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Mayor's Message

"If there is any great secret for success in life, it lies in the ability to put yourself in the other persons place and to see things from his point of view-as well as your own." I like this quote from Henry Ford. It not only teaches us to be polite, it also promotes better communication, and an orderly way of expressing our different ideas and concerns. The ability to listen and understand the ideas, feelings, and concerns of others is a talent that we constantly need to work on. The guarantee of freedom of speech assumes that we will also listen. If not, we would have a lot of talk, with no purpose, no progress, no solutions. Our ability to effectively communicate is determined as much by how we listen as by how and what we say. Good communication strengthens our relations within our families, neighbors and community. Winston Churchill once said, "Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak. Courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen."

When we come to situations where our ideas conflict with others, or where we have concerns we want others to hear, we all need to speak as we would want to be spoken to, or spoken of, even when we disagree. A good disagreement is not a bad thing. In good disagreements people disagree respectfully. Good disagreements encourage people to consider new ideas, changes and improvements. When we have our strong community involvement and effective communication, we all benefit.

We have public hearings to conduct city business several times each month. Our City Council meets on the first and third Tuesdays beginning at 6:30 pm, and our Planning Commission meets on the third Thursdays (except December which will be on the second Thursday) beginning at 7:00 pm. All of us are invited to attend and watch as decisions are made. Whether we are changing city ordinances, approving subdivisions, discussing budgets or deciding on what amenities to place in the parks, the decisions are being made. Some matters are scheduled for public hearings where we are looking for public input. At these meetings you are invited to share your thoughts, and concerns with the City Council before decisions are made. Recently several citizens, and sometimes organized groups, have made well thought out presentations. Sometimes, a single citizen's comment has begun conversations that have resulted in change. We appreciate your input on matters of interest to you. Remember to allow for different opinions to be shared, and that you never strengthen your ideas by personally attacking individuals who think differently than you do.

City Newsletter

December 2006 Edition

Seasons Greetings

Every week, I start my time at the city offices reading emails and letters, then I check my phone messages. Many of you have shared with me your ideas and concerns. Recently I was asked to help resolve a questions about our regulations on fences, another time I was asked why a street did not have a street light, one person had questions about pressurized irrigation, still another suggested neighborhood meetings be held. I encourage each of you to contact me with your questions and thoughts. I will try to listen to better understand what is on your minds. By communicating with me, you help me solve problems, and address needs that otherwise might go unnoticed. And for those who have expressed appreciation for something the city has done well, thank you, its nice to know you appreciate the efforts made.

City Calendar

Nov 29	6pm-8pm	Boy's Basketball Registrations
Dec 5	7:00pm	City Council Meeting
Dec 12	6:30pm	Board of Adjustment Meeting
Dec 14	7:00pm	Planning Commission Meeting
Dec 19	7:00pm	City Council Meeting
Dec 25 & 26		City Offices Closed – Christmas
January 2007		
Jan 1		City Offices Closed – New Years
Jan 2	7:00pm	City Council Meeting
Jan 16	7:00pm	City Council Meeting
Jan 18	7:00pm	Planning Commission Meeting
Jan 15		City Offices Closed –

Martin Luther King

Museum Tours call:

489-6714, 491-6676, or 489-7786

Meetings are held at the Community Center Building, 125 West Community Center Way (400 North). City Council Meetings will now be held the first and third Tuesday of each month. For more information about City Meetings contact 489-5655. **Agendas, Minutes, Public Notices and the Newsletter are available on the City website at www.mapleton.org.**

HEAT Program Now Open

Community Action Services is now accepting applications for the HEAT program, a program which assists low-income households in making utility payments through the winter season. A one-time payment per year will be submitted directly to heating companies for individuals who qualify. Disbursements are determined based on need. All Utah County residents interested in applying must call 373-8200 from now until the end of April for an appointment. Low-income households and those with disabilities are especially encouraged to apply. Applicants must meet income guidelines and provide all required documentation. Homebound individuals may request an Outreach worker to come to their home to assist in the application process. First-time applicants in Utah County must complete an energy education class as part of the process (energy class is waived for disabled or elderly applicants).

Please go to www.CommunityActionProvo.org for more information or call 373-8200.

Senior Citizens' Corner

The month of November was a great kick off month for the Mapleton Senior Citizens' program. Dick Savage has accepted the position of chairman of the Senior Citizens' Committee. The city used some of our state grant money to buy freestanding easels and we have a group meeting on Monday afternoons to paint. We would love to start an additional class – call Lori Beckstrand (489-9414) or Dick Savage (362-0620) if you're interested in joining.

