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City Newsletter

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Mayor's Message

The English philosopher, Alfred White Northhead, once observed, "The art of progress is to preserve order amid change . . ." As our city grows and changes, our goal is to preserve the order and attributes that make Mapleton such a desirable place to live. Changes have happened, and more are on the way. In 1990 the population of Mapleton was 3,572. Our current population is 7,001. Our population doubled in the past 17 years and it will double again in the next 5 years. With such rapid growth, we expect growing pains. As a city our challenge is to prepare for its impact on the needs of our citizens. We are dedicated to improve our city's services and to be responsive to the needs of our citizens.

Over the past several months, one area of focus has been to reorganize our City Planning department. Based on the growing demand for services, the City Council gave its support to increase that department's staffing. Karen McCandless was hired as our City Planning Director. Her experience in planning and city government will serve us well as she focuses her work on long range planning, and drafting ordinances, while also supervising the department's work with the public. Corey Branch was hired as our Deputy City Planner. His assignments include reviewing development projects and subdivision proposals submitted to the city. In February we will add a full time building inspector who will also work as a zoning enforcement officer. This new hire, in addition to the dependable work of Tracy Padgett and April Houser makes us better able to handle the increased demands caused by our growth.

We are also experiencing unprecedented demands on our public works department. Gone are the days when one person could administer and supervise the many street, sidewalk, water, sewer projects, answer the phones and comply with the reporting tasks required of this department.

Within the next few weeks an administrative assistant will be hired to help this department. The assistant's primary function will be to manage the front office, and respond directly to citizens on complaints. This will allow Scott Bird, as our Public Works Director to supervise the department's employees and manage specific projects. In the coming months, the city will also tear down and replace the old public works building near the North Park on 1600 North to provide a new, safe and efficient building with more space for equipment and offices for the Public Works and Parks Departments.

Other changes we are currently planning for include the construction of a new Public Safety Building for our Fire Department and Ambulance crew, improvements to our existing parks and the addition of several large city parks as well as the annexation of additional land into the city. As each of these projects develops, I will keep you informed. Our goal will remain to keep order and a high level of service and responsiveness amid the changes.

City Calendar

Feb 6	7:00pm	City Council Meeting
Feb 8	7:00pm	Planning Commission
Feb 15	6:30pm	Board of Adjustment
Feb 19		City Offices Closed – President's Day
Feb 20	7:00pm	City Council Meeting

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 Tuesday 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.**

FREE Tai chi class

Open to anyone (not just Seniors) interested in learning tai chi - a wonderful way to increase physical and mental fitness. Wednesday mornings, 8:30 - 9:30 am in the City Center multipurpose room. Sponsored by the Mapleton Senior Citizens Committee.

Senior Citizens Corner

- Pot luck luncheon on Thursday, Feb. 8 at the City Center building. At 10am there will be a free foot clinic, 11:30am the luncheon, and at 12:30pm card games.
- Tai chi class - Wednesday mornings 8:30 - 9:30 am
- Exercise room at the City center is open to all Mapleton citizens who are 50 or older.

Mon thru Fri. 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. Sat. 10 a.m. to Noon
Mon., Tue., Wed. and Fri. 3 - 5 p.m.

Citizens Cemetery Meeting

A number of citizens have asked about having a cemetery in our city. The City Council would like input from people in the community concerning that possibility, and has suggested a citizens committee to look into all aspects of having a Mapleton Cemetery. On Thursday February 15th at 7 p.m. a public meeting will be held in the City Council meeting room at the City Center building, to ask for volunteers to serve on committees for research and planning.

Public Works

With all of the snow we are getting, we are asking residents who have a fire hydrant on or at the corner of their property, to please clear the snow at least 3 feet around the entire hydrant.

To report water leaking in the street or between the water meter and the street, a sewer problem when connected to the city sewer system, damaged stop sign, severe street flooding during or after a heavy rain or snow melt, sudden settlement or hole in the asphalt roadway, **please call 489-5655 for emergencies during working hours (weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.) or 851-4100 after 4:00 p.m. until 8:30 a.m. on week days and any time on weekends. For any police, fire or ambulance emergency call 911.** Mapleton Public Works emergencies are dispatched through Utah County Dispatch. Please be ready to state to dispatch your name, address, phone number and the type of emergency. This information is then relayed to the public works person on call. They will assess the problem and if necessary, repair the problem immediately.

