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Mayor's Message

It's finally spring, the time of year our thoughts turn to...lawn watering. I'm happy to report that our public works department has devoted a great deal of attention during the winter months to upgrades to the city's water infrastructure. As a result, for the first time in many years, we anticipate every home in the city should see great improvements in water pressure and availability during the coming hot months. In particular, our pressurized irrigation system, serving the more densely populated northwest quadrant of the city, should be operating at its peak performance, thanks to upgrades to existing wells and the addition of our new Crowd Canyon well and storage tank. To further improve pressure, city crews have removed the junior high school and some city parks from the pressurized system, and we anticipate that will also significantly improve pressure and availability of water.

If any of you experience less than optimal pressure during the upcoming watering season, please let me know as soon as possible. We want to be certain we have eliminated all the frustration that has plagued users of the system for years. The city is serious about protecting and preserving our precious culinary and irrigation resources, while delivering the highest quality of service to our residents. We need your feedback in order to do this. If you experience any problems, please call the city offices, 489-5655, at once. Or you may call me anytime at 380-4444 or email me at mayor@mapleton.org.

We had hoped to begin construction of our citywide pressurized irrigation system and storage pond this year. However, due to the downturn in the economy and the difficult financial circumstances we all find ourselves in, we do not anticipate undertaking such a financially burdensome project in the near future. Although there is some state and federal money available that would pay part of the cost, the project would mean imposing an additional fee increase on water users and we can't, in good conscience, do that to our residents this year.

I also want to reassure you that we will not be asking for any tax increase this year. As we prepare the city's budget for fiscal 2009-2010, we are continuing to slash spending in order to stay within our means. Holding the line on taxes will mean cutting at least another 10% from last year's bare bones budget, but we are committed to doing so in order not to ask more of all of you. So that you will understand exactly what this means: the city's budget for fiscal 2007-2008 was about \$4.3 million, for 2008-2009 we reduced that to \$3.4 million, which was a reduction of nearly 25%. The budget I'll present to the city council for 2009-2010 will be approximately \$3.0 million. I believe we can still deliver the same high level of service to our residents even with those significant cuts, and we will make every effort to be certain you will see little change in efficiency of our operations.

City Newsletter

April 2009 Edition

In spite of the reductions, we continue to anticipate beginning construction of a new Public Safety building later this year. The former city hall and fire station was built by volunteer labor and donated funds. That tradition will live on in this new building, which will be funded through impact fees already collected, a little grant money, and the remainder from community support and donations. A fund has been established at Central Bank, to which I hope all of you will try to make some contribution, no matter how small or large. This building will serve our needs for now and well into the future, and will be something we will build together. I hope every resident will find a way to become involved and invested in that project. And, if you'd like to assist with fundraising, please let me know.

In preparation for our annual public informational meeting in mid-summer, I'll be holding a series of neighborhood meetings, which I hope each of you will try to attend. At these meetings we'll discuss such issues as anticipated development or subdivisions, zoning, public safety concerns, streets and infrastructure, traffic, lighting, pressurized irrigation, and any other questions or problems particular to each neighborhood. These meetings will be held (in the city council room) on April 28 for residents in the northwest quadrant, April 29 for northeast residents, April 30 for southwest residents and May 5 for residents with southeast addresses. These will be very informal discussions, largely question/answer opportunities for you to let me know whatever is on your mind. By meeting with each neighborhood, I hope we can address the very specific needs unique to each area of town. Please try to attend. I look forward to speaking with you individually and as groups on those evenings.

City Calendar

Apr 1	7:00pm	City Council Meeting
Apr 2	6:00pm	Transportation Committee Meeting
Apr 9	11:30am	Senior Citizen Potluck Luncheon
Apr 9	6:30pm	Planning Commission Meeting
Apr 13	9:00am	Trails Sub-Committee Meeting
Apr 15	7:00pm	City Council Meeting
Apr 16	4:30pm	Library Committee Meeting
Apr 23	6:30pm	Planning Commission Work Session

Museum Tours are available by appointment. If interested please call 489-6714 or 491-6676.

Regularly scheduled City Meetings are held at the Community Center Building, 125 West Community Center Way (400 North). For more information about City Meetings call 489-5655. **Agendas, Minutes, and Public Notices for all Meetings are available on the City's website at www.mapleton.org.**

Senior Citizens

Potluck Luncheon

April 9th is the Senior Citizen Potluck Luncheon at 11:30am, followed by a presentation on "What is Home Health and Hospice Care", by Steve Eastmond, Medical Social Worker.

