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# City Newsletter

**August 2009 Edition**

## Mayor's Message

Thanks to all of you for another wonderful Pioneer Day celebration. It truly was a team effort, with contributions from nearly every resident. The celebration has grown to the point we had our biggest and best crowd ever this year.

As we move into the last month of summer, I'd like to provide some updates on new and ongoing issues that will be of interest.

At the June 30 town meeting, a concern was raised regarding contaminated soils on property that was formerly owned by Ensign-Bickford at the mouth of Spanish Fork Canyon. This property currently sits within Spanish Fork's boundaries; however, the developer has asked Mapleton to consider a boundary adjustment which would bring the area into our city. Concerned residents asked the city to reject accepting this property due to the liability associated with it.

After the meeting, we immediately contacted the developer, notifying him of the concerns and requesting the results of environmental studies that have been completed on the property. We will be carefully studying those results and learning more about the short and long term impacts of the remaining contamination. We are also arranging for a public meeting at which time the developer and Utah State environmental experts will explain their proposed mitigation plan and answer questions from the public. After these meetings and the city's further study has occurred, the city council will be asked to determine whether this proposed annexation should be allowed to continue or if the city should notify the developer it is no longer willing to consider the possible boundary adjustment.

I encourage everyone, especially those in the south part of the city, to plan to attend this public meeting, which will be conducted by the developer and state experts. Because so many experts are traveling to this meeting, it is proving a bit difficult to find a time that works for all of them. We will post information on the date and time for the meeting as soon as it's available. Please be watching the city website and local newspapers for an announcement of the meeting and try to attend.

Also, at the June 30th public meeting I announced we had initiated an investigation into financial transactions that we believe defrauded the city of a significant amount of money. The transactions dated back at least five years but were only recently discovered. In addition to our own research, and the Utah County Sheriff's Department investigation we requested, we have also engaged a private firm to conduct a forensic audit in order to assure we have determined the full extent of the damage. That investigation is continuing. However, I can now report that criminal charges have been filed by the Utah County Attorney's Office against the city's former financial controller, who resigned when the alleged crimes were discovered. The amount of money identified so far is substantial. The city will aggressively pursue restoration of all of those funds as the case proceeds through the criminal process. The bright spot in that cloud is the hiring of a new financial controller. David Allen, a longtime Mapleton resident, will begin his new job here at the city during the first week of August. Dave previously worked for Mapleton City until about sixteen years ago, and has most recently served as financial controller for Springville City. We feel very fortunate to have Dave come on board. He is a talented, gifted man with years of experience and knowledge, and will be an enormous asset to us.

The first bidding process for the new Public Safety building is complete, and I will tell you frankly, we were very disappointed by the numbers. We had hoped the bid would be favorable enough to allow construction of the entire building at this time. The bids, however, came in much higher than we had hoped. The upside is we now have a clear indication of what the building will actually cost, without having to rely on estimates that are several years old and based on outdated drawings.

But it's clear that in the absence of some kind of miracle or a very generous donation, the best we can do is just build the first phase (Fire/Ambulance) of the building at this time. The first phase will require all that we've saved plus additional funds we hope to secure from the federal government. We have submitted our application for a federal stimulus grant which we hope will match or exceed the funds we have put away for this building. We're anxiously waiting for an answer, which we expect will come sometime in September. We very much appreciate the assistance of Salt Lake City's grant writing team, which helped us with this important project. The application process was complex and demanding, and we are indebted to Salt Lake City Mayor Ralph Becker for making this valuable assistance available to us. Now for some good news: Thanks to the effort of our Police Chief, we have received a separate grant which, in conjunction with an insurance settlement, is enabling us to lease to own two new (to us) police vehicles. You may have seen these vehicles in the parade. We're grateful to Officer Jeremy Christensen for designing the sharp new look. Jeremy is a fine, talented officer and we're blessed to have him on our team. Our police officers are all outstanding young men, who've been patient and understanding while driving older, problematic vehicles. We're pleased to be able to provide these newer, more reliable vehicles for them, and particularly pleased to do so at minimal cost to you, the taxpayers.

