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Mayor's Message

As most of you know, the city has for many years been working to resolve development issues that have arisen over Dr. Wendell Gibby's proposed subdivision on the lower portion of Maple Mountain. Development issues are always challenging, but because of the unique nature of this particular property, the process has been more complex and difficult than most. You may have heard that recently the city received a significant and favorable court ruling regarding this development. Because so many questions remain, however, I'm devoting this month's message to bringing residents up to date on this project.

You will recall that in the hope of reaching a comprehensive settlement agreement resolving all issues between the city and the property owner, city officials last year entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) which was approved and signed by both Dr. Gibby and the city. Because of the importance of resolving several pending lawsuits against the city, we have worked tirelessly since the MOU was signed in May of 2007 to fulfill all of the obligations the city took upon itself under this MOU. It is impossible to quantify the hours that have been devoted to this cause. I am grateful to all the dedicated members of the Planning Commission, City Council, and the legal, administration, engineering, and planning staff that have spent so much time trying to work through the issues, and accomplish everything the city had resolved to do.

Because of the intense efforts, the city was able to fulfill all of the initial commitments it had made in the MOU by late spring of this past year. Dr. Gibby, however, disagreed, believing the city had not accomplished everything necessary to trigger the dismissal of all of his lawsuits against the city. Because we were strongly confident we had, in fact, completed these necessary requirements, the city filed a Motion to Enforce the initial terms of the MOU in the district court. That motion was successfully litigated during late October and early November of this year. I am pleased to report that on December 12 at about 4 p.m., the city received notification of a ruling issued in the case. That ruling found in favor of the city's position and awarded attorney's fees to the city.

The city is now working to prepare a response to the ruling which will lead to the issuance of a final order in the case. We anticipate receiving the order in approximately February of 2009. It is possible there might be an appeal of the case, so we can not yet assume this will be the end of the process. Still, it is a very important first step and we are very grateful to have reached this critical milestone successfully. The city remains committed to continuing to work with Dr. Gibby to finalize his development and end all disagreements over the development of his property.

Although many residents have expressed a deep wish that the mountain could remain an unchanged, beautiful, and peaceful landmark representing the beauty and high quality of life in our town most also accept that no one can control property they do not own. Many are coming to understand that Dr. Gibby certainly does have the right to develop his property, as long as it is in compliance with the law. It's important to note that so far, everything that has occurred on the mountain has been, to the best of our knowledge, in compliance with all city laws.

There have been many questions about the road that has been cut well up the face of the mountain. This road has been one of the very complex issues the city has tried to work through. As you are probably aware, one of the requirements of the MOU was for the city to give Dr. Gibby permission to move the powerlines that currently run across the flat area of his property to a location higher on the mountain. As the property owner, his desire to move the lines is understandable, as their present location interferes with the most desirable portion of his property. Moving the lines will enhance the value of the future homesites on the property, and the city has affirmed Dr. Gibby's right to move those poles and lines. Rocky Mountain Power is also willing to support the relocation of the lines.

In order to accomplish this, Dr. Gibby applied to grade an access road to facilitate the movement of the lines. Although the city was several times given conflicting information from Rocky Mountain Power regarding the need and their approval for this access road, RMP did, on June 4, 2008, sign a document confirming the road should be built in order to facilitate the engineering of the power line movement. However, shortly after signing this document, they reversed this position verbally, creating confusion for all the parties. Since there was no further *written* direction from them, confusion remained. It was not until testimony in court solidified the situation that the city felt it must rely on RMP's last written position as the final word on the matter. Consequently, it was determined grading of the access road should not be prevented. Grading a "required access easement" is one of only four conditions of the PD-2 zone adopted by the city council in September of 2007 that allows for grading to occur on the slope areas of this property. Since the written document from RMP stated the access road was required, the grading was allowed to commence.

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While the city would have preferred the road not be constructed until after Rocky Mountain Power had undertaken their engineering study to confirm it's appropriate location and design (which RMP had repeatedly assured us was the proper sequence to follow,) the Rocky Mountain Power written document effectively removed that option. Recent events and resulting conversations with RMP have further clouded things, and even now RMP's position remains a little contradictory and unclear to us. But the reality is the road is already in place. As part of the city's legal commitment to assist Dr. Gibby in his development efforts, the city will not interfere with this road and it will remain. If a significant future occurrence changes the legal status of this road, we will cross that bridge when it arrives. At this time, we do not have any reason to believe such a compelling change will occur. We take comfort from the fact Dr. Gibby will re-vegetate the area as soon as practical. Hopefully the road will, over time, be less visible and intrusive on the landscape. But please understand the poles themselves will eventually be moved to the same approximate location as the road.

