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Mayor's Message

At a recent training conference presented by the Utah League of Cities and Towns, a leading authority on land use in the state emphasized it is the duty of public officials to make certain that city laws and policy promote each community's values. He emphasized the focus of our laws and enforcement efforts must be on our long term goals. In other words, we can and must control and shape our destiny.

Mapleton is unique in that we have already adopted our Vision Statement, which was based on extensive research and input from residents. The Vision Statement reflects the sentiments of many residents, who expressed their desire that the city retain its rural character. Although the project creating the Vision Statement was completed about fifteen years ago, it still reflects, perhaps more than ever, the values and sentiments of the overwhelming majority of residents.

Unfortunately, without constant attention and vigilance, over time it will become easier and easier to disregard and discount the Vision Statement until its significance is so diminished it loses all its meaning and power. As I prepare to leave office, I want to urge all residents to make certain that does not happen.

Theodore Roosevelt said, "No man is above the law and no man is below it, nor do we ask any man's permission when we require him to obey it." It's time now to redouble our efforts to require those that want to develop here to obey the law. And it's time to make certain our laws are aligned with the public sentiment. We need to stand behind our laws and enforce them, in every case. If our city's general plan and/or development codes truly represent our community's desires, which they should, our leaders should not be tempted to cave in to pressure to change them. We should not give extra benefits to developers at the expense of our residents. We should not be tempted to change or ignore our long standing community values.

We cherish the peaceful, rural atmosphere we find here, and most of us don't want it to change. It doesn't have to. In fact, as a city which has already adopted an official statement of our community values, we have no excuse for NOT actively preserving our city's character and community values.

As we prepare for the upcoming changes in city government, I want to urge everyone, residents and officials alike, to recommit to our expressed community values, and retaining the rural character of our city, even as we grow. Now is **not** the time to abandon or disregard the Vision Statement, or to revise and weaken it as some have suggested. Instead, I hope residents will contact their elected officials and insist they work to bring our city laws and development code into alignment with our community's expressed sentiments, values, and long term goals. And then, we must insist they enforce the law which will protect us.

The first line of defense for the Vision Statement is our city's Planning Commission. As we approach the end of the year, we find ourselves in need of new volunteers to serve on the Planning Commission beginning in January, to replace several members whose terms are expiring. While a background in construction, planning, law, or a variety of other fields could be helpful, it's not essential. In fact, service as a planning commissioner does not require any particular expertise. If you have the desire to serve and are willing to commit to a manageable amount of study and training, and are willing to devote long hours of fairly thankless service, please contact me as soon as possible to let me know. All it requires is a desire to serve and an eagerness to learn.

City Newsletter

December 2009 Edition

As we consider our future growth and development, I'd like to briefly mention a couple of major construction projects that will have a significant impact on each of you. The recent reopening of Springville's 400 South freeway access came as a welcome relief after the past ten months of inconvenience. Another significant project is currently in the design stage. The intersection of 1600 South and Hwy. 89 will be dramatically improved, thanks to funding recently approved through the county. SR 147 (1600 South) will be widened about 200-300 feet east and west of Hwy. 89, creating three lanes to facilitate both turning and through traffic. Further west, turn lanes will be added to accommodate traffic turning south to the high school from both directions. All of the widening is planned for the north side in order to miss the large electric poles. Efforts will be made to minimize disruption, but some utility relocation will be required, and some right of way land will need to be acquired at both locations. Work is expected to be completed before the start of the 2010-2011 school year. The \$2,250,000 cost is being covered by Utah County bond money.

I hope all of you are anxious to welcome and support our newly elected city officials as they take office in January. Change sometimes produces anxiety, but it also presents the opportunity to approach old conflicts with a fresh approach. I hope each of you will make it a New Year's Resolution to become personally involved with your city government in some way. Mapleton is a great city, made great by the people who have devoted themselves to it. Each of you can find your own way to contribute to Mapleton's strength, beauty, and legacy. We have something special here. It will not last unless we all devote ourselves to assuring that it does. I want to extend my thanks to all who have contributed in any way, and to all who will contribute in the future, to retaining what we have here. And I want to extend my personal best wishes to each of you for a joyful Christmas holiday season and the best New Year ever.

