starter Kit.
2. Approved – A resolution for the Architectural Drawings and Site Layout plan for the “Community Center”.
3. Approved – A resolution approving Marshall Acres Subdivision located at approximately 200 East 1400 North.
4. Continued – A resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Interlocal Agreement between the City and Nebo School District with respect to the Mapleton Junior High School.
5. Approved – A resolution approving the Orton Subdivision located at approximately 100 South 1500 East.
6. Approved – A resolution approving the L.J. Simmons Subdivision located at approximately 1800 North 1600 West.
7. Denied – A resolution for the acceptance of an Annexation Petition for the “Henrichsen Addition” located at approximately 800 West 4200 South.

Mapleton Youth City Council

It's almost that time of year when we elect a new Youth City Council. Applications will be available at both the City Offices and High School. Further information will follow. Our current Youth City Council would like to host a Spook Alley at the end of October. Watch for signs around town for more details.

Pressurized Irrigation Water

Monthly Charge

Some residents living in areas of the city where pressurized irrigated water is available have expressed their concerns about the recently imposed \$10 monthly payment applied in those cases where residents have chosen not to connect into the pressurized irrigation system. As part of its water conservation policy, the Utah State Department of Environmental Quality has requested that all towns and cities in Utah reduce by 25% their consumption of culinary water by year 2050. One response to the State Initiative is for Mapleton City to gradually extend its pressurized water irrigation to all housing throughout City. However, progress in doing this has been slower than expected because the number of properties connecting to the system has been disappointingly low. Residents living in other areas of the City regularly inquire when the pressurized system will be available to them—\$130 monthly costs for their culinary water are not uncommon. After considering the options, the City Council decided the most equitable approach would be to require all residents currently served by the existing pressurized system to contribute, monthly, to the capital costs of extending the pressurized system throughout the city. Hence, the payment for those who are connected has increased to \$17/month, while those who have not connected pay \$10/month. While these residents are helping to expand the pressurized system throughout the city they are also reducing their consumption of culinary water that would be used to water their lawns. A fundamental principle in modern society is that all citizens collectively share in the services provided throughout their community. The taxes that my wife and I pay now for education do not help any of our children—they are already educated. But many citizens have contributed to the education of our children in previous years. In like manner, the contributions we make to the full development of our pressurized irrigation system will help to beautify our City now and in the future, as well as help us to meet the State Initiative for reducing consumption of culinary water.

Public Works

Pressurized Irrigation

Pressurized water will be turned off on October 18, 2004, unless warmer temperatures require a later date.

Street Overlay

The street overlays that were listed in the August newsletter for this fall have been rescheduled for early spring. This will help to reduce the cost and other streets may be added as needed.

Curb and Gutter

Please help to keep the curb and gutters free of grass, leaves and debris this fall. This will help keep our City looking clean and our storm drains for being clogged with debris.

Water Meters

Please help keep your water meter lid and other utilities from being covered with grass or other landscaping. This will provide for faster service in taking utility readings and provide quicker location and access if the need arises for repairs or emergencies.

Sprinklers

Please check your sprinklers for proper coverage and reduce the amount of time in use. With cooler temperatures less water is needed and will help save water and money.

Mapleton Tree Committee

Thank You

As members of the Mapleton Tree Committee, and the workers in our parks, we drive through the streets in all parts of our City and are favorably impressed by much of the landscaping we see. To all of those who spent the time, money and careful thought into keeping our hometown so beautiful, we extend a hearty “thank you” from each of us.

We are impressed with the long life of a tree at the lovely home of Bernita Hurst, 1600 South and Main Street. Her oak tree has been cared for during many years. Do the citizens of Mapleton know that her tree was started from an acorn that made its way across the plains in a covered wagon? We thank Bernita and all of those who cared for the tree before she did. We really like her home.

Not many of us have such an historical plant, but we were impressed with Ronald Canto. Not only is his home very nice to look at, but he has extended his efforts onto the public land which is noticed with great gratitude. Mr. Canto does his gardening at 615 East Maple.

At 370 North Main we liked the home of Ray and Doris Bulow, and thank them for the effort that all of the residents can enjoy. These are not all of the nicely landscaped homes in our town, but we had to start somewhere, and as the months go by we will be thanking other people who help to make our hometown such a great place to live.

