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City Newsletter

December 2007 Edition

Mayor's Message

How appropriate it is that my last Mayor's Message comes at Christmas time and my message is about the blessings of giving.

Several weeks ago I was invited to attend the dedication of a statue in the City Park. The statue is of a tree, with children climbing and playing on its branches. The city received this statue as a donation from the family of Reed and Naomi Clegg. One evening several months earlier, while attending a City Council meeting, some of the Clegg children heard our Recreation Director talk about our need to upgrade our park. After the meeting the Clegg children met and talked about how they wanted to give something back to the city where they were raised and where they had so many happy memories. They decided on the statue. When you have time, you should visit the park, just south of the pavilions, by the museum and look at it. It has served as the inspiration for the new theme as the city updates and remodels the pavilions and playground next to it in the months to come. The Parks Department will be replacing the broken playground equipment, making a cement walkway connecting the playground and the pavilions, building new pavilions, and installing new electrical systems at each pavilion. The simple desire by family members to give back to their city has resulted in improvements far beyond the original gift. That's the way our city works, and the way it should work.

Last week, I attended the dedication of another statue in the City Park. This statue is in the Veteran's Memorial. Our former Mayor Dean Allan and his wife Jean saw an opportunity to make an improvement. They decided to donate an eagle statue to the city. It is large, and impressive. It appears to be watching over the other monuments dedicated to the youth of Mapleton who have served in wars. As a result of this thoughtful gift, improvements were made to the Veteran's Memorial, and a special Veteran's Day commemoration service was held. John Hafen, a two star general, gave a wonderful talk on the importance of defending our freedoms and the significance of the eagle in our military. The Tracy Aviary sent one of their trainers with a live golden eagle to show, and to tell about eagles and their skills.

It was a delightful program. All who came were taught, entertained or honored. Once again, many lives were touched and improved because of one family's desire to give to their community.

This week, I have been interviewing individuals who have an interest in giving their time to serve the city. I am so thankful for the generous nature of our neighbors. Mapleton is made up of many things: new homes, old farms, parks, the mountain, and memories. But what really makes a difference to our community is our individual spirit of giving. Thank you to all who have given their time, energy, and talents. Thank you to those who have donated money, land and books. Thank you to those who quietly, continually, keep our community moving forward because they are willing to pitch in and just do what needs to be done.

City Calendar

Dec. 5	7:00pm	City Council Meeting
Dec. 6	6:30pm	Board of Adjustment
Dec. 13	11:30am	Senior Citizen Potluck Luncheon
Dec. 13	6:30pm	Planning Commission Meeting
Dec. 19	7:00pm	City Council Meeting
Dec. 24 & 25		City Offices Closed – Christmas
Jan. 1, 2008		City Offices Closed – New Years

Museum Tours call:

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

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 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 utility companies for individuals who qualify. Disbursements are based on income. 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 our website at www.communityactionuc.org for more information or call (801) 373-8200.

Recreation

For questions concerning our Recreation Programs please call our office at 806-9114. We are located at 125 West 400 North in Mapleton. Our office hours are Monday – Thursday from 9:00am-1:00pm.

2007 Boys Basketball Registration

Registration was held on Wednesday, November 28th from 6:00pm-8:00pm, but it's still not too late to register for all boys 1st Grade-8th Grade. Leagues & Registration Fees include league play, a reversible jersey, membership in YBA (Youth Basketball Association), and an opportunity to participate in division shoot-out.

- 1st Grade Clinic \$30.00
- 2nd Grade \$30.00
- 3rd & 4th Grade \$35.00
- 5th & 6th Grade \$35.00
- 7th & 8th Grade \$35.00

A \$10 late registration fee will be charged beginning December 5th. Mandatory Coaches Preview will be held Saturday, December 8th at the Mapleton Jr. High Gym. 5th-8th Grades 7:45am-8:45am and 3rd-4th Grades 8:45am-9:45am.



Recreation Continued

Gymnastics

Morning gymnastics classes are being held for children 18 months to 6 years of age. Beginning classes will be taught by Deana Hotchkiss. Deana has been teaching gymnastics and tumbling classes for 20 years, has a degree in Physical Education from BYU, and has owned her own gymnastics business. Classes will be held at the Mapleton Community Center. 10 Sessions will be offered from January 15th-March of 2008. This is a great introduction to gymnastics or just a great opportunity to stretch, tumble, learn balance, and have fun! Classes are limited-so hurry in to register. Registration begins December 17th at the Community Center. The fee is \$40.

- Parent & Tot Gymnastics and Tumbling Class is Tuesday or Thursday from 9:00am-9:45am for those 18 months – 3 years (parents are required to come play with their child).
- Little guys and gals Gymnastics and Tumbling Class is Tuesday or Thursday from 9:45am-10:30am or 10:30am-11:15am for ages 3 to 6 years old.

Girl's Volleyball

The league was open to all 7th-12th grade girls in Springville and Mapleton. There were 13 teams and after several weeks of league play, the teams were seated in 3 different double-elimination tournaments. Thank you to Linda Lewis, organizer and director of the program. Mrs. Lewis would like to thank all the parents who supported their daughters, and those who helped with the scorekeeping. A special thank you goes to the referees and all the coaches who volunteer their time to work with the girls.

Women's Volleyball

Watch for details in next month's newsletter. The league will begin in January 2008!