Humanitarian Yard Sale

Please bring your donations to the Mapleton City Center on Friday, April 24th. The Yard Sale will be held on Saturday, April 25th, so come ready and willing to buy all the treasures you could want!

Computers

We would like to thank Mike Duffin and his crew for their work on the computers this month. It was very much appreciated. We also would like to give a special THANKS to Sallie Korman for her dedication in getting the computer room up and running, and all organized, to make it so successful. She made it possible for us to have a new Epson flatbed scanner that scans documents in PDF and for two new additional computers making a total of five. Thanks so much Sallie!

Exercise Room

The exercise room is for Mapleton Senior residents 50 years and older ONLY. No guest allowed. If you would like to be an alternate volunteer please call Peggy Burt at (801) 489-4363. Thanks so much to Peggy for all her hard work and hours of volunteering to make the exercise room so successful.

Tree City USA

Culminating efforts of many interested citizens, Mapleton has qualified again to be "Tree City USA, 2008". As people of the desert, we know the value of trees for shade, clean air, bird habitat, wind breaks, green, and property enhancement. The National Arbor Day Foundation located in Nebraska has recognized Mapleton for our focus on keeping Urban Forests alive and well.

Arbor Day is Friday, April 24th, 2009. The Tree Committee will visit Hobble Creek School at 9am, Mapleton Elementary School at 10am, with a celebration program. Winners of the poster contest "Trees are Terrific in Cities and in Towns" will be recognized, and a short presentation on trees in Mapleton will be a part of this. We thank the schools for their participation. Some literature about trees is available at the City Office Building.

Mapleton Library Committee

Library Book Sale

The Mapleton Library Committee is hosting a Library Book Sale in the lobby of the Mapleton Community Center to benefit the Mapleton Children's Summer Library Program. This sale will be held April 15th-18th, 2009 from 10:00am -4:00pm. Please come out and help raise money for our local children!



Mapleton Heritage Museum

In the tradition of honoring those who serve in the military, the Mapleton Heritage Museum recognizes all Mapleton's Veterans. The Museum's Veterans Room exhibits pictures of our City's veterans with a brief history of each veteran displayed in the Room's binder. If you would like to gift a 5x7 or 8x10 photo, and include a brief history of your Mapleton Veteran, the Museum would welcome your request and respectfully include this donation to our Veteran's Room Collection. Please bring your donation to the Mapleton City Offices.

Utah County Open Burn

Open Burn

The Utah County Open Burn will go from March 14th-April 12, 2009. Please see the Mapleton City Offices for a burn permit on the day you plan to burn. If you are planning to burn on the weekend, obtain your burn permit the Friday prior.



Public Safety

Rabies & Licensing Clinic

On April 25, 2009 from 10:00 am until 12:00 pm Mapleton City will be hosting a rabies, and dog licensing clinic behind Mapleton City Hall in the south parking lot. The rabies shots are \$10.00, and the cost to license your dog if it is spay or neutered is \$15.00 for one year, \$25.00 for two years, and \$35.00 for three years. You may license your dog for up to three years or when your dog's rabies expires. If your dog is not spayed or neutered the cost will be \$35.00 for one year, \$65.00 for two years, and \$95.00 for three years.

The veterinarian will also have other shots for dogs such as \$10.00 for Distemper, adenovirus-type 2, Para influenza and Parvo virus. For cats there will be Feline Viral Rhinotracheitis, Calici Virus and Panleukopenia for \$10.00; Feline leukemia shots \$20.00.

Please make sure that **ALL DOGS** are on a leash, and that cats are in a crate, box or carrier. If you are paying by check you will need to make two checks out one for the dog licensing, and one for whatever other shots your animal is getting from the Vet. If you have any other questions please contact the Mapleton Police Department at 801-491-8048.

"Clean out the Cabinet"

April is "Clean out the cabinet month." This is a time when you should take all your old prescription medications out of the cabinet and dispose of them.

