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City Newsletter

August 2008 Edition

Mayor's Message

I appreciated the many of you that attended our Special Public Meeting on July 9. I am glad to see so much interest in the various difficult issues facing the city at this time. For the benefit of those who were unable to attend, I am devoting this month's message to several issues we talked about in that meeting. For those of you reading this message online, links to handouts from the meeting are included.

One issue that will have a very significant impact on all of us is our Public Safety Dispatching Service. The county intends to divest itself of this responsibility and create a new consolidated countywide dispatch center serving all cities in the county except Provo, Orem, Springville, Lindon, and Pleasant Grove, who have their own PSAPs (Public Safety Answer Point.) This change will increase the amount each Mapleton household pays annually for this service from around \$11 to \$53 and up (based on property tax evaluation). I have strongly opposed this plan from the beginning. It significantly penalizes smaller cities (like us) with lower crime rates, and will undoubtedly result in a decreased level of service. It seems that everything costs more than planned. I am very worried about a new tax based on untried and unproven calculations which we as a city have no control over.

When I first became aware of this proposal, we aggressively began pursuing alternate paths that might allow us to opt out of this plan. We are fortunate to have developed relationships that other cities do not have, so we may, with city council approval, have the ability to opt out of this new tax and develop a contract with an existing PSAP at a lower cost to each of you. Otherwise, this issue will be on the ballot in November and residents countywide will have the opportunity to make their voices heard at that time.

A chart showing the current proposed costs to each city is posted on the website at www.mapleton.org. Please note that UCAN fees are not included and will add approximately 25% to these estimates.

Last month I addressed the proposal for a city library and asked for residents to contact us with comments about a proposed tax increase to fund a library. Funding for a library was included in our tentative budget several months ago when the impact of the economic slowdown was not as evident. In the ensuing months, we've come to realize funding a library now was probably not prudent. Although it was our initial knee-jerk reaction to dismiss the library out of hand because of the need for increased taxes to fund it, we decided residents wishes needed to be considered. That is why we asked for community input on the issue. So far, all the comments we have received have been opposed to the expenditure. With such a clear message from you, I don't see any way the council will vote to fund the library with such overwhelming opposition. But it has been a useful exercise and I am glad to see so many making their own independent evaluation of the issue and giving us their input. Several valuable suggestions have also been received, and the library committee has already expressed optimism about some possibilities based on those suggestions. I am grateful to all of you for participating in this question.

We are very, very concerned about the pressurized irrigation system and its inherent limitations. We are very much aware of mounting frustration and are extremely anxious to put forward some concrete long-term solutions that will improve water service to everyone in the city, not just those on pressurized irrigation. In the meantime we are pursuing every means of optimizing the P.I. System. We have improved output by a few hundred gallons a minute through various remediation efforts including very frequent filter changes. We are exploring removing some major users from the system, but are limited because our culinary water system is already operating at maximum capacity and can't handle further demand.

We are working as fast as possible to complete an upgrade to one of the city's existing wells to increase its pumping capacity by 800 gallons a minute (the new junior high alone uses 300 gallons a minute and has advised us they can not comply with our voluntary water schedule and are consequently watering every day.) We are working quickly to complete construction of the new water tank and connect the new Crowd Canyon well to our culinary system. We are looking for other ways we can increase capacity as well, and as we identify other options, we'll pursue them with all speed.

The only other way to improve performance of the system is to go to a MANDATORY watering schedule and enforce it vigorously. I am very much opposed to taking this drastic step. I am asking once again that all users stick strictly to the voluntary schedule as that is the only way the system will function with any degree of efficiency for the remainder of this summer. I understand this requires sacrifice, and anticipate that some of you will be forced to supplement the P.I. water with culinary water at times. I am grateful to those of you who, although frustrated, are working with us to try to get by.

As a final note, last week our attorneys filed a Motion To Enforce Settlement on the first of several outstanding lawsuits filed by Dr. Wendell Gibby against the city. This motion in essence states the city has fulfilled it's obligations under the MOU signed last year. We believe we've done our part, it is now time for Dr. Gibby to fulfill his obligations he agreed to under the MOU. We've been notified Dr. Gibby intends to file additional lawsuits against the city but have no further information on those yet.