When the property is developed under the current plan, it is hoped there will be minimal visual impact from the 47 new homes as they will be located on the relatively flat area and not extend up the hillside. The city is waiting for the submission of final drawings which will indicate what, if any, further issues remain to be resolved. There will be adequate public notice prior to consideration of those final drawings. I hope that all interested parties will continue to monitor events and provide their input, comments, and suggestions as we continue to finalize this development.

I appreciate the many residents who have participated in the process in so many ways. This has been especially difficult for residents who have for so long enjoyed the view of the mountain and are experiencing deep sadness over the changes that have and will continue to occur. It's always difficult to come to terms with change, particularly when it is change that strikes at long standing feelings and emotions. City officials greatly appreciate those of you who have taken the time to educate yourselves on the matter, to understand why these things are occurring, and to learn what can or can not be done about them.

Please be assured this development will proceed in full compliance with city laws, and that even the MOU does not permit the city to break its own laws. We are receiving and heeding continual legal advice. We fully intend to keep all of our commitments to Dr. Gibby which are outlined in the MOU, and look forward to his fulfillment of his commitments to us.

I hope that as questions continue to arise that you will all feel free to contact either myself or any appropriate city official to get the information that you need to be comfortable with this process. I also encourage all of you to stay in touch with the process and give us your insight and opinion when you have the opportunity. Several residents have stepped forward with offers to assist in delicate negotiations or other matters and we particularly appreciate them and their efforts. It is gratifying to see so many take the time to understand and contribute to the resolution of this situation. I hope we continue to try to help each other through this so that we can look back at these events with full understanding, not regrets or misgivings.

In order to hear further comments and answer your individual questions about this matter, as well as any other city related issue, including our current financial position, there will be a public meeting on Wednesday, January 14, at 6:30p.m. at the Community Center. I am very anxious that everyone have access to all the information and hope that as many as possible will attend this meeting. In the meantime, please feel free to contact me either in person, by phone (380-4444) or by email at mayor@mapleton.org.

Please also accept our very best wishes for the holiday season. Thank you to those many of you that gave of yourself and of your means during this difficult time to make someone else's Christmas brighter and better. We look forward to the coming New Year with optimism and hope for better times ahead. And, while waiting for those better times, it is my hope all of our residents will continue to look out for each other and be aware of the many needs around us and take every opportunity to spread good will and cheer throughout all of 2009.

January 2009 Meeting Schedule is on the next page

City Calendar

Jan 1	City Offices Closed – New Years Day
Jan 7	7:00pm City Council Meeting
Jan 8	11:30am Senior Citizen Potluck Luncheon
Jan 8	6:30pm Planning Commission Meeting
Jan 12	9:00am Trails Sub-Committee Meeting
Jan 14	6:30pm Public Meeting – Maple Mountain Development
Jan 15	6:00pm Transportation Committee Meeting
Jan 19	City Offices Closed – Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Jan 21	7:00pm City Council Meeting
Jan 22	6:30pm Planning Commission Meeting

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

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 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.**

New Boy Scout Troop

A new non-denominational community Boy Scout Troop is being formed under the direction of the Hubble Creek District of the BSA. The troop will serve all Mapleton and Springville boys of scouting age who are not currently affiliated with an LDS or other sponsored troop, or who would simply like to be part of a community troop. There will be a meeting for all parents, volunteers, and others interested in the new scout troop to be held on the evening of January 20th at the Mapleton Community Center.

Scouting is a wonderful opportunity for young men to socialize, develop leadership and other skills, and mostly, have fun! If you are the parent of, or know of a young man that would enjoy scouting participation and is not currently served by a scout troop, please take advantage of this opportunity to get him started. And, if you would like to volunteer, please plan to come to the meeting to get involved.



Maple Mountain SUP

On December 4th about 30 Sons of Utah Pioneers and their wives had a great dinner at Oak Crest Inn (Prestwich Farms in Spanish Fork) and enjoyed their speaker who had served in Iraq.

During our January 22, 2009 Meeting we will enjoy Frank Madsen speaking on *"Getting the Church Established Behind the Iron Curtain and Other Remarkable Experiences"*. The location will be announced, so if you have any suggestions please offer them. Plan to bring a friend and to help with the recruitment of more new members.