The best way to dispose of your prescriptions is to bring them to the Mapleton Police Department Monday thru Friday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. We will have in the lobby of the police department a large white steel box with plastic bags on top to put your prescriptions into. You will then place the sealed bag inside the secure box to be disposed of by the Mapleton City Police Department. **You will not have to put your name on the sealed bag.** This is the best way to get rid of your old medication without harming the sewer system by flushing them down the toilet. The box will be emptied throughout the day so no medications will be left in the box overnight. For more information on the clean out the cabinet campaign please visit our website at www.cleanoutthecabinet.org

City Watch Program

Mapleton City has a new reverse 911 system that will allow us to dial all the homes in Mapleton, which are listed in the phone directory, in case of emergencies. If there is a major power outage, water problem or other emergency you will be notified by this system. When your phone rings and you answer it **please listen to the message** and then confirm you have listened to the message by pushing the appropriate button. If you do not confirm the call it could call you again. We are excited to have this new system as it will benefit the citizens of Mapleton in emergencies.

SUP Maple Mtn. Chapter

Springtime Activities Planned

Three exciting events are in the making for April, May and June plans for our SUP Maple Mtn. Chapter meetings. One, hopefully for April, we are planning a Chapter tour to Parowan Gap lead by Garth Norman, author and expert on amazing historical events which took place there.

For May 28th we are anticipating to have as our guest speaker, Brother Gail Halverson, the Candy Bomber, who flew the Berlin Airlift. Then there is a visit to the outstanding petro glyphs in Diamond Fork Canyon with a wonderful dutch oven dinner prepared by a renowned specialist.

Recreation

On-line registration for most programs is available at mapleton.org/parksandrecreation.html. For questions concerning our recreation programs, please call our office at (801) 806-9114, located in the Mapleton Community Center at 125 West 400 North, Mapleton. Recreation Office hours: Monday-Thursday, 9am – 1pm.

Thank You

Thank you to all our basketball coaches and commissioners for a great season! The boys had a great time.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Jeff Tidwell's team that won the 9th Grade Boys Basketball Tournament in Payson; and Brent Crane's team that won the South Valley Slam Tournament at Mapleton Junior High. Way to go!

Sportsmanship Champions

Way to go! The Boys Basketball teams which exemplified good sportsmanship were: 3rd & 4th – Brian Spilker
5th & 6th – Park Roney, and 7th & 8th – Eric Gardanier.
Each team received t-shirts and a pizza party.

LaCrosse **NEW**

All 3rd – 6th graders come and play the oldest team sport in North America! Games will be played on Saturdays starting the end of May, and will be played throughout Utah Valley. The \$60 registration fee includes a team jersey, rental equipment, six league games, and FUN! Each participant is required to purchase their own stick and mouth guard. Registration has been extended to April 12th. Register on-line or at the Mapleton Recreation Office.

Colt Baseball & Phoenix Softball Leagues **NEW**

New Colt Baseball league for boys in 9th – 12th grades (Fee: \$65) and Phoenix Softball leagues for girls in 9th – 12th grades (Fee \$60) to be played throughout South Utah Valley. Registration was held on March 24th, but you may still register on-line or at the Mapleton Recreation Office thru April 5th.



Baseball & Softball

All participants must be in attendance at their preview, which is listed below:

Pinto	Tues., April 7 th	5:00-6:00 PM
Mustang		
A-K	Wed., April 8 th	5:00-6:00 PM
L-Z	Wed., April 8 th	6:00-7:00 PM
Pony	Mon., April 20 th	5:00-6:00 PM
Colt	To be determined	
Fox	Mon., April 20 th	5:00-6:00 PM
Filly	Tues., April 21 st	5:00-6:00 PM
Falcon	Wed., April 22 nd	5:00-6:00 PM
Phoenix	To be determined	

Baseball & Softball registration was held on March 24th, but you may still register on-line or at the Mapleton Recreation Office thru April 5th. A late fee of \$10.00 will be charged.

T-ball (ages 4-6) Boys & Girls \$35.00

Boys Baseball

Coach Pitch	(1 st & 2 nd Grade)	\$35.00
Mustang	(3 rd & 4 th Grade)	\$45.00
Pinto	(5 th & 6 th Grade)	\$45.00
Pony	(7 th & 8 th Grade)	\$55.00
NEW Colt	(9 th -12 th Grade)	\$65.00

Girls Softball

Coach Pitch	(1 st & 2 nd Grade)	\$35.00
Falcon	(3 rd & 4 th Grade)	\$45.00
Filly	(5 th & 6 th Grade)	\$45.00
Fox	(7 th & 8 th Grade)	\$50.00
NEW Phoenix	(9 th -12 th Grade)	\$60.00

Recreation Continued

Special Needs Adaptive T-Ball and Coach Pitch

Registration will be held Tuesday, March 24th, 6-8pm at the Mapleton Recreation Office, or on-line beginning March 16th. Fee is \$15.