He has also sent us a letter and drawings notifying us of his intent to submit a new subdivision plat for approval. This subdivision will have fewer homes than he has lately been asking for. It will also include a 2700 foot airstrip and potential future airport buildings to accompany it.

Please go to our website at www.mapleton.org to see further information from the public meeting regarding the proposed property tax increase, the CUP pipeline/trail, and further information on pressurized irrigation and other topics.

City Calendar

Aug 6	7:00pm	City Council Meeting
Aug 14	11:30am	Senior Citizen Potluck Luncheon
Aug 14	6:30pm	Planning Commission Meeting
Aug 11	9:00am	Trails Sub-Committee Meeting
Aug 20	7:00pm	City Council Meeting
Aug 21	6:00pm	Transportation Committee Meeting
Aug 28	6:30pm	Planning Commission Meeting
Tuesdays	10:30am	"Story Time" in the Library

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

Calendared City Meetings are held at the Community Center Building, 125 West Community Center Way (400 North). City Council Meetings are held the first and third Wednesday of each month. 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.**

Water Rate Increases – July 1st

Mapleton City has not increased its water rates for the past 6 years. To meet increased cost of maintenance and construction, including the cost of the new water tank under construction in Crowd Canyon – the City Council has approved a new schedule of water rates as set out in the insert page which took effect on July 1, 2008.

Briefly, the increased amount on average comes out to about \$13 a month. For residents with access to the City's pressurized irrigation system, the monthly average increase will amount to \$17.70.

The increases are regretted but absolutely necessary to insure you continue to receive an adequate supply of wholesome water to your property. (See insert page for new water rate schedule)

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 are Monday-Thursday from 9am-1pm.

Congratulations!

Way to go to all our teams that are going to State Tournaments listed below:

- Falcon – Pat Larsen's Red Team and Melissa Knutzen's Orange Team
- Filly – Richard Christensen's Blue Team and Chris Studdert's Green Team
- Mustang – Bret Perrero's Rockies, Shawn Bagley's Cardinals, Troy Sills' Yankees, and Rob McKell's Braves
- Pinto – Lindsay Peterson's Cardinals, Steve Murdock's Angels, and Mike & Swade Bartlett's Rockies.
- Pony- Ryan Thomas' Stingers

Congratulations to our Fox teams: Bill James' Royal Team and Dave Farley's Red Team.

Soccer – Fall 2008

Fall Soccer registration was on June 25th. Late registration is being accepted online or at the Recreation Office thru Aug. 7th. A \$10 late fee will be added. Pre-K – 1st Grade: \$25. 2nd – 5th grade: \$30. ****NEW**** 6th – 7th grade: \$30. We will be using the same uniforms as last year, which will be available for purchase at the Recreation Office: shirts - \$13, shorts - \$10, and socks - \$3.



BYU Soccer Clinic 2008

Mapleton Recreation & BYU soccer teams will offer this skills-building soccer clinic for children in Kindergarten thru 7th grade. It will be held on SAT., AUG. 9th, 9-10:30 am (K-2nd) or 10:30am – 12:30pm (3rd – 7th) at Ira Allan Sports Park. Cost: \$5. Registration is being accepted online or at the Recreation Office thru Aug 7th.

Recreation Continued

****NEW**Flag Football – Fall 2008**

Flag Football registration for 3rd – 6th grade was on June 25th. Late registration is being accepted online or at the Recreation Office thru Aug. 7th. Fee is \$40. A \$10 late registration fee will be added. Games will be scheduled so participants can play both soccer and flag football.

VIP Adaptive Soccer 2008 – It's a Kick!

(For any special needs children, Kindergarten thru High School) Join us for our 4th year of adaptive soccer. Games are played on smaller fields with buddies and everybody has a great time! Games will begin in September. The cost is \$15, which includes a soccer uniform (shirt & socks). For more information or to register, contact Keri Beardall at 489-4904 or send registration forms to 1822 South 300 East, Springville, UT 84663 or register online or at the Recreation Office.

Fall Programs

Watch for more Fall Programs to be posted on our website: mapleton.org/parksandrecreation.html and school flyers.

