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City Newsletter

September 2004 Edition

Mayor's Message

To those of you who were unable to attend the flag raising ceremony on the 24th of July, let me share with you a poem that was written by a U.S. Marine, Cadet Major Kelly Strong.

FREEDOM IS NOT FREE

I watched the flag pass by one day,
It fluttered in the breeze.
A young marine saluted it,
And then he stood at ease.

I looked at him in uniform
So young, so tall, so proud;
With hair cut square and eyes alert
He'd stand out in any crowd.

I thought how many men like him
Had fallen through the years.
How many died on foreign soil?
How many mother's tears?

How many pilot's planes shot down?
How many died at sea?
How many foxholes were soldier's graves?
No, Freedom is not free.

I heard the sound of taps one night
When everything was still.
I listened to the bugler play
And felt a sudden chill.

I wondered how many times
That taps had meant "amen,"
When a flag had covered a coffin
Of a brother or a friend.

I thought of all the children,
Of the mothers and the wives,
Of fathers, sons and husbands
With interrupted lives.

I thought about a graveyard
At the bottom of the sea.
Of unmarked graves at Arlington,
No, Freedom is not free.

Let us remember and reflect on our heritage. Spend time with our children and grandchildren to explain the gift of freedom that we enjoy because of the great sacrifice of so many. Help them understand the responsibility of each one of us to maintain this gift of freedom that we often take for granted.

Maple Canyon Water Tank

This water tank is now in operation and adds an additional 500,000 gallons of water to our storage capacity. I would like to thank our City Public Works Director, Scott Bird, and his staff for their work in bringing this tank on line as well as the construction company Build, Inc. Also, the City very much appreciates the cooperation of the Roundy Family for allowing the work to be done on the tank in and around their property.

Community Center

The Citizens Committee reviewed bids for the architect on the new building at their last meeting. They have recommended Architect Curtis Miner to the City Council and the Council approved his appointment to design the building. Drawings and cost estimates should be completed by the end of September. The external and internal layout proposals were on display together with other alternate designs at the July Open House held for public comment.

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City Calendar

Sept 1	7:00 pm	City Council Meeting
Sept 2	7:00 pm	Board of Adjustment Meeting
Sept 2	4:00-8:00pm	Open House - Consultation Meeting on the Corrective Action Plan – Trojan Plant
	6:00 pm	City Attorney's Statement
Sept 6		Labor Day – City Offices Closed
Sept 7		Garbage Pickup
Sept 8	7:00 pm	Planning Commission Meeting
Sept 9	5:00-8:00pm	I-15 Corridor Study – Larsen Elementary School S.F.
Sept 15	7:00 pm	City Council Meeting – Cancelled due to Utah League of Cities and Towns Meetings
Sept 16		Planning Department Closed for Conferences
Sept 23	7:00 pm	Planning Commission Meeting

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.

Community Center Continued

It is hoped that the Library portion of the building will be paid for by public donation. We are forming a fund raising committee and would appreciate anyone stepping forward to serve. The plan is to have everyone in the community, including our children, donate what ever they can to our new public library. That way we all have ownership in this community project. We have already had several people pledge substantial funds for the new library. If you would like to help on this committee please call 489-5655.

Oxy Fuel Eliminated

The Mayors of Utah County and the County Commission have been working diligently for the last two years to remove this requirement from our gasoline. We received a letter from the EPA dated July 29, 2004 confirming that this requirement has been lifted for Utah County. We can once again have good gasoline for our cars year round as applies throughout the rest of the state.

Pressurized Irrigation

We will be meeting with Central Utah Water Project on August 23rd to finalize a Master Agreement with the Federal Government to build a 48 inch pipeline in the Strawberry Canal. This will provide pressurized water to the entire city, including property above the canal. Before this can proceed it is necessary to construct the pipeline from Diamond Fork down to the mouth of Spanish Fork Canyon. This will happen as soon as U.D.O.T widens Highway 6 through this area.

I-15 Corridor Study

A public scoping meeting will be held Thursday, September 9, 2004 from 5:00 pm-8:00 pm at Larsen Elementary School located at 1175 Flonnette Ave. in Spanish Fork This is your chance to let state planners **hear** your concerns about Interstate 15.