Aerobics Anyone?

If you are interested in attending an aerobics class, please call our office.

RAD for Women

We would love to offer RAD for Women (an incredible self-defense course) again at the beginning of 2008. Please call our office if you are interested.

A Huge Thank You

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

Bookmobile

The Bookmobile is open Monday afternoons from 3:00pm-5:00pm in the parking lot of the Mapleton Community Center

Mapleton Family Literacy Center

The Center has several new students who are without tutors. Mapleton residents who can volunteer are urgently needed. It can be very fulfilling to help a person gain a love of reading through your efforts. The skills you can help them learn will greatly enhance their lives now and in the future. These are children of elementary school level who just need a caring friend to help them learn. The tutoring occurs at the Library on school afternoons between the hours of 3:30 to 5:30 on either Mondays and Wednesdays or Tuesday and Thursdays for an hour each session. We do not tutor when the students are out of school for holidays or teacher workdays. If you must be absent for sickness or another reason, the session can be canceled or rescheduled. There is a two hour training session required before beginning. Tutors must be at least 16 years old. If you are in high school and need to do community service for college entrance or scholarships, this is a great opportunity. Call the Center at 806-9127 (ext. 127) and talk with a director or leave a message. You may also call Elaine Carlson at 489-6584.



City Council Meetings

Mapleton City Council Meetings will now be held the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month starting in November 2007.

Senior Citizens

Military Families

Attention Mapleton residents, the Mapleton Senior Citizens are planning Christmas ideas for our men and women and their families who are currently in the military, or who have recently returned home. We do not have a list of names and do not want to miss anyone. If you have a family member who is in the military please contact Pat Sabin, 975 East 540 North in Mapleton, by phone at 491-4289 or email at eskimos@comcast.net.

The FRG (volunteers) are striving to make it possible to ensure each and every soldier from Utah gets a care package for Christmas. To ensure completion of this goal, please go to the following website for more information – www.feedunclesam.com.

Painting

Group painting is on hiatus until January. Call Joan Bateman for more details at 489-7753. We are currently offering art classes for all interested adults; beginners and intermediates are especially invited. This will cover all levels and all mediums. Times are Monday from 9am until noon and noon to 3pm. The cost is \$40 per month. Those familiar with the cost of instruction consider this a real bargain. To enroll, call Larry Christensen at 319-7408. Mr. Christensen is an accomplished artist and teacher with many years experience. He has taught at BYU and UVSC. Those who attended our Open House last month saw painting of his work and enjoyed them.

Tai Chi Class

Tai Chi Classes are provided by Dr. John Garrett every Wednesday from 8:30am-9:30am at the Mapleton Community Center, and is open to anyone interested in attending.

Potluck Luncheon

The Senior Citizen Potluck Luncheon will be on December 13th (second Thursday of each month) at the Mapleton Community Center. Contact Leah Gifford at 853-8022 for more details. At 10:30am they will be giving out 30 flu shots on a first come, first serve basis. There is no cost for this service from First Choice.

Exercise Room

New evening hours are in effect. Besides the regular hours Monday thru Friday 8:30-11am and 3-5:30pm. We are expanding Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 5:30-8pm. Saturday is open from 10am-noon. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, or have any questions, please call 806-9128 (exercise room phone) when we are open. Call Ron Wittusen at 489-9602 or Peggy Burt at 489-4363 if you are willing to volunteer or become an alternate volunteer.

Ambulance

Volunteers Needed

Mapleton City is in need of volunteers to run day shift on the ambulance. Information is available at the City Offices, 125 West 400 North. No prior training is necessary, although it is helpful.



Weatherization Program

FREE Home Energy saving service! Utility bills sky high? The Weatherization Program can help! Weatherization helps low income, seniors, and people with disabilities. Call now for your application before the list grows longer! (801) 344-5184 Ext. 300.

What is Weatherization? Weatherization is a whole house approach to reducing energy waste and minimizing your energy bills. The Weatherization program improves homes so that they hold heat better in the winter and stay cool longer in the summer. The Weatherization program offers assistance to homeowners, renters, and mobile home owners. The improvements benefit owners, landlords, and renters.

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

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Food Drive

It is the Holiday Food Drive season, and Community Action Services and Food Bank expresses thanks to those who generously donate their food, money and hours of volunteer support. On December 8th, church groups and other organizations will unite for the largest annual state-wide food drive. Please remember to leave your donation of food on your doorstep before 8:00am the morning of the drive. With your help we are able to continue our mission of fighting poverty in the community. We ask for your continued support during the holidays by donating \$5 to our I Care fund raiser (for more information, visit our website at www.communityactionus.org).



Donations of non-perishable food and hygiene items may be brought to Community Action Services and Food Bank Monday-Friday from 8:00am-4:30pm at 815 South Freedom Blvd. in Provo. Call Food Bank Director, Jim Thomas, at (801) 373-8200 ext. 216 for more information.



Public Works

Winter Parking on Streets

With winter approaching we are reminding residents to make sure that all vehicles, trailers, boats etc. are not parked on the roads from November 15th through March 15th. The street sweeper needs to be able to access the gutters to keep them free of debris. Also the snowplow drivers need to be able to plow snow without vehicles blocking their path. The police department will ticket vehicles that are parked on the streets during this time period.