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Mayor's Message

When 9/11 occurred in 2001, it created a deep sense of "what if" for me and my family. You see, my wife and I had chosen to postpone a meeting with a vendor, in New York City, just weeks prior to that event. Adding to the incredible stress of the moment, it became even more personal when I went to my email and reviewed the proposed agenda for that day. Our day was to begin with a tour of the World Trade Towers on September 11th 2001 at 8:00 a.m. that very morning. It was chilling to imagine the life changes that would have taken place if my wife and I had been in the World Trade Towers that morning.

I only relate this personal story to help you understand my utter fear, anxiety, and stress as I boarded a plane in the weeks following 9/11. As the plane landed at our destination everyone onboard showed a visual physical sigh of relief. Some passengers cried, some prayed, some clapped and all of the faces emulated complete and utter relief. We had made it!

As I exited the airplane I thanked the pilot for all he had done to get us to our destination safely. His response would be one of profound importance to me and a great learning experience. The pilot reached out, pulled me aside and said, "I want you to remember one thing each and every time you fly. There is no one on this airplane that wants to return home to his/her family and friends more than the pilots and flight crew."

Sometimes as passengers in life we forget that the good men and women that are leading and guiding us have a heightened sense of awareness for our wellbeing. I want you to know that I take the responsibilities of being your Mayor, in leading, guiding, and recommending courses of action to the citizens of this great community with the utmost humility, study and care. I live in this community, my parents, my brother and my extended family lives within this community. There is no one in this city who wants to see Mapleton continue to prosper and grow in the safest most cost effective way than me.

There will be times when we will not see eye to eye, and that's OK. Diversity and differing opinions are good for all of us and good for the process, it makes us stronger. There will be times when individuals will seek to divide your city government, the city staff, and the residents of this great community. Together we are stronger and can withstand these challenges, but divided we will be weak and be overrun in our resolve. It is critical as a community that we recognize that unity must remain in order for us to be successful. We might not always agree on the path or direction each issue takes us, but we will be forever stronger as we move forward united in our efforts to protect Mapleton for generations to come.

Thank you for taking the time out of your busy schedules, to learn the issues and to continue to exercise your right to vote. I encourage all of us to take and interest in our city government, make comment and participate in meetings that shape our communities future.

We are all truly blessed to be a part of such a wonderful community. So until 2011, I wish you a safe and wonderful Holiday Season.

December 2010 Newsletter

Public Safety

Street Parking

This is a reminder that all vehicles cannot park on the roadway between the hours of 11pm and 6am during the months of November through March. This ordinance will be enforced with a possibility of a citation or your vehicles being impounded.

Safety – Homes and Vehicles

With the Holiday Season now upon us we need to be more vigilant about locking our homes and vehicles. It is the time of season 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 vehicles, you should leave them locked in the trunk or place them out of sight. 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, 801-489-9421, and we will gladly respond.

Fire Hydrants

With the winter months approaching the Fire Department would like to remind citizens to keep their fire hydrants clear of snow drifts and piles.

Mapleton Chorale

Below is a list of the concerts for the Mapleton Chorale:

- Embrace Holiday Spirit with Extraordinary Music – December 1st & 2nd at 7:30pm at the Covey Center.
- Christmas Choir side in Spanish Fork – December 12th at 7pm at the Spanish Fork Canyon View Stake Center, 989 S. 2550 E.
- MMHS Carols and Confections 2nd Annual Event – December 17th at 7pm at the Maple Mountain High School.
- Mapleton Chorale Temple Square Performance – December 19th at 8:30pm at the Assembly Hall on Temple Square.

December 2010 City Calendar

Dec 2	7:00pm	Green Committee Meeting
Dec 3	6:00pm	Tree Lighting Ceremony
Dec 9	6:30pm	Planning Commission Meeting
Dec 14	7:00pm	City Council Meeting
Dec 16	8:30am	Economic Development Meeting
Dec 24		City Offices Closed – Christmas
Dec 31		City Offices Closed – New Years

Regularly scheduled City Meetings are held at the Community Center Building, 125 West Community Center Way (400 North).

Public Works

Why is our water so much “harder” than it used to be?

