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Mayor's Message

Mapleton has some of the finest public safety/emergency response personnel in the state. We can be proud of our police, fire, and ambulance departments. Both our volunteers and full time staff are highly trained, professionally skilled, and exceptionally caring. But for years, they have had to make do with quarters that are sorely lacking. It's no secret that our difficult financial circumstances have taken a toll on these, some of our most critical workers.

The police department, for many years, was housed in the gray building next to the bank, in fairly shabby quarters complete with exposed wiring and other deficiencies. The police vehicles are stored outside under temporary metal roofs, some of which sustained significant damage in a recent storm. Our ambulance department is housed in a cramped temporary building that is little more than a shed. Our fire department remains in their original building, much of which was destroyed in a fire a couple of years ago. The city has not had the money to do much more to the blackened portion than simply board up the windows. Navigating the burned section of the building is hazardous. The walls are black, the ceiling and carpet a tarry, melted mess. In spite of that, the fire volunteers don't complain, and continue holding their training meetings and storing their equipment in the intact portion of the heavily damaged building. The bays housing the fire trucks were unscathed by the fire, but in the event of a moderate earthquake, it's very probable the roof and walls would fail, with the resultant loss of all fire equipment housed therein.

The city has some money set aside, which was accumulated during the recent building boom. This money was collected as impact fees, and can only be used for public safety infrastructure. We estimate we have about a third to a half of the money that will be needed to build a new Public Safety building to accommodate our police, fire, and ambulance personnel in the safe and adequate facilities they need and deserve.

The silver lining in the economic downturn we are suffering is that construction costs are down. Due to our desperate need, we are convinced now is the time to begin building this sorely needed structure, or at least as much of it as we can afford. We are hopeful that we can break ground for at least a first essential phase of that building sometime this spring.

Everyone who enters our Community Center is impressed with the quality and beauty of the design and workmanship. But there are many who do not realize our Community Center would not have been possible without the help of the community. Many local businesses and individuals donated construction materials and even labor to make this building a reality. It was truly a community effort, and each of you can be proud for your part in it.

The former city building, where the fire trucks are now housed, was built in the 1950s almost exclusively by volunteer fundraising and labor. The entire community came together to make that building a reality. The bulk of the money came from a large volunteer farming effort of ten acres west of the highway.

City Newsletter

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Men came home from their jobs and went to work the fields, spending their evenings and weekends laboring together, with support from the ladies of the city, who brought dinner and treats to the workers. Fundraising dances and dinners were also organized and held in the Veterans Memorial Hall, attracting nearly everyone in the city, to socialize and have fun together while working toward a common goal. Many helped in the construction as well, turning donated lumber, bricks, and mortar into the former city offices and fire station, which served the city well for half a century.

It's time for the community to come together again. Our need is desperate, and there simply isn't time to wait until we can collect all of the necessary funds. I am asking everyone in the city to consider what you can do to help us with this effort. Donations of money will be enthusiastically welcomed. Donations of building materials or labor will also be gratefully accepted. We particularly hope for volunteers to brainstorm, organize, and carry out fundraising projects.

Please become a part of history as we work together to build this critical building. If you have any ideas, suggestions, funds, time, or materials to offer, please contact me at mayor@mapleton.org, or call or come in to the city offices to let us know how you would like to help. It's my hope that every resident will contribute in some way, large or small. Times are tough, but I believe our citizenry is much, much tougher. We can make this happen if we work together.

City Calendar

Feb 4	7:00pm	City Council Meeting
Feb 9	9:00am	Trails Sub-Committee Meeting
Feb 12	11:30am	Senior Citizen Potluck Luncheon
Feb 12	6:30pm	Planning Commission Meeting
Feb 16	City Offices Closed – President's Day	
Feb 18	7:00pm	City Council Meeting
Feb 19	6:00pm	Transportation Committee Meeting
Feb 26	6:30pm	Planning Commission Work Session

Museum Tours are available by appointment. If interested please call 489-6714 or 491-6676.

Regularly scheduled 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.**

Mapleton City Youth Council

Applications are being accepted for the Mapleton City Youth Council. Interested 9th, 10th and 11th grade youth may pick up an application at the City Offices, or in the offices of their school. The Youth Council participates in a monthly service project which benefits our community and its citizens. Applications are due by Friday, February 13th, and can be turned into the secretary at the schools, or the Mapleton City Offices. If you have any questions contact Lisa Sommerfeldt at (801) 491-9166, GayLynn Jensen at (801) 489-1910, or Jan Salisbury at (801) 489-6101.

Maple Mountain SUP

On Thursday, February 26, 2009 the Maple Mountain Chapter of the Sons of Utah Pioneer (SUP) will host a dinner, which will be announced in our personal Newsletter. The SUP's, their wives, and friends will meet at 6:30pm and enjoy a catered dinner at a cost of about \$10 per person.

