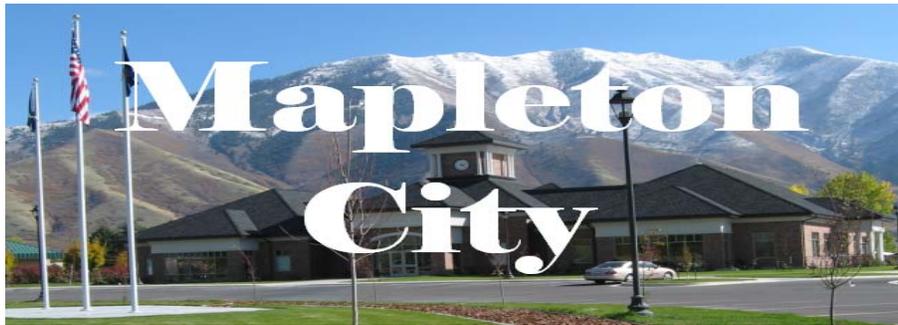


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Mayor's Message

Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony

As the Christmas Holiday Season fast approaches, but not fast enough for our youngest residents, I would like to extend to each and every one of you my best wishes for a joyful Holiday Season.

Our yearly Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony will be held in the Downtown City Park at 6pm on Friday, December 2nd. The evening events start with some of our local school children singing carols, and as always you will be able to enjoy some hot chocolate and doughnuts. Please dress for the cold weather and arrive early to reserve you place close to the children.

The tree lights will be switched on at 6:30pm. Everyone is invited and welcome to bring their entire family to this annual event.

2011 City Council Elections

I want to thank everyone who came out and voted. Mapleton had a 27% voter turnout which was one of Utah County's highest turnouts among cities without special initiatives. I would like to thank all of the candidates who ran for office. We had a great pool of individuals that stepped up and came forward to run for office. Thank you to the poll workers and the City Recorder, for executing a smooth voting experience for all Mapleton City voters.

The newly elected City Council representatives Scott Hansen and Jonathan Reid, along with re-elected Councilman Mike Nelson, will be sworn to office, by the City Recorder, at 5pm on January 9, 2012 in the Council Chambers. Everyone is invited to attend this event.

From the Mayor's Office, and the entire City Staff, we wish all of you a Happy Holiday Season and a great New Year!

Public Safety

Holiday Safety Tips

With the Holiday Season now upon us we need to be more vigilant about locking our homes and vehicles. 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 sight. Purses should also not be left sitting on the seat in plain view. 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 Dispatch at 801-489-9421, and we will gladly respond.

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December 2011 Newsletter

Certified Emergency Response Team (CERT)

Mapleton City now has a Community Response vehicle for our CERT people to use. A big thank you to Teron Haynie for this Eagle Scout Project, which allowed us to make this happen. The vehicle was donated by Mapleton City, and we would like to thank all the people who donated, Billy Rhatigan/Art City Auto Body, Big O Tires in Spanish Fork, PP&G, and Jones Paint and Glass. Thank you to Derek Haynie and Dee Bradford for all their time and energy they put into the CERT Program to make it a success.



Shop with a Cop

Each year Mapleton City donates to the Shop with a Cop Program, which allows children who are less fortunate to go shopping with a Police Officer at Kmart for Christmas Gifts for the child's family. Last year with the help of our Mapleton Junior High School we were able to sponsor over 15 children. If you would like to donate to the Shop with a Cop Program you can make your checks out to "Shop with a Cop," and mail them or drop them off at the Mapleton Public Safety Building at 305 North Main Street.

New Utility Bill Format

If you haven't already noticed, Mapleton City has changed its Utility Bill Format. The goal is to present your utility bill information in a straight forward fashion that will be easily understood. Rate information has been moved onto the back of the bill. There is also information on the back on how past due accounts will be handled plus a list of frequently asked questions.

December 2011 City Calendar

Dec 2	6:00pm	Tree Lighting Ceremony
Dec 6	7:00pm	City Council Meeting
Dec 8	6:30pm	Planning Commission Meeting
Dec 20	7:00pm	New City Council Work Orientation
Dec 26		City Offices Closed - Christmas
Jan 2, 2012		City Offices Closed - New Years

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

Recreation

Online Registration

For more information concerning our Recreation Programs, or to register, visit www.mapleton.org/parksandrecreation.html.

Free Concert

The Mapleton Children's Choir Christmas Concert will be on Tuesday, December 20th at 7pm at the Scera II Theatre in Orem.

Library

Story Time

Story time runs every Tuesday at 10:30am until December 13th. We will resume in 2012 on January 3rd.

Thank You

A big thank you to our awesome reading tutors. We appreciate all that you do to help the students of Mapleton. We can always use more tutors and space if available for students needing help. Please contact Jude in the Literacy Center if interested at 801-806-9127.

Literacy Center

Come in to the Literacy center and check out the new items available. There is a new computer system available to make checking out easier. We have also added a few movies and we'd love to have the community use the resources available to them.

Food Donations

Join us for our special book sale on December 5-15. We are collecting food and new unwrapped toys to help members of our community and the Utah Food Bank. One can of food=one paperback, two cans=one hardback, Toy=two hardbacks. Canned soups, packages items such as macaroni and cheese, cereal, peanut butter, and tuna are just some of the most needed items this year. If you have any donations of books please contact the Library. It's always a pleasure to serve our Mapleton patrons and we wish you a Merry Christmas from the Mapleton Library and Literacy staff.

Ambulance

Mapleton Ambulance is in need of EMT's with a least an Intermediate Certification. We are hiring for all shifts. If you are interested in helping out you can get an application at the City Offices (125 West 400 North).



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

Public Works

The Public Works Department would like to remind citizens of the importance of using caution during any snow storm when the snow plows are out. Several times a year while plowing the streets, there are near accidents due to cars turning in front of the plows, or driving too close, etc. Also, please do not allow children to play in the piles of snow that are near the roadways. We have had several instances where children have nearly been hit by a plow. As a reminder, 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. No snow or ice removed from private property shall be deposited in the public right-of-ways, which include the following:

- Sidewalks
- The blowing of snow or ice into a pedestrian or vehicle travel lane.

If you would like to read the City Policy on snowplowing it is on the City's website at www.mapleton.org under the Public Works Department link.

Senior Citizens

Health

Blood Pressure/Blood Sugar Clinic at 10:30am on Thursday, December 8th.

Luncheon Social

Thursday, December 8th at 11:30am. We will have turkey and ham which will be provided. Please bring a salad, dessert or a \$2 donation if you plan on coming. Also, please call the City Offices at 801-489-5655 ext. 0 so we can get a count for the main dish. There is going to be a dessert table and we ask that everyone please bring their favorite dessert also. Following the luncheon, Pam Elkington will do a presentation on Hanukkah and Jewish Traditions. Then we will have a ballet of "Nutcracker" by Mary Wall's dance students.

Gym

The gym will close at 11am on December 23rd and be closed all day on December 24th - 26th and on December 31st. It will also be closed on Monday, January 2, 2012 for New Year's Day.

Winter Wonderland Ball

The Winter Wonderland Ball will be January 28, 2012. Anyone who is 14 years of age or older may come and dance with night away to the band "Mississippi Mud." Best dress please.

Humanitarian Yard and Bake Sale

The Humanitarian Yard and Bake Sale will be on April 21, 2012. We have added the Bake Sale this year. More details to come at a later date. Please save items you would like to donate for the yard sale. No large furniture and we will accept CASH ONLY. Start saving your pennies to help a worthy cause.