Public Works has had an increase in residents wondering why the water in Mapleton seems to be so much “harder” than it used to be. It actually isn't our water...it is due to a new law which took effect July 1, 2010 that prohibits retailers from selling dishwashing detergents with phosphorus levels greater than 0.5 percent by weight. The 2008 Utah Legislature passed House Bill 303 to help prevent phosphorus from being discharged into Utah's rivers, lakes, and streams through publicly-owned wastewater treatment plants and individual septic tank systems.

Phosphorus in dishwashing detergents softens “hard” water, which reduces the spots and film on dishes. Phosphorus also makes the water's pH more alkaline, which can help in food removal. Alternatives to phosphorus, such as enzymes, have been shown to be just as effective at food removal and spot reduction as phosphorus-containing soaps. The following website gives you information and also links to sites that provide information about leaning techniques, cleaning supplies, and other helpful tips for getting your dishes clean with the new detergents:

www.waterquality.utah.gov/phosphorus/index.htm

Literacy Center & Library

Literacy Center

We want to thank the many youth groups, families and scouts doing Eagle Projects that do service to help our Library Center. We especially would like to thank all tutors for the many hours they are putting in to help our students in literacy.

Library

Thanks to a generous donation for the Utah State Library we are adding several new children's fiction and adult nonfiction books. We appreciate all the volunteers who have helped us to process these items so quickly and are always looking for more help.

The Book Mobile will be in Mapleton on December 6th and 20th. We are changing our Internet Policy for 2011. Please be aware that times will be restricted for those 18 and under. Look for more information to come in the next Newsletter. It is always a pleasure to serve our Library patrons. Don't hesitate to ask us if you don't see an item on the shelf. Happy Holidays and reading!



“A Children's Christmas”

“A Children's Christmas” is a Sub-for-Santa project in which we have a data bank of people in our area that are interested in assisting those in need and so we are looking for children and families that are in need this year. If you are in need of help this year for Christmas please contact “A Children's Christmas” founder, Vicki Stone at 801-471-6336 or by email at africakid1@gmail.com.

Contact Numbers

Mayor:	489-5655	Library:	806-9134
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:	489-9668
Recreation:	806-9114	Newsletter:	806-9109
Recreation Hotline:	367-5069	Senior Citizens:	489-0106

Recreation

Please visit www.mapleton.org/parksandrecreation.html for more information, or to register, for any of our Recreation Programs. Happy Holidays!

Senior Citizens

Luncheon/Health Social

There will be a sugar/blood pressure clinic on December 9th at 10:30am. Following it will be our Senior Luncheon at 11:30am. The Committee will provide the ham. Please bring cheesy potatoes, salads, desserts, or a \$2 donation if coming. Also, please RSVP by calling the Mapleton City Offices at 801-489-5655 ext. 0 to let us know how many will be attending. A musical number by Richard Young, who sings with the Tabernacle Choir, will follow the luncheon.

Senior Gym

The gym will be closed Friday and Saturday, December 24th and 25th, for the Christmas holidays. It will also be closed December 31st at 11am and all day on January 1, 2011 for the New Year.

Winter Wonderland Ball

The Winter Wonderland Ball will be on February 11, 2011, so mark this date on your calendar for next year – its lots of fun! The Senior Committee would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New year. Please be safe in all your travels.

Holiday Food Drive

Did you know that there are over 77,000 people living in poverty in Utah County? This holiday season you can make a difference for a family in need right here in your community. Donate non-perishable items to the Community Action Food Bank by dropping off food at Smith's and Jiffy Lube locations, or at other participating grocery stores in your neighborhood. The food bank needs canned meats, peanut butter, cereals, pasta, spaghetti sauce, diapers, toilet paper, and other hygiene items. You can find out more or donate online at www.communityactionuc.org. The Community Action Food Bank is the only food bank that serves Utah County.

Mapleton Ambulance

Mapleton Ambulance is in need of residents that would be willing to become EMT Certified. We are hiring for the day shift Monday thru Thursday from 6am-12pm and 12pm-6pm. This is a volunteer position with some compensation. You will be required to pass a background check, have proof of a current Utah Drivers License, and pass a drug screen. You need to be within a 5 minute response time to the Ambulance Bay. Once you pass the class, pass your 6 month probation period and agree to run and take shifts for 1 year you will be reimbursed for your EMT class (reg. basic class, not college). If you have been looking for a meaningful way to serve your community please pick up an application at the City Office at 125 West 400 North.



Happy Holidays from all of us at the
Mapleton City Offices!