City Calendar

Dec 2	7:00pm	City Council Meeting
Dec 3	7:00pm	Green Committee Meeting
Dec 4	6:00pm	Christmas Lighting Ceremony
Dec 10	6:30pm	Planning Commission Meeting
Dec 14	9:00am	Trails Sub-Committee Meeting
Dec 16	7:00pm	City Council Meeting
Dec 17	4:30pm	Library Committee Meeting
Dec 17	6:00pm	Transportation Committee Meeting
Dec 24	12:00pm	City Offices Closed – Christmas Eve
Dec 25		City Offices Closed – Christmas

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.**



Christmas Lighting Ceremony

Friday, December 4th at 6pm

Mapleton's annual Christmas Lighting Ceremony will take place on Friday, December 4th at 6pm at the Mapleton City Park – corner of Main and Maple Streets.

City Council Meetings

Beginning in January 2010 the regular scheduled City Council Meeting will be held on the first and third TUESDAY of each month.

Public Safety

Auction

The Mapleton City Police Department will be holding an auction on Saturday, December 12, 2009 at 9am at the Mapleton City Hall. Items to be auctioned include bikes, tools, computers, monitors, and miscellaneous items. Items may be previewed one hour before the auction.



Public Safety

With the Holiday Season upon us we need to be more vigilant about locking our homes and vehicles. It is the time of year when criminals are very busy earning Christmas money by stealing from anyone they can. You should always lock your car no matter where you are or what time of day it is. If you have Christmas packages in your vehicle, you should leave them locked in the trunk or place them out of site.



You may also want to keep your homes locked. Criminals have been known to knock on doors during the day and night, and if no one answers they will enter your home if it is unlocked. One of the best ways to keep our community safe is to watch out for each other. If you see something suspicious do not hesitate to call the Mapleton Police Department, and we will gladly check it out.

Senior Citizens

Computers

The computers for the Seniors to use now have Windows 7 installed on them, so stop by and enjoy them.

Potluck

The Senior Citizen Potluck Luncheon will be held on Thursday, December 10th at 11:30am at the Mapleton Community Center. There will be a foot clinic at 10:30am that day provided by 1st Choice Health.

Art Guild

Maple Mountain Art Guild is starting a "Beginners Oil Class" for adults over 18 years of age on January 11, 2010. The class will be offering 6 lessons. It will run through February 15, 2010 every Monday at the Mapleton City Center in the multi-purpose room. You can register at the Recreation Department in Mapleton. They will tell you what supplies you will need as well. The cost of the class is \$65 per student and each student will be responsible for their own supplies. If you have any questions please call Lori at 801-489-9414. There is a minimum of 5 students required. This would make a great gift idea for Christmas.

Winter Wonderland Dance

The Winter Wonderland Dance will be held on January 23, 2010 at the Mapleton Community Center from 8pm to 11pm. Come for fun, food and entertainment.



Public Works

Snow Plowing

Once again it is time to remind citizens to keep vehicles off the street during snow storms so that we can properly remove the snow and ice. If a vehicle is blocking the street, in which a snow plow truck cannot safely pass, your street may not be plowed.

It is against City Code to pile or push snow into a City street. If there are piles of snow in the street, they will be knocked down to prevent freezing and narrowing of travel lanes and accidents.

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, and occasionally sidewalks. Please be aware that it is the resident's responsibility to clear the snow from in front of their driveway, sidewalks, and mailboxes.

Public Works Office Hours

The Mapleton City Public Engineering and 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.

Recreation

On-line registration for most programs is available at 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.

VIP Adaptive Basketball - 2010

(For any special needs children, Kindergarten thru High School) Games will begin in January. The cost is \$15.00, which includes a jersey and a picture. For more information or to register, contact Keri Beardall at 489-4904 or register on-line.

Women's Volleyball - 2010 On-line registration starts January 7th

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. Please call 801-806-9114 for more information. Fee is \$40.00 per player.

Art Express, Grades 1st thru 6th

Hop aboard the Art Express and explore the styles and techniques of great artists like El Greco and Henri Rousseau! Learn basic drawing technique and make projects that include stretched out people, the jungle, and a winter scene. Fee is \$50 for 8 classes, which will be taught by Cynthia Stonehocker on Tuesdays starting January 15:

- Grades 1-3 3:30p.m.-4:30p.m.
- Grades 4-6 4:45p.m.-5:45p.m.