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 by Valerie Littleton or Adabelle Carson, Yoga Alliance certified instructors. The classes will be Mon. & Wed. at 8:30 pm or Tues. & Thurs. at 6am at the Community Center. Register at the Recreation Office or online. The fee is \$20 per month (classes may be combined for a multiple-class discount – call the Recreation Office for details.)

Turbo Kick Boxing

TKB was designed by both group fitness professionals and champion kick boxers. This provides the flavor of a kickboxing workout with the safety factor that relates to the general public. It is a floor routine without bag work. The class will be taught by Valerie Littleton, a certified TKB instructor who has been teaching fitness classes for over 20 years. Classes will begin in September on Wed. & Fri., 6:00 am at the Community Center. Registration is available online or at the Recreation Office. The fee is \$20 per month (classes may be combined for a multiple-class discount – call the Recreation Office for details.)

Youth Ballroom Dancing

Attention all teens!!! Come learn to dance. Ballroom dancing is the new cool. You will learn polka, cha-cha, waltz, swing, night club two-step, fox trot, salsa and country dancing. Meet youth from all over Utah Valley! Classes will be taught by BYU ballroom dancers at Mapleton's Memorial Hall (90 East Maple Street.) The fee is \$5 per session. Email us at utahvalleygroove@yahoo.com or call (801)423-2287.

Visit mapleton.org/parksandrecreation.html for more information about all our programs.

Summer Concerts in the Park

Concerts in the Park are held every Saturday in August at 7pm in Memorial Park (corner of Maple and Main Street – if the weather is bad, the concert will be held in Memorial Hall, next to the park). Below is a schedule of the concerts:

- August 2** – Moonlight Serenades – Grab your sweetie and spend an evening under the stars with music from the Big Band era.
- August 9** – Blue Grass – Foot stompin' music from America's roots – back by popular demand.
- August 16** – Cool Jazz – Talented musicians creating mellow sounds for a sweet evening of jazz.
- August 23** – Trombones, Etc. – Take the brass section from a Big Band, add a soft summer night = pure entertainment.
- August 30** – Midlife Crisis – Music of the Beach Boys, Elvis and the Beatles, all in one fabulous concert!

All concerts are free of charge so come out and enjoy an evening listening to some great local bands.

Ambulance

Thank You

We would like to thank John Crandall (Director), Toby Thompson (Assistant Director), and Stephanie Olsen (Secretary) for their service, dedication and leadership the past two years! We appreciate all you do!

As of July 1st we have a new Director, Grace Anne Nay, Assistant Director, Marlo Evans, and Secretary, Denise Clark.



EMT's Needed

We are in serious need of daytime EMT's. If you would be willing to help or would like to become an EMT, please contact the City Office for an application at (801) 489-5655 or visit them at 125 West 400 North, Mapleton. Being an EMT in Mapleton is satisfying and rewarding. Please join us in serving the citizens of Mapleton.

Sons of Utah Pioneers

On Thursday, August 28th, the Chapter members and their wives will meet at 6:30pm in the cultural hall of the LDS Church Building at 1316 South Main Street in Mapleton. We will be enjoying a dinner prepared by the BYU Catering Services. The cost per person will be \$10. We need an exact count of the attendees by Tuesday, August 26th. After dinner we will have an interesting presentation by Steve Shaffer, who will speak on the subject: "Evidences of Early American Cultures". Steve Shaffer will mention several Book of Mormon connections. Call Chapter President, Larry Adams at (801) 798-8198 with any questions.

Senior Citizens

August is a busy month for most people, but hopefully there will still be time to visit and enjoy your senior recreation area.

Exercise Room

The exercise room is open through the summer at the following times:

- Mornings
 - Monday thru Friday from 8:30am-11am
 - Saturday 10am-12pm
- Afternoons
 - Monday thru Friday 3pm-5:30pm
 - Tuesday and Thursday 2pm-5:30pm

There is now some seating available for you to sit a while after exercising, and catch your breath, or just sit and chat a while. If you would like to volunteer in the exercise room, contact Peggy Burt at 489-4363.