Ambulance

As the cold weather sets in and the storms come and go let's remember our neighbors who might be elderly, struggling for whatever reason, and those that just might need a comforting visit from a friend. Let's go back to the days when neighbors helped neighbors and help keep their drives and walkways cleared of ice and snow. Just stop in on occasion to see if all is well or if they have any needs. Remember we're a phone call away if you need us.

Public Safety

Public Safety Dispatch

Mapleton City is changing their dispatching services from Utah County to Springville City. The new number for Springville Dispatch is (801) 489-9421. Please use this number if you require an officer immediately. For life threatening emergencies dial 911. The Police Department administration numbers will remain the same, (801) 491-8048 or (801) 489-9668.

Snowmobiles in Parks

With the new snow fall we have had several snowmobiles and ATVs riding in the parks. This is illegal, and is damaging the lawns. Please do not ride your snowmobiles or ATVs in any of the city parks.

Pushing Snow in the Roadway

We have had several complaints about citizens pushing snow into the roadway. This is against our city ordinance and could result in a citation. Please push snow onto your own property not into the roadway. In addition, please do not park your vehicles on the roadway between the hours of 11pm and 6am during the months of November thru March.

Green Committee

According to enotes.com, the average American produces 5.1 pounds of trash per person, per day. Of that amount, how much can be recycled? Studies vary but the question remains; how much more can you recycle? Did you know of the services in Mapleton to help you recycle? One of the easiest ways may be to sign up for a recycle service. If you don't have enough for the service, there are recycle bins located around Mapleton that will help you get rid of those Christmas boxes you still have in your garage. Whatever works best for you, let's all try to do our part to reduce our waste where possible.

Recycle bins are located at Hubble Creek Elementary, Mapleton Elementary, Mapleton Jr. High, and City Hall. We can recycle any of our phone books, paper, and cardboard products, including boxes.

If you would like to be a part of the Green Committee, we would like to have you come. We meet the first Thursday of each month at City Hall at 7pm.



Public Works

With all of the snow we are getting, we are asking residents that 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, between the water meter and the street, a sewer problem when connected to the city sewer system, a damaged stop sign, severe street flooding during or after a heavy rain or snow melt, sudden settlement, or a hole in the roadway please call (801) 489-6253 between the hours of 7am to 4:30pm on weekdays. For emergencies after hours, 4:30pm-7am on weekdays and on weekends, call (801) 489-9421. Mapleton Public Works emergencies are dispatched through Springville City Dispatch. Please state to dispatch your name, address, phone number and the type of emergency as this is relayed to the person on call. The Public Works has at least one person on call for after hour emergencies to cover the needs of the residents. They will assess the problem and if necessary, repair the problem immediately.

Recreation

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

Thank you to our wonderful Girls Basketball coaches and commissioners. Your time and dedication to our girls is greatly appreciated! Congratulations to the Sportsmanship Champions!: 3rd & 4th Grade League – Park Roney's team; 5th & 6th Grade League – Ron Nielsen's team; and the 7th & 8th Grade League – Mark Wheeler's team. Way to go!

VIP Adaptive Basketball 2009

(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 send registration forms to 1822 South 300 East, Springville, Utah, 84663 or contact Stacey Child at 806-9114 or register at the Mapleton Recreation Office, 125 West 400 North in Mapleton.

Women's Volleyball

Registration: Thursday, January 15th, 5:00-6:00 pm, MJHS Gym. 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. Registration will be held Thursday, January 15th, 5:00-6:00 pm at the Mapleton Jr. High School Gym or on-line @ mapleton.org/parksandrecreation.html. Please call 806-9114 for more information. Fee is \$35.00 per player.

Utah Flash Basketball Clinic for Boys

Boys Basketball participants – join us on Saturday, February 7th, 11:00 am at the Mapleton Jr. High Gym for a fun Basketball clinic hosted by the Utah Flash.

NEW Country Western Dance Class

A dance class featuring country swing, 2-step, country waltz, country cha cha, and line dancing. This 6-week class will be at the Mapleton Community Center (125 W 400 N), Tuesdays, Jan. 20–Feb. 24, 8:00 – 9:00 pm. (The first class on Jan 20 will be at Hobble Creek Elem. Gym (1145 E 1200 N), all other classes will be at the Community Center.) Participants are encouraged to register with a partner. Fee is \$30.00 per couple.