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. and Wed., 8:30 pm **OR** Tue., and Thur., 6:00 am at the Community Center (125 W 400 N). Register at the Recreation Office or at class. Fee is \$20.00 per month.

Kids Cooking Class- "Making More DOUGH"

This class will cover simple breads that can be used in meals: tortillas for breakfast, lunch, dinner and dessert; pita pockets – what do you find in your pockets; Oh my, it's a pie; pizza pie – three different crusts. These four simple favorites can be used for breakfast, lunch, dinner or dessert – we'll explore how. It's a fun and creative way to use some staple foods in unique ways. Limit 12 children per class. Class will meet on Saturdays, January 30th – February 20th at the following times: 10–11 am – ages 10-12 years; or 11am–12pm – ages 13-15 years. Fee is \$50 per child.

"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! Chef Sharon Warner is a certified chef who went to cooking school in New York City and worked as a chef. She currently caters parties and special events. This 6-week class will meet at the Mapleton Community Center (125 W 400 N) on Tuesdays (Mar. 9 – Apr. 13), or Wednesdays (Mar. 10 – Apr. 14) 6:00 – 8:00 pm. This is a great deal at \$85, which includes cost of ingredients. Just bring your favorite knife! Classes are limited to 8 students each.

Karate

Classes start Monday, January 4th. 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). Registration for this class will be held on Monday, January 4th, 5:00 pm at the Community Center.

Gymnastics and Tumbling, Ages 18 mos. – 6 yrs.

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 19th or 20th thru March 23rd or 24th. This is a great introduction to gymnastics or just a great opportunity to stretch, tumble, learn balance, and have fun! Class sizes are limited. Fee is \$45.00

TUESDAY

- Little Guys & Gals Gymnastics & Tumbling Class (Ages 3 - 6) 9:45 - 10:30 AM, 10:30 - 11:15 AM, 12:00 – 12:45 PM, **OR** 1:00 – 1:45 PM
- Parent & Tot Gymnastics & Tumbling Class (18 months – 3 years old) 11:15 AM – 12:00 PM (Parents are required to stay and play with their child!)

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 stay and play with their child!)

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 has directed the Timpanogos Children's Choir in Lindon. The Choir will meet through May and will prepare for a Spring concert. Registration is only available at the Recreation Office. For more information, please call Heidi at 801-318-0884.

- Musical Beginnings, 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.

LaCrosse

More details coming soon.

R.A.D. (Rape Aggression Defense) for Women

A life skills and personal empowerment safety program for women 12 years and older (ages 12– 16 years accompanied by mother/guardian preferable) of any physical fitness level. Program will be taught by Dean & Aly Larsen, nationally certified R.A.D. instructors. Each student will receive a workbook and will be entitled to the free lifetime return and practice policy nation-wide upon graduation. Classes will be held at the Mapleton Community Center (125 W 400 N) February 4th – 25th, 6-9pm each Thursday. Register on-line @ mapleton.org/parksandrecreation.html. Please plan to attend all the classes to qualify for the lifetime return policy. Class size will be limited to 35 participants. Fee is \$45.00 (includes the manual).

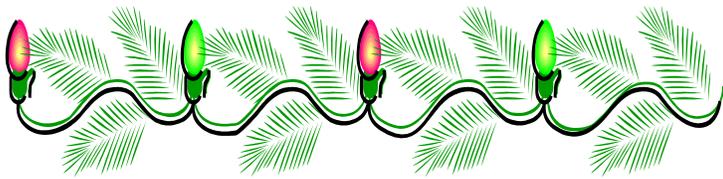
Baseball and Softball – 2010

Baseball & Softball registration will begin Tuesday, March 9th on-line @ mapleton.org/parksandrecreation.html. League fees will be determined at a later date. A late fee of \$10.00 will be charged after Thursday, March 25th.

VIP Adaptive T-Ball and Coach Pitch League

For any special needs children, Kindergarten thru High School - A unique baseball program for children with special needs. Games will begin in June. For more information or to register, contact Keri Beardall at 801-489-4904. Fee is \$15.00 (Price includes uniform, hat, and a trophy).