Pot Luck Lunch

Pot Luck is the 2nd Thursday each month (August 14th). Bring your dish and a friend too, and enjoy good food and conversation in the Multi-Purpose Room. If you are unable to bring a pot luck dish, come anyway! You will still be very welcome.

Computers

Assistance with all levels of computer learning is available on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9am-11am. Call Sallie Korman at 489-8953. An introduction to basic computer skills is offered by appointment by calling Diana Stafford at 489-0106.

Painting

Painting class continues through the summer each Monday from 12:30pm-4pm. Call Lori Beckstrand at 489-9414 for information.

Tai Chi

Drs. John and Janet Garret offer Tai Chi classes from 8:30am-9:30am each Wednesday.

Provo Senior Games

The Provo Senior games are from August 22nd-August 28th. Registration for this event began on June 16th and Seniors 50 and older are invited to participate. The registration process is easy. Call (801) 852-6600 for information or visit www.provofoundation.org, download the forms and mail to the address provided at the website.



Springville Senior Citizens

Mapleton seniors are still welcome to participate in the Springville Senior activities. To eat at the Springville Center it is necessary to make a reservation but it is not necessary to be a member. However, to take part in trips a membership is required. Membership cards run from August to August and cost \$10.

Public Works

Water Conservation

With the heat of summer peaking, please check your sprinkling systems. Check the coverage of each head so that it is adjusted correctly for covering only the area needed. Make sure that the heads are not spraying on areas that do not need to be watered, such as the driveways and sidewalks, and that it is not pooling because of too much water being applied in too short an interval. For those on pressurized irrigation, use heads that are capable of operating under low pressure. These are available from local sprinkler suppliers. This will optimize your sprinkling system and allow for proper flow and coverage. The Utah State Division of Water Resources website, www.conservewater.utah.gov, is a good resource of information, including weekly sprinkling cycles, conservation ideas and other helpful links.



Pressurized Irrigation Use

Our current city ordinance prohibits the use of pressurized irrigation *“for commercial or agricultural use, water shall not be wasted by allowing water to run from hose bibs, open pipes or other apparatus, or to use the water in such a manor to cause it to overflow into neighbors yards, property, streets, sidewalks...”*. Please follow the suggested watering schedules. It will help make the water available to everyone. Not following suggested schedules only perpetuates the problem of low pressure.

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:	851-4100
Court:	489-7445	Non-emergency:	491-8048
Recreation:	806-9114	Newsletter:	806-9109
Recreation Hotline:	367-5069	Senior Citizens:	489-0106

The Mapleton City Newsletter can be viewed at our website at www.mapleton.org.

Mapleton Chorale

Mapleton Chorale is preparing to launch its 14th successful season on Thursday, September 4th at 7:30pm in the Mapleton Community Center. The group has openings for male singers who are willing to exchange their time and commitment for a powerful and rewarding musical experience.

“Last year, with our successful Temple Square Performances solo concert, the Chorale achieved a new level of excellence,” said Mapleton Chorale President Suzie Judd. “This year we want to build on that success, and we’re looking for talented and dedicated new singers who can help us do that.”

If you are interested in singing with the Mapleton Chorale for its Fall/Winter 2008 season, please contact Suzie Judd at (801) 489-0180, or visit the Chorale website at www.mapletonchorale.org for more information and to download an application.

Public Safety

School Safety

With the starting of school only a few weeks away we would like to remind everyone to slow down and watch for children walking to and from school. As a reminder when the school crossing guard is in the crosswalk you cannot drive through the crosswalk until the crossing guard has completely cleared the crosswalk. Last school year we had several people drive through the crosswalk while the crossing guard was still crossing, therefore endangering the crossing guard and children nearby. In addition, as an Eagle Scout project, Tyler Crane has put up orange flags at some of the crosswalks in town for children and adults to use to help them cross the road safely. Way to go Tyler! Let’s keep all our children and crossing guards safe this year!



House Numbering

Please make sure your house address “numbers” are clearly visible from the road. This will make it easier to locate your home by emergency personnel in case of an emergency.

Water Jugs

Mapleton City still has plenty of water storage jugs for sale. The price is \$6.50 each. Contact the Mapleton City Police Department at (801) 491-8048 with any questions.