We have applied for another federal stimulus grant package that will, if our application is successful, provide a significant sum of money which will be applied to our police manpower budget. This will not result in hiring any additional personnel, but will assure we do not have to lay off any officers if the economy doesn't improve quickly. A fully staffed public safety department is essential to allow us to be proactive as well as reactive. We tend to take police protection for granted, until we suddenly need it. We have a small department, so for us, losing just one officer is the equivalent of some nearby cities losing 10% or more of their force. This funding will help us avoid that.

Finally, as the summer winds down and our young people return to school, please take the time to review safety rules with your children, and particularly remind your high school students to be extra careful as they make their way to their beautiful new school. Let's work toward a goal of NO accidents or injuries as we deliver precious cargo to all four of our schools this fall.

## City Calendar

Aug 5	7:00pm	City Council Meeting
Aug 6	8:30am	Economic Development Meeting
Aug 6	7:00pm	Green Committee Meeting
Aug 13	6:30pm	Planning Commission Meeting
Aug 17	9:00am	Trails Sub-Committee Meeting
Aug 15	7:00pm	City Council Meeting
Aug 20	6:00pm	Transportation Committee Meeting
Aug 27	4:30pm	Library Committee Meeting

Museum Tours are available by appointment. If interested please call (801) 489-6714 or (801) 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 (801) 489-5655. **Agendas, Minutes, and Public Notices for all Meetings are available on the City's website at [www.mapleton.org](http://www.mapleton.org).**

## Senior Citizens

### Cedar City Trip – August 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>

A trip to Cedar City has been planned for August 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> with the Springville Senior Citizens. It will be for 2 days and 1 night. 2 plays are on the agenda; “Comedy of Errors” and “The Secret Garden”. Tour includes hotel accommodations, all meals, all admissions and all gratuities. For more information call the Springville Senior Center at 801-489-8738.

### Potluck Luncheons

We would like to give a special thanks to Leah Gifford who has been in charge of the potluck luncheons. She will be leaving our committee and we appreciate her. We welcome George Hadley who will be organizing the potluck luncheons now. There will be NO potluck luncheons in August or September. They will start again in October.

### Computer Room

Sallie Korman is in the computer room on Wednesdays from 10am to 12pm for the summer hours. She is looking for someone who would be available to help start people on indexing with the computer if there is an interest. Also, all 5 computers have internet access. Don't forget we have people who help with general questions, basic skills and scanning. Please let us know if you are interested in specific classes as we plan for the future. You can leave a note in the computer room with your name and phone number or call Sallie Korman at 801-489-8593 from whom details can be obtained about family history and other websites.

### Art Classes

We appreciate Lori Beckstrand and the ladies that work with her for teaching GREAT art classes to our youth. They have done a wonderful job – thanks again!

### Gym Patrons

We come to exercise in a congenial environment. For further information please contact Peggy Burt at 801-489-4363.

## Ambulance

We just wanted to say thank you to the citizens that have seen the flashers of cars behind them and pulled over to allow us as emergency responders to get to the ambulance bay just a bit quicker. In some cases minutes make the difference and just wanted to let you know that we've noticed and appreciate the help.

Just some reminders on what we need when we respond to your emergency. We will need the patient's name, date of birth, allergies to food, medications, and environmental things such as bees, hay fever, etc., a list of all current medications being taken (Rx, OTC & herbal supplements) and the doses being taken. Also, past pertinent history such as previous surgeries, broken bones, etc. Be sure those around you know this information or take the time to compile a list of all this information (remember to update this paper when medications or information changes). Please print out a copy of this list and have ready it ready for you and those around you, incase it is ever needed. It would be helpful to have two copies so that we can take one with us and you can have one for yourself to retain as well.



## Public Works

### Pressurized Irrigation Users

The summer months create a huge demand on our Pressurized Irrigation System. Please remember the voluntary watering schedule below:

- Even numbered houses – Monday, Wednesday & Friday
- Odd numbered houses – Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday
- Make-up day – Sunday

The pressure is always low in the mornings because of the high demand. When this happens adjust your schedule to other times of the day.