We had a wonderful potluck lunch in November with over 30 people attending, and plan to do additional luncheons and games activities. To get on the mailing and -mail list for future events, contact the secretary of the Senior Citizens' Committee, Sallie Korman (489-5893).

We are trying to have the exercise and recreation room in the basement of the city center is now open from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m., Monday thru Friday. We still need a few more volunteers – you don't have to be fit or know a lot about exercise – just be willing to commit to a time to be at the exercise room to supervise. The equipment has been very well chosen for the use of people over 50. The people who are coming in on a regular basis are already seeing a difference in their fitness level and an improvement in how they feel.

We will be having another soup and salad potluck luncheon on Thursday, December 7th. There will be a flu shot clinic for anyone in Mapleton who still needs a flu shot, starting at 10:30 am, with the luncheon starting at 11:30 am. The Senior Citizen's Committee will be sponsoring a free swing dance for ALL Mapleton citizens on Saturday, January 27, from 7:30 - 10 p.m. We will have a live band, playing music from the big band music from the '40's.

From the Shade Tree Committee

By Orpha Dee Johnson

Once upon a time long ago I remember Christmas Trees at our house. We looked forward to seeing our Daddy saddle up the horse and disappear toward the mountain. Soon he returned whistling down the lane (bringing in the tree). Sometimes it was thrown over the back of the saddle, or if the snow was deep in the fields, the fresh cut evergreen skimmed over the snow. The tree soaked in a bucket of water, and then was placed in the living room on a not so sturdy homemade chris-cross stand.

Out came the collection of bobbles in all shapes and colors. Tear drops were my favorite. Silver ice sickles were placed oh so carefully on each flimsy branch. Each year we had the prettiest tree ever. Later on all the kids on the street brought their dry trees to a common spot, where we had a bon fire and roasted marshmallows. I ask that you all consider looking in the dictionary about “Yule Logs” with your families.

Tree Lighting Ceremony

Build a Christmas tree memory for your Family by attending the “Tree Lighting Ceremony” at the Mapleton City Park (corner of Maple and Main Streets) on Friday, December 1st at 6:00pm.

Next Newsletter Edition

There will be no Newsletter for the month of January 2007. You will receive your next newsletter in February 2007. Happy Holidays!

Public Works

Storm Water Report

We have submitted our First Annual Storm Water Report to the Department of Water Quality. This is available for review at the Mapleton City Offices.

Debris

Please continue to help keep the curb, gutters and sidewalks free of leaves, dirt and debris in front of your residences. This helps to reduce storm water backup and catch basins from being clogged with debris.

Street Parking

No parking on the city street from November 15th until March 15th, between the hours of 11:00pm and 6:00am. Please help to keep the street clear for snow removal.

Recreation

2006 Boys Basketball Registration

Boys basketball registrations will be held on Wednesday, November 29 - 6:00 - 8:00 PM at the Hobble Creek Elementary (located at 1145 East 1200 North, Mapleton).

Leagues & Registration Fees:

Registration fee includes league play, a reversible jersey, membership in YBA (Youth Basketball Association), and an opportunity to participate in division shoot-out.

- 1st Grade Clinic (Instructional/Skills Bldg.) \$ 30.00
- 2nd Grade Instructional Team League \$ 30.00
- 3rd & 4th Grade \$ 35.00
- 5th & 6th Grade \$ 35.00
- 7th & 8th Grade (new for 2006) \$ 35.00

A \$10.00 Late Registration Fee Will Be charged



A Huge Thank You...

To all coaches, commissioners, and volunteers that have participated in our programs throughout this past year. You have touched a lot of lives and made the Recreation Program a great success. Thanks for your time. Merry Christmas!

R.A.D.

A life skills and personal empowerment safety program is available for all women. The program will be held on January 5th & 6th and January 12th & 13th. You can register at the Mapleton City Offices any time. The class is \$40, and is restricted so the soon your register the better.

New Maple Mountain Chapter of Sons of Utah Pioneers (SUP) Organized

Under direction of National President-elect Jay Smith, former resident of Mapleton, the new chapter was organized on 26 October in Mapleton. Paul Whiting (498-0000) was selected as President, with Frank Nielsen (489-4506) as Treasurer and Jan Wynn (489-9209) as Program Chairman. The first dinner meeting will be held on 30 November at Prestwich Farms in Spanish Fork. The speaker will be Buddy Youngreen. Please call Paul, Frank or Jan if you are interested in attending or joining.