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)

Receive Tax Preparation Help

The VITA program is designed to free tax help to individuals. Volunteers are trained to prepare taxes for people who make under \$38,000 a year and help participants take advantage of special tax credits, such as the earned income tax credit.

VITA not only ensures that individuals and families are not spending hundreds of dollars they don't have on paid tax help, but it also brings thousands of dollars back into these same households through tax refunds and credits.

If you qualify for assistance through the VITA program or would like more information, contact a VITA specialist by dialing 221 or 377-6600.

Volunteers

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program is looking for volunteers to help low-income families prepare their taxes. Volunteers can serve as site coordinators, tax preparers, receptionists or financial educators. Training will be provided, and no experience is needed.

For more information about volunteering with the VITA program, contact Jeri at United Way at 374-2588.

Sons of Utah Pioneers (SUP)

Pony Express and the Stage Coach

The well-known Utah historian of the old west, Carl Mellor, will speak on the subjects of the Pony Express and the Stage Coach. This event will be held on Thursday 22 February in the Lehi Historic Hotel (394 W. Main) and is sponsored by the newly chartered Maple Mountain Chapter of the Sons of the Utah Pioneers. Wives are invited and are encouraged to attend all regular SUP meetings.

A chicken Cordon Bleu dinner will be served in the hotel at 6:30 pm. The cost is \$9.00 per person which includes taxes and gratuities. Carl Mellor will begin his presentation about 7:30 pm.

Those who are interested in pioneer history and enjoy getting together with friends and new acquaintances are welcome. For questions or dinner reservations, you may call Paul Whiting (489-0000), Frank Nielsen (489-4506) or Jan Wynn (489-9209).

Recreation

Art Express

The Art Express is ready to run again! We will be drawing, painting and creating projects that include mosaics, cartoons, animals and people in 8 classes taught by Cynthia Stonehocker. Classes will be Tuesdays, February 6 through March 27 in Room 17 at Mapleton Elementary School.

Ages 6-9 will meet 3:20-4:20 p.m.

Ages 10 & up will meet 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Register for this program at the Mapleton City offices 125 W. 400 N. Class fee is \$40. Class size is limited so register today!

Mapleton Recreation Karate

Class starts Monday, February 5th. Classes will be held every Monday from 5:00 - 6:30 at the Community Center. The class will run approximately 3 months. The instructor is Shawn Bagley-- Cost is \$75.00 (which includes the uniform--if you already have a uniform the cost will be adjusted). If you are interested, please call Shawn at 361-8731 or register Monday February 5th at 5:00. Class size is limited, so call ASAP.

Girls & Boys Basketball Shoot-Out

Girls & Boys Basketball Shoot-Outs will be held Saturday, February 10 & February 17 at Mapleton Junior High School. Registration forms are available at the City Offices or from your coach. Winners in each league will have the opportunity to compete in a Regional Shoot-Out held in Las Vegas.

Shoot-out for 7th & 8th grade Boys & Girls will be held the morning of February 10 at the Mapleton Jr. High and the Shoot-out for 3rd & 4th, 5th & 6th grade Boys & Girls will be held the morning of February 17 at the Mapleton Jr. High. For more details, please pick up Registration forms at the City Offices. Registration forms are due, February 5th.

Baseball & Softball Registrations in March

Baseball & Softball Registrations will be held Wednesday, March 21st & Thursday, March 22nd at the City Center located at 125 West 400 North, Mapleton. Watch for more details!

Police Department

Dog Licensing

With the cold weather now upon us we have been picking up several stray dogs. Most of them are without licenses; if the owner can not be found the dog will be taken to the Utah Valley Animal Shelter. Mapleton City requires that any dog owned by a Mapleton residence have a current Mapleton dog tag attached to its collar. To license a dog the cost is \$10.00 a year if the dog is spay or neutered, and \$25.00 if is not spay or neutered. You must show proof of current rabies vaccination. In addition with the cold weather it is a good idea to keep pets indoors or in a heated area for their safety.

Rabies Clinic

We will be hosting a rabies vaccination clinic sometime in March or April and will post further information in this Newsletter.