### Construction of Pipeline to begin on Highway 89

Below is a letter from Central Utah Water Conservancy District concerning their water line in the UDOT right-of-way (ROW):

*“Construction is anticipated to begin on installation of a 60-inch welded steel water pipeline in the westerly south-bound lanes of US 89 Highway in August. The pipeline is being constructed by the Central Utah Water Conservancy District as part of the Utah Lake Drainage Basin Water Delivery System (ULS). The pipeline will convey water from Strawberry Reservoir to water users in Salt Lake County, and to Mapleton City and Springville City for secondary water systems if the cities choose to contract for ULS water. The pipeline will additionally convey water to the Provo River and Hobbie Creek to supplement stream flows. SJ Louis has been selected to perform the construction work and plans to begin construction as early as mid-August. The construction contractor plans to begin work near the intersection of US 89 and 400 East in Springville and will install pipe through Mapleton for a length of approximately 4 miles southward along US 89. During the construction period, roadway traffic will be shifted to provide one lane of traffic each way along the east side of the highway with access points to roads and driveways. The contractor is required to contact property owners along the corridor to inform them of the construction work schedule in their area. Construction work in the 4-mile reach is scheduled to be completed by November 2010. Ultimately, the ULS pipeline system will be connected to the existing pipeline that was completed in the spring of 2008 in Mapleton City along the Mapleton-Springville Lateral Canal that was converted to 54-inch pipe. That connection work is anticipated to occur in the winter of 2010-2011 and will result in sufficient pressure in the pipeline for irrigators to convert to sprinkler irrigation and to provide pressurized water to the Mapleton City secondary system.”*

# Recreation

**On-line registration for most programs is available at [www.mapleton.org/parksandrecreation.html](http://www.mapleton.org/parksandrecreation.html).** If you have any questions about our programs, please call our office at (801) 806-9114, located in the Mapleton Community Center at 125 W 400 N, Mapleton Recreation Office hours: Mon-Thurs, 9am – 1pm.

## **Baseball/Softball Season a Huge Success**

Thank you to all the commissioners, coaches and parents who helped make this baseball season fun and exciting for the participants.

## **Congratulations**

Way to go to Steve Murdock's Pinto Red Sox for taking 2<sup>nd</sup> in the State Tournament! Congratulations to our teams that went to State Tournaments:

- Falcon – Amber Hank's Royal Team
- Filly – Lauree Kirkham's Red Team
- Fox – Todd Lewis' Red Team
- Mustang – Jason Carter's Angels, Richard Christensen's A's, Shawn Bagley's Red Sox, and Tim Cross' Braves
- Pinto – Stuart Clark's Diamond Backs and Dave Moore's Dodgers
- Pony- Kirk Holt's Red Sox

## **Soccer – Fall 2009- Registration going on now!**

Fall Soccer registration was on Wednesday, June 24<sup>th</sup>. Late registration is still being accepted. Team sizes are limited, so register as soon as possible. A \$10 late registration fee will be added.

- Pre-K – 1<sup>st</sup> grade \$25.00
- 2<sup>nd</sup> grade – 5<sup>th</sup> grade \$30.00
- 6<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> grade \$30.00

We will be using the same uniforms as last year, which are available for purchase at the Recreation Office: shirts - \$13, shorts - \$10, and socks \$3.

## **BYU Soccer Clinic 2009**

Mapleton Recreation & BYU soccer teams will offer this skills-building soccer clinic for children in Kindergarten thru 7<sup>th</sup> grade. It will be held on SAT., AUG. 8th, 9-10:30 am (K-2<sup>nd</sup>) or 10:30am – 12:30pm (3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>) at Ira Allan Sports Park. Cost: \$10, which includes BYU Soccer season tickets. Registration is being accepted online or at the Recreation Office thru Aug 7<sup>th</sup>.

## **Flag Football – Fall 2009 – Registration going on now**

Flag Football registration for 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade was on Wednesday, June 24<sup>th</sup>. Late registration is being accepted on-line at [mapleton.org/parksandrecreation.html](http://mapleton.org/parksandrecreation.html) or at the Mapleton Recreation Office. Fee is \$45.00 for 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grades. A \$10 late registration fee will be added. Team sizes are limited, so register as soon as possible. Games will be scheduled so participants can play both soccer and flag football.



