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Mayor's Message

For this month's newsletter, I had initially prepared a standard fact-filled dissertation on a couple of current city related subjects. But at the last minute I scrapped all that. It's the holiday season, "the most wonderful time of the year" and I think it's the right time for "business as usual" to take a back seat. So all that other is going to wait.

As most of you know by now, the city was recently forced to lay off another valued employee, and we had to cut the hours of four others. We've also effectively cut the salaries of all employees by requiring them to pay a portion of their health insurance benefits. This was extremely painful for all of us, and for me personally. The fact that many cities across the nation have to take similar steps doesn't make it hurt any less here. I am proud of our employees and consider them some of the very best. They are family, and that has made this very difficult.

Partly because of that, and partly because many people in our city are suffering because of economic difficulties that will probably worsen, this holiday season feels different.

But hard times often turn our thoughts outward. Nothing takes your mind off your worries like giving does. The holidays are the perfect excuse to change your life by changing someone else's life. Because of that, and because we usually receive inquiries at the city offices from residents wanting to find someone who needs extra Christmas help, I am devoting this month's newsletter to the mention of a few "giving" opportunities I hope some of you will want to take advantage of.

One of the easiest ways to anonymously help someone this Christmas season is to contribute cash - either dimes or dollars - to help a struggling Mapleton household catch up their utility bills. If you'd like to contribute in this way, please contact either myself (380-4444) or Marian at the city offices, 489-5655. If you'd like to be anonymously linked to other needy individuals in Mapleton, or if you know of someone that needs help, please contact myself or city administrator Bob Bradshaw, 489-5655.

You can meet other ongoing pressing needs by donating to the local food bank or choosing any of the many volunteer opportunities available through Community Action. Go to www.communityactionprovo.org, click on "volunteer" or "how to give" for much more information. Special holiday needs and assignments are available. Even if all you can do is help serve a meal, it will be a memory that lasts a lifetime.

The United Way once again is sponsoring its "Sub for Santa" program. You can call (801) 356-6300 or sign up online at www.unitedwayuc.org. Other similar programs are the Angel Tree or Giving Tree programs. The Angel Tree project is a joint effort of The Salvation Army, KUTV Channel 2 News and Utah County Sub for Santa. You can select the name, age and gift ideas from the Angel Tree at Macy's at University Mall in Orem and at Pleasant Grove High School from Nov. 20 through Dec. 15. Similarly, the Giving Tree, is a combined effort of Fox 13 News and the University Mall in Orem. Names can be selected Nov. 24 through Dec. 20 at the information booth in the center of the mall. The need is particularly great this year.

Outside of Utah County there are other opportunities for holiday giving such as Arc for Utah's Gift Box program (801) 654-8449, (801) 654-8467 or go to arcutah.org and Salt Lake's stocking stuffer program (801) 972-5708 or go to reachsaltlake.org.

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If you are looking for a project or cause on a larger scale, there are local efforts with worldwide reach such as Mothers without Borders, founded by a mother in American Fork, to serve orphanages and communities around the globe and recently focusing on Zambia. Another locally begun effort is Green Eyes in Africa, founded by two Utah brothers, which sponsors the New Hope Orphanage in Cameroon. For more information, go to their websites, www.motherswithoutborders.org and www.greeneyesinafrica.org to learn more about their separate missions and how you can become involved.

If you are looking for a lifetime commitment, my personal recommendation is www.adoptuskids.org. Click on "meet the children" (you do not need to register, just choose your criteria, scroll down and click "search.") Or go to www.heartgalleryofamerica.org, scroll way down and visit any one of the listed state "heart galleries" to meet waiting children who long for a forever family. Other websites to visit for service and giving opportunities large and small are www.1800volunteer.org, <http://www.familycares.org/>, www.heifer.org, www.volunteermatch.org, www.usafreedomcorps.gov, www.kidscare.org, and www.kidskorps.org. Or you can do a Google search to find your own world of other opportunities.

Whether you can give a little or a lot, whether you contribute money or time or love, I hope everyone will take a moment to consider making this difficult holiday time one you and your family will long remember. Please do it now, while you're thinking of it. I hope you'll agree there's plenty of time for "business as usual" next month.

City Calendar

Dec 3	7:00pm	City Council Meeting
Dec 8	9:00am	Trails Sub-Committee Meeting
Dec 11	11:30am	Senior Citizen Potluck Luncheon
Dec 11	6:30pm	Planning Commission Meeting
Dec 17	7:00pm	City Council Meeting
Dec 18	6:00pm	Board of Adjustment Meeting
Dec 18	6:00pm	Transportation Committee Meeting
Dec 24	12:00pm	City Offices Close
Dec 25 & 26		City Offices Closed – Christmas

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.**

Senior Citizens

As 2008 draws to an end, it is time to express sincere thanks to everyone who donated their time and skills for the good of the Mapleton Senior Community. In a world as hurried and turmoiled as ours is, at the moment, time is a very valuable commodity; and so a very precious gift to share. Thank you to each and every one of our volunteers, and also to all of you at the City who do so much to help, too.