The famous sculptor, Dee Jay Bawden will speak on "The Prophet Joseph and Eyes Westward". DJ's research and work has resulted in answering the question, "What did the Prophet really look like"? DJ has a copy of the Prophet's face mask as well as wonderful sculptures to display. DJ's artwork has been in galleries throughout the world, and his monuments now dot the globe for all to enjoy, including the Eyes Westward Monument adjacent to "This is the Place Monument Park".

In addition to making a good date night, everyone is invited to bring a friend to this special dinner meeting, RSVP Franklin Nielsen at (801) 489-4506 or fnielsen@burgoyne.com by Wednesday, February 25, 2009. You can also contact him for more information on the location of the meeting.

Mapleton Chorale

Provo City has invited the Mapleton Chorale Chamber Ensemble to perform as part of the city's special commemoration of Abraham Lincoln's bi-centennial birthday. "We're thrilled about the opportunity to help celebrate and remember the life of one of our greatest president through music", said Suzie Judd, president of Mapleton Chorale. "Of course, we also look forward to sharing the unique talents of our Chamber Ensemble, a small audition-only group of around 30 outstanding singers".

The Mapleton Chorale Chamber Ensemble-together with the full Mapleton Chorale-will also join three outstanding Provo High School choirs to present a special Masterworks concert in the historic Provo Tabernacle in March. This event gives Cory Mendenhall, the director of both the Mapleton Chorale and the Provo High School choirs, the opportunity to combine his career as a high school music teacher with his after-hours work as director of a thriving community choir. "It's always fun to combine the youthful enthusiasm and talent of my students with the experience and musicianship of the Mapleton Chorale," said Mendenhall. "Both groups always seem to learn a lot from each other. And I know the audience will enjoy the results."

The Abraham Lincoln commemoration will take place on Thursday, February 12th at 7:00pm in the Provo City Library. The one-hour program is free to the public. The Provo High School Masterworks concert will take place on Wednesday, March 25th at 7:30pm at the Provo Tabernacle in downtown Provo. Ticket prices for the Masterworks concert are \$3 for adults, \$2 for seniors and students, and \$15 for families.



Senior Citizens

Thank you to everyone who helped to make the Winter Wonderland Ball a success.

Yard Sale

Remember that April 10th and 11th will be the Senior Citizens' Yard Sale. Please keep your discarded treasures to donate to this worthy event. April 10th is the day to bring donations to the City Community Center. April 11th is the day when someone (hopefully) buys your treasure because they have fallen in love with it!

Computer Classes

There will be some hands on and instructional classes for computers this month. They will be advertised in the foyer at the City Offices.

Senior Flyer

Please refer to the Senior Flyer which accompanied your utility bill for the February Senior Program. Have a special Valentine's Day!



Valentine's Day Food Drive

The Alliance for Unity has planned their annual statewide food drive for February 14th. Individual church groups will organize the drive in their own neighborhoods. They should be going door-to-door that morning to pick up donations. Drop off points are at any Smith's location or at the Community Action Food Bank at 815 South Freedom Blvd. in Provo. Please do not take donations to the local pantries.

On behalf of the people we serve, the Community Action Food Bank wants to thank you for your generosity during the holiday season. The outpouring of support from the community was incredible, but the need for donations continues to rise during these hard times. Show your love on Valentine's Day by donating non-perishable items, especially peanut butter, tuna fish, and hygiene products.

Recreation

Online registration for most programs is available at mapleton.org/parksandrecreation.html or at the Recreation Office. For questions concerning recreation programs please call our office at (801) 806-9114. We are located at the Mapleton Community Center at 125 West 400 North, Mapleton. Recreation Office hours are Monday-Thursday from 9:00am-1:00pm.

Utah Flash Basketball Clinic for Boys

Boys Basketball participants – join us on Saturday, February 7th at 11am at the Mapleton Jr. High Gym for a fun (and free) Basketball Clinic hosted by the Utah Flash.

Gardening Class – **NEW** Begins February 10th

Instructional and hands-on gardening class hosted by Maple Mountain Greenhouse. Skilled instructors to teach on a variety of gardening topics, including: vegetable gardens, annuals, perennials, ground prep, trees & shrubs, taking starts, etc. Classes will be held weekly on Tuesday, 7:30-8:30pm at the Mapleton City Community Center, and every other week at the greenhouse, starting February 10th thru April 28th. Schedule listed below:

- Feb. 10th – Getting started
- Feb. 17th – Sowing Seeds, soil and container selection for seedlings hands on at the greenhouse.
- Feb. 24th – Pruning.
- March 3rd – Container gardening hands-on.
- March 10th – Cool weather crops.
- March 17th – Hands-on at the greenhouse TBA.
- Future classes to be announced.

Cost is only \$5 per class, \$15 per month, or \$45 for all three months.



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. For more information please call Heidi at (801) 318-0884.

- Musical Beginnings, ages 4-7 – Thursdays from 4-4:30pm. Fee is \$25 per month.
- Mapleton Children's Choir, ages 7-12 – Thursdays from 4:30-5:30pm. Fee is \$40 (sibling discount rate \$25) per month.

LaCrosse **NEW** in Spring 2009

More details coming soon. Call our office at (801) 806-9114 if you are interested.