“What’s for Dinner?”

Back by popular demand! Adult Hands-on Cooking Class - Learn how to cook more interesting dinners! This will be a tailored-for-you, hands-on cooking class, and you get to eat what you cook! This 6-week class will meet at the Mapleton Community Center (125 W 400 N) on Tuesdays (Apr. 14th – May 19th), or Wednesdays (Apr. 15th – May 20th) 6:00 – 8:00 pm. This is a great deal at \$85, which includes cost of ingredients. Just bring your favorite knife! Classes are limited to 8 students each.

Gardening made Simple

Instructional and hands-on gardening class hosted by Maple Mountain Greenhouse. Skilled instructors to teach on a variety of gardening topics, including: vegetable gardens, annuals, perennials, ground prep, trees & shrubs, taking starts, etc. Classes will be held weekly on Tuesdays, 7:30-8:30 pm at the Mapleton City Community Center, every other week at the greenhouse, thru April 28th. Cost is only \$5 per class, or \$15 per month. Register now at the Recreation Office or on-line.



Mapleton Children’s Choir

Come and Sing! The Mapleton Children's Choir is now enrolling! Children learn why music is an art, and have fun discovering that they are in fact the instrument that makes music beautiful. Spots will be filled on a first come first serve basis. The Choir will meet through May and will prepare for a Spring concert. Register on-line or at the Recreation Office. For more information, please call Heidi at 318-0884.

Musical Beginnings, ages 4-7 - Thursday's 4-4:30 p.m. Fee: \$25 per month.

Mapleton Children's Choir, ages 7-12 - Thursdays 4:30-5:30 p.m. Fee \$40 (Sibling discount rate \$25) per month.

Yoga

Enjoy the benefits of yoga: increased strength, flexibility and muscle tone; mental focus; endurance; and reduced stress. Modified Ashtanga Yoga combined with Power Yoga classes will be taught. The classes will be Mon. and Wed., 8:30 pm **OR** Tue., and Thur., 6:00 am at the Community Center (125 W 400 N). Register on-line, at the Recreation Office, or at class. Fee is \$20.00 per month. **Saturday morning Yoga class, 8-9 am may be added for an additional \$5/month. (Or \$10/month for Saturday classes only.)**

Spring into Fitness!

Get ready to spring into fitness! Mapleton's Annual Fitness Challenge – Mapleton has “Sole” – will begin May 4th, and run through August 31st.

For more information, or to register for one of our Recreation Activities, visit mapleton.org/parksandrecreation.html or come into the Recreation Office.

Youth Dance Fundraiser

Mapleton Youth Council

The Mapleton City Youth Council will be hosting a youth dance fundraiser for the new Mapleton City Public Safety Building on Saturday, April 11th, 2009. The dance will be held at the Mapleton Community Center (125 West 400 North) from 8:00pm-11:00pm. Ages 14-19 are invited, and the cost will be \$3 at the door. The dance will be casual dress, and all money raised goes to the new Public Safety Building, so come for a night full of fun!

400 South Closure Update

Have you ever noticed how two people can say the exact same words and mean two completely different things? That kind of confusion recently cropped up between the SR-77 construction project's public information team and some of the businesses near the Interstate 15 interchange at SR-77 (400 South).

From the beginning of this project UDOT public information officials have communicated that the interchange would remain open during the reconstruction of 400 South. This is still the case but, during some recent work on the interchange, there has been some confusion about what that means. "We are anxious for people to know that the interchange is open, and that businesses in the interchange area are accessible and open for business," said SR-77 Communications Outreach Manager Joe Walker. "We take full responsibility for the confusion. It certainly wasn't intentional, but we can see why it happened."

Walker explained that he and several of his colleagues worked on the I-15 Reconstruction Project in Salt Lake County, during which entire interchanges were closed for months at a time, including all of the ramps and road access across I-15.

"So when we think of closing an intersection, that's what we think of – a full closure," Walker said. "And we SR-77 would not be fully closed. We understood that we might occasionally need to close a ramp for a short period of time, but it has always been our intention to keep the interchange itself open throughout construction."

Still, Walker said he can understand why others – especially interchange area businesses dependant upon customer and client access from the freeway – see a ramp closure as essentially the same thing as an interchange closure. And he understands why several of them were surprised and dismayed by recent ramp closures on SR-77, even if they were only in place for a couple of days.