This year the activities of the senior center have grown, incorporating whenever possible suggestions and requests from our community. Your input is important and your suggestions and requests are always discussed and acted on by the senior committee, on a platform of consideration of all Mapleton seniors.

Pot Luck

This year's final Pot Luck Social will be held December 11th 2008. Before the social (at 10:30am) there will be a food clinic and flu shots will once again be available. Mark Walker will be available for Physical Therapy Evaluations.

Winter Wonderland Ball

The Winter Wonderland Ball will be on January 24, 2009.

May the joy of the Christmas Season bring warmth to the hearts of us all.



Utah Lake Commission

After months of planning and public input, the Utah Lake Commission, a group comprised of local government officials and state agency leaders, is ready to present a preliminary draft of the guiding document for how future decisions regarding Utah Lake will be made. The Commission will hold two public open houses in December to share the draft vision and master plan for the lake, entitled Awake Utah Lake. The purpose of the open houses is to provide the public with an opportunity to learn firsthand about the newly proposed vision and master plan and provide comments.

The open houses, which are the same, will be held from 5 to 7 pm on Wednesday, December 3 at Willowcreek Middle School, 2275 W. 300 North, Lehi, Utah, and Thursday, December 4 at the Utah Lake State Park, 4400 W. Center Street, Provo, Utah.

In an effort to consider all aspects of Utah Lake, the draft vision and master plan incorporate elements for recreation, natural resources, land use and shoreline protection, and transportation. The purpose of Awake Utah Lake is to create a vision and management plan for Utah Lake that will guide the Utah Lake Commission and its member agencies in future decisions affecting the lake.

For more information about the Awake Utah Lake process, the public open houses, or the Utah Lake Commission, visit www.utahlakecommission.org.

Mapleton Chorale

Christmas Concert – Need a little Christmas?

Where does your family find the simple peace and joy of Christmas in the face of all the unavoidable noise, frenzy, and stress of the holiday season? This year, the Mapleton Chorale would like to help – with an evening of music featuring beautiful, inspiring arrangements of your favorite Christmas hymns and carols, along with a few fun musical surprises. Just ask anyone who has attended a Mapleton Chorale Christmas Concert. You'll walk away with enough authentic Christmas spirit to carry you through the whole Holiday Season. Join the Mapleton Chorale for an inspiring musical celebration of Christmas:

Mapleton Chorale 2008 Christmas Concert

Sunday, December 14th at 7:00pm
970 North 400 East, Mapleton, UT (LDS Stake Center)

Christmas on Temple Square Concert

Saturday, December 13th at 8:30pm
Assembly Hall on Temple Square
Downtown Salt Lake City

Admission to all Mapleton Chorale Christmas concerts are free of charge.

Ambulance

Are you ready when you call emergency for help?

In an emergency we as the ambulance crew need certain information before we can leave the scene. We need name, date of birth, allergies to foods, medication and environmental things (bees, hay fever, etc.) and a list of all current medication and doses being taken.

During this Holiday Season when you are making out lists make sure to write a life saving list for yourself. With the information listed above, leave it in an easily accessible spot such as taped to the inside of the bathroom cabinet door, on the front of the refrigerator, or by the telephone. But be sure to let those who are around you most or would be the one likely to call EMS for you, know where your information is kept. It would be a good idea to have two copies, one for us to take and one for you to keep on hand. Also, remember when health information or medications change, be sure to update your list and make new copies.

Holiday Food Drive

Community Action Services and Food Bank, the local food bank for Utah, Summit and Wasatch Counties, would like to thank the community for their support. We encourage everyone to continue giving generously to those in need this holiday season by taking food to any drop-off point or by participating in local food drives. The items you donate during the Holiday Food Drive will help us adequately meet the increased need for food assistance in our community. For the month of December, we are making a special request for donations of hams or turkeys so we can provide holiday meals to those we serve. Along with food, CASFB also accepts cash donations. Donations can be taken to any Jiffy Lube or Smith's location, as well as the Community Action Food Bank located at 815 S. Freedom Blvd. in Provo or its affiliated food pantries. Go online to www.communityactionuc.org, or call us at (801) 373-8200, to find a location close to your home. All donations go directly to helping people in this community.

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.

UTAH FLASH BASKETBALL CLINIC for Girls

Girls Basketball participants – join us on Wednesday, December 10th, 5:00 pm at the Mapleton Jr. High Gym for a fun Basketball clinic hosted by the Utah Flash. A Boys Basketball clinic will be scheduled in January or February. More details will be published at a later date.