## **\*\*New\*\* 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Flag Football – Fall 2009**

We are starting a new league for 7<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> grade girls in conjunction with Springville Recreation. Registration was on Wed, June 24<sup>th</sup>. Late registration is still being accepted.

## **VIP Adaptive Soccer 2009 – It's a Kick!**

(For any special needs children, K thru High School) Join us for our 5<sup>th</sup> year of adaptive soccer. We play on smaller fields with buddies and everybody has a great time! Games will begin in September. The cost is \$15.00 which includes a soccer uniform (shirt & socks). For more information or to register: contact Keri Beardall at 489-4904; contact Stacey Child at 806-9114; register at the Mapleton Recreation Office or online.

## **Fall Programs**

Watch for more Fall Programs to be posted on our website: [mapleton.org/parksandrecreation.html](http://mapleton.org/parksandrecreation.html) and school flyers in the coming weeks.

## **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. Choir Director, Heidi Bezzant studied music at Brigham Young University, and directed the Timpanogos Children's Choir in Lindon for 8 yrs. The Choir will meet September through May and will prepare for a Christmas and a spring concert. Register on-line or at the Recreation Office. For more information, please call Heidi at 801-318-0884.

Young singers, ages 4-7 - Thursday's 4-4:30 p.m. Fee: \$30 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 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.

## **Moonlight Half Marathon, August 7, 2009**

Join us on this fun run to raise money for the Mapleton Parkway Running Trail! Email Sherie at [cherryblue@yahoo.com](mailto:cherryblue@yahoo.com) to register. Sign up now to reserve your spot.

## **Mapleton has "SOLE" 2009 – Summer Fitness Program**

This summer's program is winding down. We hope you are getting out, getting active, getting fit, and logging miles exercised at [utahwalks.org](http://utahwalks.org). Previously registered individuals/families with the most fitness miles at the end of August will receive great prizes.

# Public Safety

A big thanks to all that helped with the Mapleton 24<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration and parade. It is because of volunteers like you that make our city such a great place to live.

## **School Safety**

With school back in session soon we should pay more attention to our driving and especially in the school zones. The school zone is 20 MPH when the lights are flashing. Please obey the crossing guards as it is illegal to drive through the crossing anytime the crossing guard is standing in any portion of the crossing. Let's keep our children safe!

## **Drug Collection Bin**

Mapleton City's drug collection bin is still going strong. You can bring your old medication to the Mapleton Police Department and place it in the drug box by the front doors. We will dispose of medication for you at no cost. Please do not put liquids or syringes in the box.

# Economic Development

## **New Warehouse/Office/Retail Space**

The City Council has approved a proposal by Don Bleggi to construct a new 6,700 sq. ft. building on the south corner of the Alvey Business Park on Highway 89. Named Maple Creek Center, the two story facility will greatly enhance the entrance of the Business Park with its upscale landscaping around the property. The development is consistent with the City's goals for generating greatly needed commercial retail developments. Inquiries should be made directly to Don Bleggi at 801-420-4509.

# Family Literacy Center

## Is your child ready for school – we are here to help!

The Center offers tutoring help to anyone reading below level. They also help your student with spelling and writing. After calling Judy, the supervisor of the Center, a student is scheduled for a reading screening. They are then assigned to a tutor who will work with them for two hours a week after school at the Literacy Center. There are many resources available to work with students, including books, computer programs, games, etc. Fall tutoring starts on Monday, August 31<sup>st</sup>. Monday-Wednesday or Tuesday-Thursday sessions will be arranged between 3:30pm-6:30pm.

Parents and even grandparents can be trained to help their own students at the Center as well. Come home school parents are now taking advantage of the resources available for increasing reading skills.

There is always a need for volunteer tutors. Those applying must be at least 16 years old, love to read, and go through a two hour training class. This is a great way for teens to do service in the community for college applications and scholarships. The Director will write letters of recommendation after the service is given. Tutoring hours during the school year are after school between 3:30pm-6:30pm. The tutors usually work on a Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday schedule. What a great opportunity to give the gift of being able to read to an individual. The rewards are tremendous for both tutor and student. Call Judy Whiting now at 801-806-9127, 801-489-6999 or 801-787-5455 to reserve a time for your student.