Recreation Continued

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 West 400 North) on March 17th, 24th, 31st and April 7th from 6:00-9:00pm each Tuesday. Please plan to attend all the classes to qualify for the lifetime return policy. Class size will be limited to 35 participants. Fee is \$40 (includes the manual).

Youth Ballroom Dancing

Attention all teens, come learn to dance! Ballroom dancing is the new cool! You will learn polka, cha-cha, waltz, swing, night club two step, fox trot, salsa and country dancing. Meet youth from all over Utah Valley. For more information contact the Recreation Office.

Baseball & Softball 2009

Baseball & Softball registration will be held Tuesday, March 24th from 6-8pm at the Recreation Office or online beginning March 16th. League fees to be determined at a later date. A late fee of \$10 will be charged after Thursday, March 26th.



Special Needs Adaptive T-Ball & Coach Pitch 2009

Registration will be held Tuesday, March 24th from 6-8pm at the Mapleton Recreation Office or online beginning March 16th. The fee is \$15.

Yoga **NEW** Saturday Morning Class

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 Monday and Wednesday at 8:30pm or Tuesday and Thursday at 6am at the Community Center. You can register online, at the Recreation Office, or at class. The fee is \$20 per month. Saturday morning Yoga class will be from 8-9am, which may be added for an additional \$5 per month (or \$10 a month for Saturday classes only).

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

SR-77 (400 South) Closure

Remember, 400 South Interchange is OPEN!

Construction on Springville's 400 South is moving ahead full bore as motorists settle into the changes and adjustments required of them as a result of the 400 South closure, which began in early January.

"The closure allows us to build the project more quickly than we otherwise would have," said Project Director Bryan Adams. "For example, the 400 West bridge is mostly gone at this point. Without the closure, we would have had to demolish the bridge – and rebuild it – one half at a time. This way, we can get it done in half the time."

But while the closure is making it possible for construction workers to complete the project significantly faster and safer, it is also providing some challenges for motorists who have had to find new routes to and from the S.R. 77 interchange and the surrounding business district.

"We know it can be frustrating for commuters and for businesses," Adams said. "You can't close an important road like 400 South and not have impact. If we didn't believe that the time savings and the resulting product would ultimately be worth it, we wouldn't do it."

For the most part, motorists have managed the closure well. Many are taking UDOT's official detour route: S.R. 75 (1400 North) to Main Street. Others have found alternative routes on city streets and county roads. UDOT officials have been tweaking traffic signals on Main Street and have added a temporary signal at the junction of S.R. 51 and 1600 South in response to the increased traffic.

"We've been trying to communicate to everyone that the interchange is open and will remain open throughout the construction," Adams said. "We're doing a lot of work in the area, and sometimes there are flaggers regulating the traffic. But the interchange is open. You just can't use 400 South between 1750 West and Main Street to get from the interchange area to your home. That's where you need to use an alternative route."

Motorists should also be aware that 750 West and 950 West will remain open as much as possible during construction to allow north-south access across 400 South.

"It takes a while for people to figure out what is open and what is not during a closure," Adams said. "Once they get comfortable with a closure, they'll figure out how to get to the places they want to go."

The 400 South closure between Main Street and 1750 West will be in place until November 2009.

For more information about the S.R. 77 construction project please visit the project Web site at www.udot.utah.gov/access or call the project information hotline at 1-877-222-3757.

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:	489-9421
Court:	489-7445	Non-emergency:	491-8048
Recreation:	806-9114	Newsletter:	806-9109
Recreation Hotline:	367-5069	Senior Citizens:	489-0106

Mapleton in Bloom

Let's put Mapleton on the map as one of the most beautiful cities in Utah!

Mapleton Parks & Recreation is excited to partner with the community and Maple Mountain Greenhouse in a new city-wide beautification program. Residents and businesses have the opportunity to sponsor stunning flower boxes or hanging baskets throughout the city. Groups, families, or individuals can volunteer to maintain the flowers and other garden areas. Eagle Scout Projects are available.

The sponsorships available are: 12" hanging basket - \$75; 20" flower box - \$150; "flower" tree - \$300 (View these planters online at mapleton.org/parksandrecreation.html).

As a sponsor, your name will be displayed by the planter in appreciation. This is a great way to advertise! If interested in becoming a sponsor or volunteer, please contact the Parks & Recreation Office at (801) 806-9114. In order to have the planters ready by May 2009, the sponsorship deadline is February 15th.

As another part of the program, citizens are encouraged to beautify their yards. Bi-weekly gardening articles by Maple Mountain Greenhouse will be published in the Foothill Breeze to answer questions, and share new ideas. In addition, Mapleton City is offering a Gardening Class beginning on February 10th (see Recreation section for more information).

More information is available at the City Office or at mapleton.org/parksandrecreation.html. We encourage all citizens to get involved in this wonderful program, and make Mapleton an even more remarkable city!



12" Hanging Basket \$75



20" Planter Box - \$150



"Flower" Tree Planter - \$300