BOYS BASKETBALL, Grades 1st – 9th

Boys Basketball registration was held on Tuesday, November 18th, but it's not too late to register. Late registration will be accepted on-line or at the Recreation Office.

Games will begin in January 2009.

Boys Leagues & Registration Fees:

Registration fee includes league play, a reversible jersey, and a Utah Flash clinic.

1st & 2nd grade (Instructional/Skills)

\$30.00 + \$10.00 late fee

3rd & 4th grade

\$35.00 + \$10.00 late fee

5th & 6th grades

\$35.00 + \$10.00 late fee

7th & 8th grades

\$35.00 + \$10.00 late fee

9th grade

\$35.00 + \$10.00 late fee

****NEW** COUNTRY WESTERN DANCE CLASS**

A dance class featuring country swing, 2-step, country waltz, country cha cha, and line dancing. This 6-week class will be at the Mapleton Community Center (125 W 400 N), Tuesdays, Jan. 20–Feb. 24, 8:00 – 9:00 pm. Participants are encouraged to register with a partner. Fee is \$30.00 per couple.

COMING IN JANUARY...KIDS COOKING CLASS

Dates: Saturdays January 24 – March 28

Time: 10:00 – 11:00 K- 3rd grade

11:00 – 12:00 3rd – 5th grade

Limit 12 kids per class and parents are welcome

We will cover basic safety and sanitation. Kids will learn about the food pyramid and make foods in each of the basic food groups. They will work as teams. Food will be prepared each week.

K-3rd grade will focus on becoming familiar with kitchen equipment, procedures and enjoy success in creating foods they enjoy.

3rd – 5th grades will focus on basic recipes with measuring of liquid and dry ingredients.

Both will learn about good nutrition, whole grains, fresh fruits and vegetables etc. At the end of the course we will discuss gardening and each participant will be able to plan a spring garden to plant at home.

“What’s for Dinner?”

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 (Jan. 20 – Feb. 24), or Wednesdays (Jan. 21 – Feb. 25) 6:00 – 8:00 pm. This is a great deal at \$75, which includes cost of ingredients. Just bring your favorite knife! Classes are limited to 8 students each.

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. NEW in January – a Saturday morning Yoga class, 8-9 am may be added for an additional \$5/month.

Karate

Classes start Monday, January 12th. Classes will be held every Monday, 5:00 - 6:30 pm at the Community Center (125 W 400 N). The class will run approximately 3 months. If you are interested, please call Shawn Bagley at 361-8731. Class size is limited, so call ASAP. Fee is \$75.00 (which includes the uniform--if you already have a uniform, the cost will be adjusted).

Creative Dance, Ages 5 – 9 yrs.

Ballet technique will be taught in a more creative setting allowing participants to develop their own creativity in dance. This class will be at the Mapleton Community Center on Wednesdays (Ages 5-7 yrs: 3:45 – 4:45 pm and ages 7-9 yrs: 4:45 -5:45 pm), monthly through the spring, with a recital in the spring. Each class is limited to 12 students. Fee: \$25 per month.

Gymnastics & Tumbling

Beginning gymnastic classes will be taught by Deana Hotchkiss. Deana has been teaching gymnastics and tumbling classes for 20 years. Classes will be held at the Mapleton Community Center (125 W 400 N). 10 classes will be offered—January 20th or 21st thru March 24th or 25th. This is a great introduction to gymnastics or just a great opportunity to stretch, tumble, learn balance, and have fun! Classes are limited. **Fee is \$40.00**

TUESDAY

- Parent & Tot Gymnastics & Tumbling Class (18 months – 3 years old)

9:00 - 9:45 AM (Parents are required to come play with their child!)

- Little Guys & Gals Gymnastics & Tumbling Class (Ages 3 - 6)

9:45 - 10:30 AM **OR** 10:30 - 11:15 AM

WEDNESDAY

- Little Guys & Gals Gymnastics & Tumbling Class (Ages 3 - 6)

9:45 - 10:30 AM **OR** 10:30 – 11:15 AM

- Parent & Tot Gymnastics & Tumbling Class (18 months – 3 years old)

11:15 AM – 12:00 PM (Parents are required to come play with their child!)

- Kindergarten Gymnastics & Tumbling Class for Girls

12:00 – 12:45 PM

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 Bezzant 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.

Women’s Volleyball

Games start in January, and will be held on Thursday nights 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm at Mapleton Jr. High School. Sign up as a team or as an individual. All players must be out of High School and 18 years of age or older. This is a recreational league and not a competitive league. Registration will be held Thursday, January 15th, 5:00-6:00 pm at the Mapleton Jr. High School Gym or on-line @ mapleton.org/parksandrecreation.html. Please call 806-9114 for more information. Fee is \$35.00 per player.