"We apologize for not being more precise in our communication," Walker said. "Please allow me to state it again more clearly: while we do not intend that the entire SR-77 interchange will be closed during the reconstruction of 400 South, there will be periods of time during which specific ramps or bridges will need to be closed to facilitate necessary construction work or in the interest of public safety. At such times we will do everything we can to give adequate advance notice of the closure, and to limit the amount of time the closure has to be in place."

Walker said all work on the interchange should be complete by Spring 2010. Meanwhile, Walker said work on 400 South between 1750 West and Main Street is progressing according to schedule and is still on target to re-open before Thanksgiving.

For more information about the S.R. 77 construction project please visit the project Web site at www.udot.utah.gov/access or call the project information hotline at 1-877-222-3757.

Habitat for Humanity

"Go Green for Habitat"

Habitat for Humanity of Utah County is recycling building material, appliances, furniture, aluminum cans, and paper through its new "Go Green for Habitat" Program. The local Habitat affiliate also has a vehicle donation program, called Cars for Homes, where community members can donate cars, trucks, boats, or RV's to the housing organization and receive a tax benefit. Recycling and vehicle proceeds help to provide safe and affordable homeownership for hardworking families in need in our community. Utah County residents can drop off their material donations and recycling items at the affiliate's ReStore Home Improvement Outlet at 626 North Freedom Blvd., Provo. For more information, look online at www.habitatuc.org or call (801) 373-7867. To donate a vehicle, please call (877) 277-4344.

Contact Numbers

Mayor:	489-5655	Library:	806-9127
City Council:	489-5655	Public Works:	489-6253
City Administration:	489-5655	Emergency:	911
Community Development:	489-6138	Dispatch Police,	
Building Inspection:	722-4839	Fire, Ambulance:	489-9421
Court:	489-7445	Non-emergency:	491-8048
Recreation:	806-9114	Newsletter:	806-9109
Recreation Hotline:	367-5069	Senior Citizens:	489-0106

Public Works

Pressurized Irrigation will be turned on for use Monday, April 13. We are anticipating better pressure this year due to changes that have been made through the year on the system. However, because we have so many connections, we are still requesting that you observe the odd / even watering schedule that we have had in previous years. By watering on your scheduled days, it will assure that everyone will have adequate pressure. Please observe the following schedule:

EVEN NUMBERED HOUSES:

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY

ODD NUMBERED HOUSES:

TUESDAY, THURSDAY, SATURDAY

SUNDAY CAN BE USED AS A MAKE UP DAY

Please be mindful of water conservation by checking your sprinkling system for proper coverage. Adjust sprinkler heads so that water is not spraying onto the sidewalk or into the street. There are a couple of good web sites we recommend for information on water conservation, landscaping, and watering:

<http://www.conservewater.utah.gov/>

www.slowtheflow.org

Please be aware that a cross connection between the pressurized irrigation system and the culinary water system is in violation of State and Municipal Code (Mapleton City Section 13.30, Class B misdemeanor). Connection to a secondary water source such as pressurized irrigation requires a physical air gap, not just a valve between the secondary and culinary systems. As part of our cross connection program and for public awareness, we do periodic checks on the systems.



Mapleton in Bloom

Let's put Mapleton on the map as one of the most beautiful cities in Utah!

Mapleton Parks & Recreation is excited to partner with the community and Maple Mountain Greenhouse in a new city-wide beautification program. Residents and businesses have the opportunity to sponsor stunning flower boxes or hanging baskets throughout the city. Groups, families, or individuals can volunteer to maintain the flowers and other garden areas. Eagle Scout Projects are available.

The sponsorships available are:

- 12" hanging basket - \$75; 20"
- Flower box - \$150
- "Flower" tree - \$300.

(View these planters online at:

www.mapleton.org/parksandrecreation.html)

As a sponsor, your name will be displayed by the planter in appreciation. This is a great way to advertise! If interested in becoming a sponsor or volunteer, please contact the Parks & Recreation Office at 806-9114.

As another part of the program, citizens are encouraged to beautify their yards. Bi-weekly gardening articles by Maple Mountain Greenhouse will be published in the Foothill Breeze to answer questions, and share new ideas. In addition, Mapleton City is offering a Gardening Class beginning February 10th. (See the Recreation section for more information.)

More information is available at the City Office or at mapleton.org/parksandrecreation.html.

We encourage all citizens to get involved in this wonderful program, and make Mapleton an even more remarkable city!