## Friends of the Library

Elaine Carlson has graciously agreed to serve our community as the Director of the Friends of the Library Committee. She is also looking for some dedicated volunteers to serve with her. This opportunity is rewarding as you will be a part of helping our community in its literacy and educational needs and goals for the future. If you have any questions please call Elaine Carlson at 801-489-6584.

# Trees and Tree Products

## By Sadie Young

As we work in our yards and gardens, let's be thankful for the beautiful and useful trees we enjoy throughout our City. Trees control erosion, cool our homes, provide wind breaks and provide food and shelter for ourselves as well as animals. They convert carbon dioxide into oxygen that is essential to life. As we no longer need a tree or shrub remember to recycle it. Mapleton City has signed up with the Environmental Green Plant in Spanish Fork City, which is located behind K-Mart. At this location our tree products will be put to use and continue to give benefits for years to come. Some gardeners collect yard clippings in an enclosure of their own making and produce compost ready to use. It is convenient for small projects and an easy way to enrich soil in the yard. For more information on trees, how to plant a tree, and planting the right tree in the right place log on to [www.rockymountainpower.net/trees](http://www.rockymountainpower.net/trees).

## 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:	489-6138	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

# Road-Building

## “Full Speed Ahead” on 400 South

### August is Prime Time for SR-77 Road Construction

With work on the underground utilities winding down on UDOT's SR-77 construction project, Mapleton residents who drive through this part of Springville are going to be able to see a lot of progress on the road surface – and above the surface – during the month of August.

“Sometimes it's hard to see that a lot of work is being done when we're working on utilities beneath the surface of the road,” said Bryan Adams, project director for UDOT. “But most of the underground work is done now, and we can really start to move ahead with getting the road and bridges in place and ready for traffic.”

During the month of July a major transition took place when traffic on the SR-77 (400 South) interchange was shifted from the existing bridge to the newly constructed half of the Single Point Urban Interchange (SPUI) bridge. As a result of that movement, crews began demolition of the existing bridge so that work on the new SPUI can be completed.

“You'll see a lot of work focused on building the rest of the SPUI during the month of August, along with all the work along the roadway between Main Street and 1750 West and the bridges at 400 West and 1500 West,” Adams said. “This is really prime time for SR-77 construction.”

UDOT continues to work toward opening the entire project, including 400 South between Main Street and 1750 West, before Thanksgiving. While there will still be a few things on the project to complete at that point – landscaping, for example – it will all be open for traffic by that point.

For more information about the S.R. 77 construction project please visit the project Web site at [www.udot.utah.gov/sr77](http://www.udot.utah.gov/sr77) or call the project information hotline at 1-877-222-3757.

## Summer Concerts in the Park

It's time again for the FREE Summer Concerts in the Park at the corner of Maple and Main Streets. Below is the schedule of concerts which are held at 7pm (if the weather is bad, the concert will be held in the Memorial Hall, next to the park):

- August 1<sup>st</sup> – Moonlight Serenade – Full band with big band era music.
- August 8<sup>th</sup> – Utah Valley Skyline Chorus
- August 15<sup>th</sup> – Wasatch Bones – Brass Band
- August 22<sup>nd</sup> – Cool Jazz
- August 29<sup>th</sup> – Italex

## Weatherization

### Are your Utility Bills too high?

FREE for all qualified applicants. Weatherizing your home will help you save money by making your home more energy efficient. You may qualify. Call us today to learn more at 801-344-5184 extensions 300 & 310.

## 5k Aloha Run 2009

### A Fund-Raising Event for Education

Come and enjoy a day of fun in Mapleton on Saturday, August 29<sup>th</sup> at 8am. Activities include a 5k run/walk, 1 mile youth run/walk, fantastic prizes, Polynesian Entertainment, Island Food, live music, Polynesian Arts & Crafts, games for the kids and Beach Volleyball. Register now to receive an early bird special. Details and Registration are online at [www.aloharun.page.tl](http://www.aloharun.page.tl). BYU-Hawaii Utah-Central Alumni Association organized this event.