Brian Allred, Scott Bird, Neil Burt, Francis Gibson, Mike Hansen, Orpha Dee Johnson, and Ted & Mary LeBeau

Parks

Community Information Night

There will be a meeting held on Thursday, October 14th at 7:00pm in Memorial Hall, 38 E. Maple Street. The topic will be fall preparation and clean up for lawns and gardens. Information will include preparing your lawn for winter, planting bulbs and tree pruning. We invite all citizens young and old to come and learn. Questions, call 489-5655.

Ira Allen Sports Park

It is that time of year again when school has begun and all of the hustle and bustle of getting children to school, piano lessons, dance class and yes, soccer practices and games, is upon us. This time of year brings a lot of work and adjustment to a family's schedule, which is different from their summer schedules. We have a wonderful Sports Park in our City and many of us have the same schedule when it comes to soccer games. We all may have the same concern when we go to our children's soccer games. **NOT ENOUGH PARKING!** The City is well aware of this problem and we are looking at adding additional parking in the near future. We are asking that everyone remember we are all busy and need to be several places at once. We need to be patient with each other and understand we may not be able to park within 25 feet of our child's game all of the time. The Police have issued warning tickets to people who have parked on 2000 South, which is the road immediately south of the Park. The City Council will be working with the Police and City Staff to change some of the "No Parking" areas near the Park. This will free up an additional 30-40 parking spaces. For now please **DO NOT** park on the north side of 2000 South. **We are going to allow for parking on the south side of 2000 South.** There are no parking signs posted on the north side. 2000 South cannot have parking on both sides.

Thanks to all of you for supporting your children in their activities. We as the City will continue to make progress towards improving our facilities.

Council Member Francis Gibson

Recreation

Soccer 2004

This year's soccer program has been a great success. The final games will be played on October 12th. Over 600 youth have participated in the program, which has made up 72 teams! We would like to thank the many coaches, assistant coaches, and parents for all their time and dedication to their teams. A big thank you to the following soccer commissioners for the long hours and hard work they have put into organizing the program this year: Ann Gallagher, Missy Child, Amy Ellis, Maria Ruiz, Amy Porter, Casey Allen, Tenny Bird, Kristen Betts, Kristin Holmes, Barbie Schramm, Terryl & Ryan Swanson. Thank you also to Scott Grimshaw for scheduling and Heather Young, Josh Young, and Payton Nielsen for helping coordinate the referees. It takes several volunteers to make our youth recreation programs run. If you would like to get involved, please call Stacey Child at 489-7752.

Girls Basketball Sign-Ups

October 5th & 6th from 5:30-7:00 pm

Believe it or not Girls Basketball will begin the last week in October! **1st grade thru 6th grade** girls can register on **October 5th & 6th** at the **Ira Allan Sports Park Concession Stand** (located at 1700 South 800 West, Mapleton) The cost will be \$23.00 For Registration and \$15.00 for a new uniform. We will be using the same uniforms as last year, so you will not need to purchase one if you already have one. If you have any questions, would be willing to coach, referee, or be a commissioner, please contact Stacey Child at 489-7752.

Marilyn S. Petersen

Mayor 1997-1998 and City Council 1994-1997



A fitting tribute was given on Thursday, September 2, 2004, to a past public servant of Mapleton City. Children, friends, associates, and family gathered in the Mapleton City Park to plant two trees in honor of Marilyn Petersen, who passed away on Monday, August 30, 2004. As a concerned citizen, Marilyn Petersen demonstrated her love of Mapleton through active and thoughtful participation. The perspective of close acquaintances opens a small window to understanding and appreciating this loyal member of our community and supporter of learning:

"Sister Petersen was a sweet and easy going lady. She always made times fun for us and was a great teacher. She always went the extra mile. I loved and respected Sister Petersen and I am very sad to see her go.