We plan to hold our meetings on the last Thursday of each month (except for December). Some will be dinner meetings with a guest speaker; others will be with a guest speaker and light refreshments. Our wives are invited and encouraged to attend. It is not necessary to be a lineal descendent of a Utah pioneer to become a member. Those who are interested in pioneer history and enjoy getting together with friends and acquaintances are welcome.

Mapleton Chorale Christmas Concerts



Mapleton Chorale, long established as a choir of excellence, is pleased to announce our upcoming Christmas concerts. Under the skilled direction of Cory Mendenhall and incredible accompaniment of Debbie Augustus, this non-audition choir of superb voices will uplift, inspire and entertain you.

On Saturday, Dec. 16 at 8:30 p.m., the Chorale will perform in the Assembly Hall on Temple Square in Salt Lake City. This is the third year we have received an invitation to participate there. The following Sunday, Dec. 17 at 7 p.m., we will present our Christmas concert in Utah County at the Mapleton Stake Center, 970 No. 400 E., Mapleton. These concerts are free admission. Our repertoire of crowd-pleasing Christmas selections will without doubt fill your hearts with the joy of the holiday season! We welcome all to join us in celebration.

Thanks - Food Bank

Community Action Food Bank would like to thank those who generously donate cash and food throughout the year. This year, the large community food drive (supported by many local churches) will be on Saturday, December 9th. As your regional food bank, we ask for your continued support through this Holiday Season. Community Action Food Bank serves 1,500 local families each month. The number of people served is expected to rise during this winter season. Donations of non-perishable food and hygiene items may be dropped off at Community Action Food Bank Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. at 815 S. Freedom Blvd., Provo. Call Jim Thomas, Food Bank Director, at (801) 373-8200 ext. 216 for more information.

Mapleton Ambulance

Mapleton ambulance recently changed leadership with John Crandall replacing Stephanie Olsen as director. Toby Thompson has assumed the assistant director position. Mapleton would like to publicly thank Stephanie for her tireless dedication to the citizens of the community. Stephanie's commitment has required a lot of her personal time, to make sure shifts were covered and the equipment was ready.

The ambulance has an ongoing need to recruit new members, particularly those who can be available for day shifts, during the week. The initial training to become certified as an EMT basic is usually the most demanding commitment. For example, the EMT-B course lasts 4 months with classes two nights a week with an occasional Saturday, usually two each month. If you are interested, you can contact John Crandall at (801) 367-5069. Mapleton City covers the expense for the training and requires a two year commitment after you are certified.

Several members of the community have asked about the availability of first aid kits. There is an organization in Spanish Fork, Safe Community USA that provides an excellent kit at a reasonable price. You can contact them at 801-794-0757 or online at www.safecommunityusa.com.

Contact Numbers

Mayor:	489-5655	Library:	489-4833
City Council:	489-5655	Public Works:	806-9188
City Administration:	489-5655	Emergency:	911
Community Development:	489-6138	Dispatch Police,	
Building Inspection:	489-5655	Fire, Ambulance:	851-4100
Court:	489-7445	Non-emergency:	491-8048
Recreation:	489-5655	Newsletter:	489-6138

The Mapleton City Newsletter can be viewed at our website up to three days prior to receiving it in the mail with your Utility Bill at www.mapleton.org.



The Austin Houtz Home 785 East 400 North Mapleton, Utah

This house belonged to Lewis K. Anderson when Austin and Martha Allan Houtz moved in and leased to purchase. In 1920 the purchase was made. This was a nice large frame house. It consisted of a living room to the west front and a dining room the size needed to accommodate a large family to the east. The house faces the south. It had a kitchen that opened to a good-sized back porch. The house had a small basement. There were three bedrooms that were so cold that the children thought they would freeze to death. All of the rooms had the typical high ceilings.

The kitchen stove was equipped with a reservoir to heat water, and baths were taken in a round tin tub. The water for the household was supplied by an old well that had a hand pump. Later, when city water became available, the pantry was made into a bathroom. Also, at a later date, a furnace was placed in the basement room. This made it a very comfortable home. There was fun to be had at this home and a pleasant memory was the rope swing in the big barn where the children would swing between the lofts. Austin and Martha lived in the house until 1954 when they sold it and moved into the Alice Waters' house. The home is now owned by Tim and Geri Krehbiel.

Information provided from the
"Early Houses in Mapleton" book

For a copy of this Historic Home please contact April Houser at the Mapleton City Offices at (801) 489-6138 or via email at ahouser@mapleton.org.