Please visit Mapleton.org/parksandrecreation.html for more information about all our programs.

400 South to Close in January

For several months, UDOT has been talking about it. In early January they're going to do it. Beginning January 5, 2009 and continuing through November of 2009, UDOT will close 400 South in Springville between 1750 West and Main Street to widen the road to five lanes, build a new bridge over the railroad tracks at 1500 West and demolish and then rebuild the existing bridge at 400 West.

"That's a lot of work to do in a relatively short period of time," said UDOT Project Director, Bryan Adams. "But closing the road allows us to accomplish in 11 months, what it would have required at least 18 months to do without the closure." While 400 South will be closed between 1750 West and Main Street, Adams stressed that the freeway interchange at 400 South will remain open even though it is also being reconfigured.

"That work we're doing on the interchange can be completed without a closure," Adams said. "There will be some traffic interruptions, and it will definitely be a work zone. But we'll be able to maintain access to the interchange through construction.

Similarly, 1750 West will remain open throughout construction, including access to Wal-mart and other businesses in the area, as well as neighborhoods further south. 950 West and 750 West will also remain open during much of the closure for additional north-south access for area residents.

"When this work is completed we'll have vastly improved access to Springville and Mapleton through an improved interchange and a wider roadway with no railroad interruptions," Adams said. "Of course, there's some pain in the process of getting there. There will be delays. It will take longer to get to and from the interchange area. There's no way around that. But it's going to be worth it. I'm sure of that."

Between now and January, Adams suggested that motorists take advantage of the time to find alternative routes to the interchange and the business district.

"SR-75 (1400 North) to Main Street will be the officially designated detour," Adams said. "But most residents are aware of other routes they can travel to get where they want to go. Take the time to drive those routes now so you're ready when 400 South closes. Make sure you know how you're going to get to and from the I-15 business area and plan on spending a few more minutes of drive time. These strategies will help you manage the closure."

For more information about the SR-77 construction project please visit the project website at www.udot.utah.gov/access or call the project information hotline at (877) 222-3757.



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

Public Works Snow Removal Policy

Objective:

It is the goal and intent of Mapleton City to provide timely, efficient and cost effective winter maintenance, snow removal and ice control on the roadways of the municipality. This objective is assigned to the Public Works Department.

Procedure:

Due to many variables that are inherent in Utah weather, each storm and/or weather event may require slightly different efforts and/or emphasis on any number of maintenance tasks, which together, determine the overall winter maintenance, snow removal or ice control strategy.

Level of Service:

It is not possible to maintain snow and ice-free roads during a storm. It is the intention of Mapleton City to provide practical, safe access along city streets during winter storms. The Public Works will Department plow all priority roads first, to provide the basic transportation system for public safety, schools, high volume streets, steep grades, etc. following a snowstorm of 2" or greater. Lower priority streets (inner subdivision streets), will be plowed next, areas which are prone to wind and drifting snow will receive priority. Remaining city streets, dead ends and cul-de-sacs are plowed last, traffic lanes only. Cul-de-sacs will be plowed 1 pass in and 1 pass out providing no cars are parked in the roadway. All operational decisions regarding pre-salting, scheduling or equipment operators and private contractors shall be based upon these goals.

It is the policy of Mapleton City to have the operating crews of the Public Works Department begin snow removal operations upon accumulation of two inches of snowfall. The Supervisor may, after consultation with the Public Works Operations Director, at his/her own discretion based upon weather information reports, elect to not remove snow until greater or lesser accumulations occur. During nights and weekends, the Police Department shall notify the Supervisor that road conditions warrant mobilization of snow removal or ice control activity.

How Snow Plowing Works:

The City has 6 snow plow trucks. We will aim to have the main roads cleared within 24 hours of the end of any storm, and the inner subdivision streets, dead-end streets, and cul-de-sacs within 72 hours.

The snow plows are designed to push the snow from the center line of the road to the edge of the road. This sometimes creates a problem with blocking driveways and mailboxes. Please be aware that it is the resident's responsibility to clear the snow from in front of their driveway and mailbox to ensure mail delivery.

Also, no snow or ice removed from private property shall be deposited in the public ways, and include the following:

1. Pushing or carrying and depositing snow or ice on a public right-of-way or sidewalk.
2. The blowing of snow or ice into a pedestrian or vehicle travel lane.

Please Note:

It is not the position of Mapleton City to maintain a bare pavement policy or to provide snow and ice removal on every city street during or after every snow storm. Therefore, after periods in which the movement of traffic has occurred, snow plows are not as effective for totally clearing packed snow or icy roadways, except to remove loose material on top.

The Public Works Office is open Monday – Friday (excluding holidays) from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and can be reached at (801) 489-6253.