Ensign-Bickford Corrective Action Plan, Open House September 2, 2004

As recently reported in the press, representatives from the State of Utah Water Department including the Department of Health; the Attorney General's Office and the Executive Director of the Department of Environmental Quality will be present at a meeting in the City Memorial Hall from 4:00pm-8:00pm on September 2, 2004 to hear citizen's concerns about the Ensign-Bickford, Trojan Plant's contamination of Mapleton's underground water and proposals for mitigation. I do not want to accept any contamination in this City's drinking water! The state is considering accepting a water quality standard containing 2 PPB of RDX and 400 PPB HMX in our aquifer. Another question we can raise is where does the City drill in Mapleton's aquifer for clean water and who is going to pay the cost to clean the water if chemicals are found in it. As our population increases we will have to provide an additional water source on the south side of Mapleton where the contaminates are most concentrated. I would encourage citizens to come to this Open House and express their concerns to impress on the representatives from the State Department of Water Quality the need to support the City in obtaining a proper and meaningful commitment from Ensign-Bickford to meet their full obligations to properly mediate the damage inflicted on the City's water supply, not only in the short term, but for the protection of our culinary water reserves for future generations. This is a serious issue and the City Council needs your support to persuade the State Department to retain the initiative in resolving this matter.

Transferable Development Rights

Transferable Development Rights (TDR's) are a vehicle used by many communities across the U.S. as well as here in the State of Utah to protect sensitive land. This Ordinance allows property owners to receive value for their land, and yet prevent residential

development on the bench or mountain side of the owner's property. A summary of how the system operates is more fully explained on the City's Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) page of our website www.mapleton.org.

For example, private ownership of Mapleton's front mountain and foothills are in a critical environment zone and therefore should be protected from residential development. Similarly the City's own Parks and Open Space property could also be protected by the TDR Program, which would enable the City to create a limited amount of revenue for major capital projects. These funds could help pay for new water supply of extended pressurized irrigation and help pay off our sewer bond. These protected areas are called sending sites and citizens or developers may purchase these TDR's from the property owner and then down zone certain areas in the City. For example the A2 Zone could be down-zoned from 2 acre lots to two 1 acre lots. These areas that can be down zoned are called receiving sites. Those zones that can be legally changed by downsizing the lot are; A2, RA-1, PRC (Planned Residential Community) and SDP (Specific Development Plan) zones. If you have further questions about TDR's please call the Mapleton City Planning Department, Mat Evans, at 489-6138 or the Mayor at 489-5655.

City Council Action Items

August 11, 2004

1. Swearing in of the Fire Chief, Josh Diamond.
2. Approval of a proclamation proclaiming September 2004 as PTA Membership Enrollment Month.
3. Approval of a resolution ratifying the purchase of a replacement ambulance.
4. Approval of a resolution approving Chad Broderick Construction as the contractor for the CDBG Project entitled VIP Special Needs Playground Equipment and Surfacing for the North Park.
5. Approval of an ordinance amending the Public Safety Capital Facilities Plan and Impact Fee calculation methodology.
6. Approval of a resolution appointing Curtis Minor as the Architect for the Proposed Community Center and Public Safety Building.
7. Approval of a resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign a Fire and Service Contract with Utah County for unincorporated areas adjoining Mapleton City.
8. Approval of an ordinance adding Chapter 18.90 "Planned Residential Community (PRC) Zone to the Mapleton City Code.
9. Approval of an ordinance amending Mapleton City Code Section 18.84.80 "Storage of Trash, Abandoned, Wrecked, or Junked Vehicles; Miscellaneous Materials".
10. Continued consideration of an ordinance amending the Mapleton City Code Chapter 18.76 "Transferable Development Rights".

Police Department

Utah Division of Wildlife Resources

Making Mapleton A Safer Place to Live

There are many public safety opportunities available to Mapleton citizens. One of them is what we call a vacation check. When you are leaving to go on vacation you can call the Mapleton Police Department, 491-8048, and leave the following information; your name, address, when you will be gone, when you will return, who is going to be watching the home for you while your gone, what vehicles will be at the home while your gone, and who we can contact if there is a problem while you are gone. We will check your home at least once during the day and night to make sure it is secure. This is a benefit to make sure your homes are safe while you are away.