Mapleton Water Conservation and Landscaping Fair

Saturday, February 17 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the City Center Building - for all of Mapleton! We will have organizations and vendors with informational displays in the multipurpose area of the building plus seminars and lectures in the city council meeting room. Find out how American Fork Cemetery cut their water bill by over 50% without changing any landscaping! Find out how you can get hundreds of dollars in rebates from the Central Utah Water Conservation District for new or upgraded sprinkler systems.





The James Hyrum and Emma Isaac Home

525 West 1200 North
Mapleton, Utah

Edwin Whiting had built a schoolhouse in about 1861 on his own private lot in Springville, near where the Art Building now stands. In 1878 Edwin moved the schoolhouse to Mapleton for the purpose of providing a house to fulfill the homestead law. It took five yoke of oxen to draw the house on logs from Springville to Mapleton. On February 10, 1883, the south half of the property was deeded to Edwin Whiting. He lived in the house five years, and just 8 months after receiving the land he divided part of the parcel among some of his sons. The portion that the school house was on, which amounted to 17.64 acres, was deeded to his son, Lorenzo, on October 19, 1883. On April 8, 1890 James Hyrum Holley purchased 11.75 acres for Lorenzo S. Whiting and his wife, Flora, for \$1,000. The old school house, which consisted of two adobe brick rooms and two frame rooms, was to be the permanent home of James Hyrum Holley and Emma Isaac Holley.

James Hyrum Holley was born in Warwickshire, England November 17, 1854. In 1856, his father, James Holley and his wife, Lucy Jane Ingram Holley, along with James Hyrum (age 2) and Ann (age 4) sailed for America on the ship Enlock Train. They left Liverpool, England, March 23, 1856, and

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City Council:	489-5655	Public Works:	806-9188
City Administration:	489-5655	Emergency:	911
Community Development:	489-6138	Dispatch Police,	
Building Inspection:	489-5655	Fire, Ambulance:	851-4100
Court:	489-7445	Non-emergency:	491-8048
Recreation:	489-5655	Newsletter:	489-6138

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landed at Boston, Mass. on May 1, 1856. In the same company were 564 saints with Brother James Furgeson in charge. From Boston they traveled by rail to Iowa City, Iowa, and went on from there by wagon and handcart. They suffered many privations on this trip. They were short of food and clothing, as they had to leave so much along the way. On October 19 a third baby was born, but she died a few days after birth and was buried at the side of the road, somewhere along the pioneer trail. They arrived in Springville, Utah December 22, 1956 where James Hyrum Holley grew up.

Emma Isaac Holley was born in Pittston, Pennsylvania September 24, 1856. Her family also traveled across the plains to Utah. She met James while she was working as a telegraph operator, one of the first young women trained in telegraphy. She was from Spanish Fork. James and Emma were married October 9, 1882 in the Endowment house in Salt Lake City. The young family lived in Springville where Russell, Ferris, Teresa, Mildred and Dallas were born. In April of 1890 they moved to Mapleton and remodeled an old school house and made it their permanent residence. They cleaned, papered and painted. Emma sewed cushions and braided rugs, quilted quilts and planted flowers, some of which still bloom in the springtime. James brought black walnut trees on a wagon from Springville to plant around their yard. These 100-year-old trees still offer shade in the Holley's backyard. After their move to Mapleton five more children were added to their family – Hatsie, Ben, John, Glenn and Donald, who only lived three days.

Emma owned one of the first organs in the area. She played and filled their home with music and song. She played for dances throughout the valley for many years, and was also organist for church. If an activity was held her organ would be loaded on a flat-bed and hauled to the event for her to play. James was made Road master and for many years worked for wider roads and good fences and ditches and more bridges. He first moved his own fence back a rod and expected everyone else to do the same. James got everyone to work out their poll tax by hauling gravel and working on bridges, etc. He served on the Town Board, and was known to be a builder of the town of Mapleton.

James was an excellent farmer, always leveling his land and improving everything in general. He owned 300 acres in Hobbles Creek, 17 acres near Springville and 120 acres at the mouth of Maple Canyon extending into the foothills. On his acreage near his home he had 300 pear trees, 200 peach trees, 200 apple trees, 50 prune trees, 100 cherry trees, 400 currant bushes, many grape vines, strawberries and other small fruits. He also harvested wheat, barley, oats, alfalfa, and sugar beets. He owned eight fine horses and 40 cattle, half interest in an imported Belgian stallion, and half interest in a threshing machine.

Information provided from the “Early Houses in Mapleton” book