I will miss her." Jessica Watts, Mapleton 1st Ward Primary child

"Since Marilyn's death we have had occasion to reflect on her many talents and accomplishments. She has truly left her imprint on our City and its *Vision Statement* for our future, the spots of physical beauty in the community which she spearheaded and maintained, our schools, her wonderful home and yard, and the list goes on. However, my focus has been on the imprint that she has left on my heart because of the truly Christ like qualities she possessed. I suspect that anyone who knew Marilyn felt she was a friend. She radiated a circle of love that included everyone. Marilyn had great emotion and feeling, and everything she did, she did with passion. She felt strongly about the causes she championed, and she could be very frustrated by events and circumstances that threatened that which she cherished. However, Marilyn had mastered the ability-actually it was both an ability and an attitude-to separate the actions of another from the actual person. She could genuinely *hate the sin while loving the sinner*. I never heard Marilyn, publicly or privately, berate or speak unkindly of anyone regardless of what he/she might have said about or done to her. This is a doctrine we teach; this is a doctrine Marilyn lived. Marilyn's wonderful example of how life should be lived will continue on in the lives of all she knew. She is loved and missed by many."

Susan Frischknecht

"It was a special experience to work with Marilyn on the City Council. While there, I learned to appreciate her more than I had before. I was impressed with her feelings for Mapleton. She loved this community and wanted to keep it rural and farming as long as she could. Each Master Plan that came along was designed to achieve that goal. She also felt very strongly about green space and controlled growth. She wanted the community to always be a good place for families to live and where parents could raise their children with strong positive values. I will comment on three qualities that Marilyn had that I appreciated very much. They were her faithfulness in doing her homework, her ability to discuss agenda items without rancor, and her desire to treat all persons the same. She always read the minutes, agendas, and all the information available before each meeting so that the discussion could be as productive as possible. Even when there were many in the room that differed with her opinions and became very agitated, she could keep calm and focused on the issues. Because of these two qualities she was able to treat each person the same and make them feel they were important and equal to anyone in the room. I consider it a special privilege to have worked with her on the City Council. She set a great standard of service and followed that standard wherever she served."

Jim Baird, City Council 1994-1997

On behalf of the Mayor, City Council, and other city associates, I express our appreciation and respect for Marilyn Petersen, recognizing her influence and support on and for Mapleton City. I personally have lost a true confidant and friend. We send our kindest regards and condolences to her family.

Lori Allen, Council Member

National PTA Reflections Program

It's time again for Reflections, the national PTA-sponsored arts program. All Kindergarten through 5th grade-aged students are eligible to participate in the Reflections Program. Everyone who enters will be acknowledged and awarded. Get creative and participate in this rewarding event! This year's theme: "A Different Kind of Hero." Deadline: Wednesday, October 20th at 3:00pm. Categories: Literature, Film, Visual Art, 3-D Art, Music, Dance, Theatre and Photography. (One entry per category. Enter as many categories as you'd like.) Entry forms and category guidelines are now available at Mapleton Elementary in the school library by the office and Hobble Creek Elementary at the office. For questions call Kristin Holmes for Mapleton Elementary at 489-5395, and Casey Allen for Hobble Creek Elementary at 489-2863.

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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Martin and Esther Walter Home

775 North 300 West
Mapleton, Utah



The Martin and Esther Walter home was constructed in 1910. The property passed through several hands before being sold to Esther's father, William Jordan, in 1907. The 10-acre parcel on which the home sits was a gift to Martin and Esther on the occasion of their marriage. Martin built a barn and some sheds on the home site. This construction included a granary and a wash house. These buildings were considered very fine, making the farm a showplace. During this time, the Walters lived south of the property in the old Jordan house with Esther's brother Fielden Jordan, and his wife. The two young couples cared for the elderly Mr. Jordan. After the death of William Jordan, Martin and Esther began making arrangements to move to the property with their newborn son Bill. They contracted with Lewis Whitney of Springville to build the home, which consisted of four rooms with a pantry and a large closet. The house was made of cream brick with cream-colored wood trim inside. Two large front windows provide a view of the beautiful mountain and of the sunrise each morning. Spanning the front of the house is a spacious porch. Flowers and bushes were planted in the yard and a nice easy path was made to the fields. The irrigation ditch that brought water to their crops still passes this home. Many wonderful, young families have lived in the home since that time to the present day, including Clark and Katie Wiscombe, who in 2001 modernized the bathroom, updated the lighting, and replaced the flooring. The Walter home should stand for many more years to come. Researched by Juanita Jones



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