Several citizens have contacted me in the last few weeks regarding our noise ordinance. The City's noise ordinance is located under the "Disturbing the Peace" statute. It is quite lengthy and in part reads, "Public disturbance shall be any sound which unreasonably disturbs or interferes with peace, comfort or repose of owners or possessors of real property and which emanates from any of the following sound sources," music, loud arguing or boisterous conduct, construction work and sports or entertainment activities, machinery or motorized power tools and equipment during certain time periods usually 10 pm till 7 am, and the repetitive or continuous starting, testing or operation of a motor vehicle, including a motorcycle in a residential zone. Disturbing the peace is a Class C Misdemeanor if it continues after being requested to stop by a person otherwise it is an infraction. We can avoid disturbance problems by being courteous to, and communicating with our neighbors.

Motorized Scooters

I have spoken with several citizens concerning the use of motorized scooters and the children riding them. The state law reads in part that a parent must supervise children under 16-years-old, wear a helmet, and drive on roads where the speed limit not exceed 25mph. If the person is 16 years of age or older they do not need to be supervised by a parent but the other rules apply. The scooter cannot be altered from the original manufactures design, which includes removing the muffler. I have personally seen young/small children riding these types of scooters down Main Street in the middle of the road, which is very dangerous. I have had a couple of citizens complain to me that they almost hit these children. If you are a parent wanting to purchase a motorized scooter for your child, please read the laws associated with them. You may contact the Mapleton Police Department anytime to get a copy of the motor assisted scooter laws.

School Starting

As a reminder, school is or will be starting again so we will have many children walking to school again. Be careful and watch out for children crossing the roads, and obey all the school crossing guards. Lets continue to work together to make Mapleton a safe community.

Safety in black bear country

The Utah Division of Wildlife Resources reminds the public about black bear safety while hiking or camping. Most forested areas in Utah provide habitat suitable for black bears and probably contain a resident population of bears. Being situated at the base of the mountains, Mapleton occasionally gets a black bear or two wandering along the foothills in search of food and water. If a bear wanders into town, please notify the DWR office in Springville at 491-5678 (If after hours, notify the Utah Public Safety Dispatcher at 374-7030).

Because bears are solitary and secretive, they usually avoid humans but are attracted to odors such as those from human food, pet food, garbage, hummingbird feeders, toothpaste, suntan lotion and insect repellent. For your safety, the following guidelines should be followed when you're in black bear country.

If you encounter a black bear:

Do not make direct eye contact. Bears perceive eye contact as aggressive behavior. Stay Calm. Immediately pick up small children. Make noise, yell, clap your hands, bang pots or throw rocks to scare it away. Make yourself appear as large as possible. Raise your arms, jacket, pack or other object over your head.

NEVER approach a bear. If it approaches you, retreat slowly or climb a tree until it leaves. Do not turn and run, as this may trigger an attack. Slowly back away. If you are attacked and cannot get away, fight back, kick, scream and yell! Be Aggressive.

Consider all bears as potentially dangerous and treat them with *caution* and *respect*. If you observe unusual or threatening bear behavior, please notify the nearest Division of Wildlife Resources office.

To prevent conflicts with black bears:

Generally, a clean (food and litter free) area is a bear-free area. Throughout spring, summer and fall, black bears are constantly roaming and searching for food. If they find none, they move on.



Recreation

North Park's Special Needs Playground

North Park's Special Needs Playground will be ready soon. Watch for the Grand Opening coming in October 2004!



Soccer

Games begin September 7, 2004. The entire Community is invited to attend any of the games which will be going on at the Ira Allan Sports Park.



Girls Basketball

Girl's basketball sign ups will be held in October. Watch for a date to come in your October 2004 Newsletter.



Adult Water Classes

Virginia Mabey will be offering water color classes beginning in September. The classes will be held once a week for six weeks. The fee is \$75 per session and \$25 for supplies. Please call the Recreation Department at 489-7752 to register.