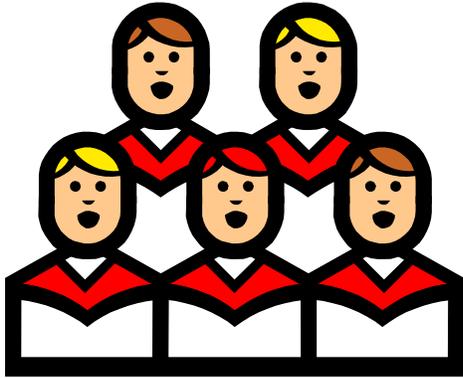
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Mapleton Chorale

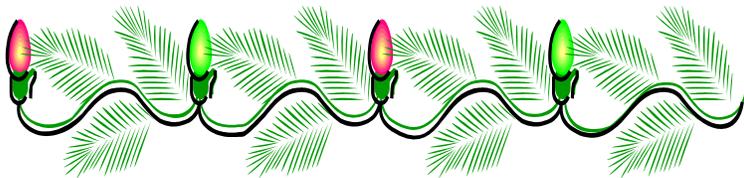
Carols and Confections

Maple Mountain High School Choir along with the Mapleton Chorale present “Carols and Confections”. A magical evening of sensational choral music, sure to stir the Christmas spirit within your soul! This event will be held on Wednesday, December 16, 2009 starting at 6pm when enjoyable delectable, indulgent Holiday Confections will be served, and at 7pm the concert will begin. This concert will take place at the Maple Mountain High School Auditorium. Tickets may be purchased in advance at the Maple Mountain High School Finance Office Monday – Friday from 7:30am to 3pm, 51 North 2550 East in Spanish Fork 801-794-6740, or online at www.mmhs.nebo.edu.



Temple Square

The Mapleton Chorale will perform at another Christmas Concert at Temple Square on Saturday, December 19th at 6:30pm at the Assembly Hall.



**Happy Holidays
From all of us at the
Mapleton City Offices**

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

“Thanks” From the SR-77 Construction Team

400 South is Re-Opened

With a blast of air horns and an explosion of streamers and confetti, a caravan of community leaders, business owners, construction workers and transportation officials took the first trip up and down Springville’s newly rebuilt State Route 77 (400 South) Nov. 19, in celebration of the completion of the construction project. 400 South is now open to the public, and the S.R. 77 interchange is considered “substantially complete.”

Since early January S. R. 77 has been closed between Main Street and 1750 West as construction crews widened the roadway to five lanes (including a center median), demolished and rebuilt the existing bridge at 400 West and built a new bridge over the railroad tracks at 1500 West. At the same time, UDOT has been rebuilding the S.R. 77 interchange on Interstate 15, creating a new single point urban interchange (SPUI) configuration.

“A lot of work has been completed in a relatively short period of time,” said Bryan Adams, UDOT program director. “We were able to accomplish that because everyone pulled together to make it happen: the cities of Springville and Mapleton, the citizens and the businesses all made it possible for our construction workers to get in and get it done.”

Springville Mayor Gene R. Mangum said that he had his doubts when UDOT officials first proposed closing 400 South as a way of completing construction faster and safer. “That’s a vital road to our residents and businesses,” he said. “But UDOT assured us that they would have a new and better road open to us before Thanksgiving if we allowed them to close the road rather than do the work under traffic. And here we are.”

“Without the closure,” Adams said, “we would have been under construction for another five or six months, at least.”

“It’s going to be a terrific feeling to get back on 400 South and sail over the railroad tracks (a big safety concern I’ve had for a long time) and enjoy such an enhanced, user-friendly street and interchange,” said Mayor Laurel M. Brady of Mapleton. “Saving time and miles and possibly lives will be so appreciated for many years into the future.”

In addition to Springville and Mapleton leaders and citizens, Adams also expressed appreciation to the construction company, Utah County Constructors, which is a joint venture of Wadsworth Brothers and Staker-Parsons construction companies. According to Adams, the \$93.8 million project is now considered to be “substantially complete,” although there are still a few finishing details left to be completed. Work on these details will continue through spring.

For more information about S.R. 92 please visit the project Web site at www.udot.utah.gov/sr92 or call the project information hotline at 1-877-222-3757.