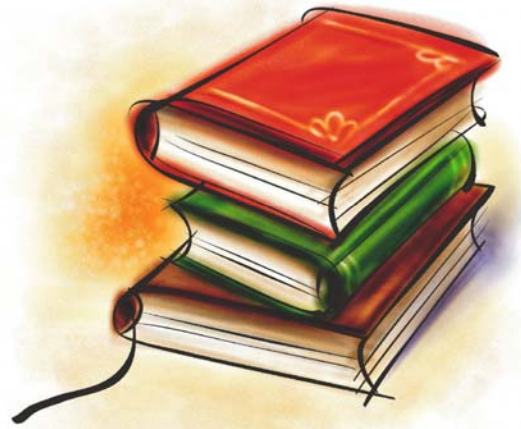


Tennis

We want to give thanks to tennis instructors McGregor Whiting and Amy Bond for this year's great success. There were many students who were able to take advantage of this great program. Look for adult and children's tennis sign ups coming in spring 2005. The photo to the right was taken after the last session of tennis at their party with tennis instructor, McGregor Whiting.



Library



News from the Mapleton Family Literacy Center – September 2004

A new school year is beginning again and our children anticipate new classes, fun with friends and learning adventures. Students who are struggling with reading have less anticipation because school is harder for them. With the help of parents, teachers, and other caring individuals they can be helped to achieve more of their learning potential. At the Family Literacy Center we give help in reading, writing, and spelling. We have graduated several students in the last few months that have gained essential reading skills and are now better readers. Their tutors have been constant friends who have taught and encouraged them along the way. We have new students at the center who have been waiting for tutors to help them. Recent studies have shown that senior citizens who volunteer in their communities have fewer health problems and live longer than those who do not! We are asking for more of Mapleton's citizens come forward and help someone become a better reader. It only takes two hours each week, but the rewards of sitting next to a young friend and seeing them "catch on" to reading are very gratifying. Tutoring can be done earlier in the morning or after school. High school students who are sixteen and older can help during the after school hours. Call the following numbers to volunteer: Elaine at 489-6584, Debbie at 489-3959, Library at 489-4833.

News from the Mapleton Friends of the Library

The summer has been full of fun for many Mapleton children who love books. The Summer Reading Program was a big success and story time continues at the Library on Tuesday mornings. Check with the Library on the hours. Many parents have taken advantage of the Parent Resource Center to keep their children reading during the summer months. If you haven't already checked out the materials in the Center, drop by and see what is available for use in working with your children at home. Watch for the signs that will announce the Friends of the Library book sale this fall.

Planning Department

Junk and Debris Ordinance

During the last regularly scheduled City Council Meeting, the Council passed an amendment to Section 18.84.080 "Storage of Trash, Abandoned, Wrecked, or Junked Vehicles; Miscellaneous Materials." The City Council passed the Ordinance effective October 1st, 2004 in order to give those who might be in violation of the ordinance time to come into compliance. The Council also asked that we print the ordinance verbatim so that everyone has a chance to read it. Please be aware that once the ordinance takes effect, violations will be pursued. It is also important to understand that zoning violations cannot be "grandfathered." It is equally important to understand that all of the violations described in Section 18.84.080 were found throughout the City Code, and this amendment simply consolidated many of them. The Code reads as follows:

Section 18.84.080. Storage of Trash, Abandoned, Wrecked, or Junked Vehicles; Miscellaneous Materials.

A. It shall be unlawful to park, store, leave or permit the parking, storing, or leaving of any licensed or unlicensed motor vehicles of any kind or part(s) thereof which is in a wrecked, junked, partially dismantled, inoperative, or abandoned condition, whether attended or not, upon any private property within the City limits of the City of Mapleton for a period of time in excess of 72 hours, except that two or fewer such vehicles or parts thereof may be stored if within a building, or placed behind an opaque screening fence; any vehicle that is not currently licensed and insured to the minimum levels established by state law shall be considered inoperable.

B. The accumulation and storage of more than two such vehicles or part(s) thereof, as defined above, on private property except as set forth above shall constitute a nuisance, detrimental to the health, safety, and welfare of the inhabitants of the City of Mapleton. It shall be the duty of the owner of such vehicle(s) or part(s) thereof or lessee, or other person in possession of private property upon which such vehicle(s) or part(s) thereof is located, to remove the same from such property or take other remedial action as directed by the City.

C. No trash, used materials, junk, household furniture, appliances, scrap material, equipment or parts thereof shall be stored in an open area. The accumulation of more than one such item constitutes a junk yard and must be removed from the property and stored within an enclosed building.

D. Storage of commercial goods or materials is prohibited unless permitted by the underlying zone. Trash storage containers shall be maintained in a location approved by the Planning Commission in conjunction with approval of a project plan. Trash storage container locations approved in conjunction with a project plan shall meet the following requirements:

1. A trash storage container shall be screened with durable materials architecturally compatible with the principal structure or perimeter fence/wall treatment located on the lot served. Such a container shall not be visible from any abutting lot or public street.
2. Trash storage containers located on a lot used for nonresidential purposes, and which abuts a residential zone, shall meet the setback requirements of the underlying Zone.

3. The foregoing standards shall be applied according to the following considerations listed in order of importance:

- a. Ease of access by trash removal vehicles.
- b. Setback and screening of trash storage containers to minimize any potential odor nuisance, and to obscure the view from any abutting lot or public street.
- c. Ease of access by users of trash storage containers.
- d. The provisions of this subsection shall apply to trash storage containers of two cubic yard capacity and larger. These provisions shall not apply to ninety gallon (or less) trash storage containers provided by Mapleton City.

E. Impeding a roadway, sidewalk or park strip shall also be unlawful. This shall include the placement of storage containers, trash containers, basketball stands, ramps, or any other object, onto a street, sidewalk or park strip. This section shall exclude the temporary parking of a vehicle as allowed by Mapleton City Code. It shall also be unlawful to place a mail box and related structures on a sidewalk or public street. Mail boxes are allowed to be placed in a park strip area, or on ones own yard area, so long as no portion of the mail box extends into the sidewalk or street area.

F. It shall also be unlawful to maintain or store on any property within Mapleton City; injurious or noxious weeds, garbage, refuse, or unsightly or deleterious objects or structures when such may constitute either a health hazard, a present danger to the citizens of the city, a potential source of contagious disease, a harborage for rats or other rodents, or other carriers of disease, a fire hazard, or an attractive nuisance likely to cause injury to small children.

G. Any violation of this Section shall be a Class B Misdemeanor.

Councilman Keith Stirling

July 24th Celebration

During the July 24th celebration, many Mapleton residents took time to visit the newly reopened Mapleton Heritage Museum. Beginning September, we plan to open it once or twice per month for public tour. We are very grateful for those persons who donated time to remodel, paint, and clean the museum, and also those persons who have donated/loaned artifacts. Especially, we thank Dean Tew, Mark Bartholomew, James & Tyler Brinkerhoff, and City employees Mike Hansen and Niel Burt for their labor of love in making the Museum presentable. Finally, I am thankful for Museum committee members Bruce Mendenhall, Genevieve Whiting, and Kathy Ainge who have generously provided heart, hand, and artifacts toward its restoration.

Concerts in the Park Thanks

Mapletonites have enjoyed Saturday evenings in the Park during the past two months with a wide variety of musical and comedy talent. One of these events featured talent from our residents: Kate Playson, Emily Jones, Spencer Carter, Peg Carter, and Jessica Huffacker. Other performers have included The Four Accords, Merrill Finlayson as the Cowboy Poet, the BYU Fiddlers, the Moon Light Serenaders dance band, the Comedy Sportz group, the Mixed Nuts, and Q'd Up. Thanks go to our Fine Arts Committee: Daren Turley, Peg Carter, and Eve Hendrix. Special thanks also to Bona Signs and Blitzkit for providing the signs that you have seen around town.

Public Works

Questar Gas

Questar Gas has asked residents to be mindful of their meter readers who cannot read the gas meters because of the fence placement. Questar Gas has asked that you address these concerns or call them at (801) 324-5111.

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:	489-7745	Non-emergency:	491-8048
Recreation:	489-7752	Newsletter:	489-6138

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Aaron Johnson Home

70 West Maple Street
Mapleton, Utah



The ground that this home was built on originated on the homestead granted to Edwin Lucius Whiting May 15, 1876. The chain of title was transferred to Daniel Payne, John C. Whiting, and Aaron Johnson. Aaron Johnson built the house and lived here with his family for about four years. He sold the property to Mary Ann Waterman, John Murray, R.W. Lewellyn, then sold it to Lee and Ida Diamond with enough additional ground to equal 3.69 acres.

The Diamond's moved into the house during the depression. The home has had very little change over the years.

Researched by Juanita Jones



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