Kids Cooking Class

Dates: Saturdays January 24 – March 28 COST: \$100.00 per child (Only \$10.00 per class, includes all food). Times are 10:00am – 11:00am K- 3rd grade and 11:00am – 12:00pm 3rd – 5th grade

Limit 12 kids per class and parents are welcome. We will cover basic safety and sanitation. Kids will learn about the food pyramid and make foods in each of the basic food groups. They will work as teams. Food will be prepared each week.

- K-3rd grade will focus on becoming familiar with kitchen equipment, procedures and enjoy success in creating foods they enjoy.
- 3rd – 5th grades will focus on basic recipes with measuring of liquid and dry ingredients.

Both will learn about good nutrition, whole grains, fresh fruits and vegetables etc. At the end of the course we will discuss gardening and each participant will be able to plant a spring garden to plant at home.

“What’s for Dinner?” – Adult Hands-on Cooking Class

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! This 6-week class will meet at the Mapleton Community Center (125 W 400 N) on Tuesdays (Jan. 27 – Mar. 3), or Wednesdays (Jan. 28 – Mar. 4) 6:00 – 8:00 pm. This is a great deal at \$75, which includes cost of ingredients. Just bring your favorite knife! Classes are limited to 8 students each.

Yoga - NEW in January

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 Mon. and Wed., 8:30 pm OR Tue., and Thur., 6:00 am at the Community Center (125 W 400 N). Register on-line, at the Recreation Office, or at class. Fee is \$20.00 per month. NEW in January – a Saturday morning Yoga class, 8-9 am may be added for an additional \$5/month.

Karate

Classes start Monday, January 12th. 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).

Creative Dance, Ages 5 – 9 yrs.

Ballet technique will be taught in a more creative setting allowing participants to develop their own creativity in dance. This class will be at the Mapleton Community Center on Wednesdays (Ages 5-7 yrs: 3:45 – 4:45 pm and ages 7-9 yrs: 4:45 -5:45 pm), monthly through the Spring, with a recital in the Spring. Instructor, Lisa Rivera is currently a BYU dance instructor, and has performed with BYU dance companies nationally and internationally. Each class is limited to 12 students. Fee: \$25 per month.

Gymnastics & 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 20th or 21st thru March 24th or 25th. This is a great introduction to gymnastics or just a great opportunity to stretch, tumble, learn balance, and have fun! Classes are limited. Fee is \$40.00

TUESDAY

- Parent & Tot Gymnastics & Tumbling Class (18 months – 3 years old)
9:00 - 9:45 AM (Parents are required to come play with their child!)

- Little Guys & Gals Gymnastics & Tumbling Class (Ages 3 - 6)
9:45 - 10:30 AM OR 10:30 - 11:15 AM

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 come play with their child!)

- Kindergarten Gymnastics & Tumbling Class for Girls
12:00 – 12:45 PM



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. Register on-line or at the Recreation Office. For more information, please call Heidi at 318-0884. Musical Beginnings, ages 4-7 - Thursdays 4-4:30 p.m. Fee: \$25 per month. Mapleton Children's Choir, ages 7-12 - Thursdays 4:30-5:30 p.m. Fee \$40 (Sibling discount rate \$25) per month.

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

A life skills and personal empowerment safety program for women 12 yrs 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) on March 17th, 24th, 31st, & April 7th, 6-9pm each Tuesday. Register at the Mapleton Recreation Office (125 W 400 N) or 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 \$40.00 (includes the manual).

NEW in Spring 2009 LaCrosse

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

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

Plan to Minimize 400 South Closure Impacts

Allow yourself time to get where you need to go!

As this was going to press UDOT officials were planning to close Springville's 400 South between Main Street and 1750 West early on Monday, January 5, 2009 in order to begin 11 months of construction.

UDOT officials are hopeful that Mapleton and Springville residents planned which routes they will use to get to and from the SR-77 (400 South) freeway interchange and the business district around the interchange, both of which will remain open during the construction period. But even if they DID plan their routes, it's likely there has been some confusion during the first few days of the closure.

"It usually takes a couple of weeks for people to settle into detour routes that work for them," said Bryan Adams, Project Director for the SR-77 construction project. "You'll try one route, and it may be too crowded, so you go try another. After a couple of weeks things settle into a more normal flow as people get comfortable with the routes they've chosen."

The most important part of any construction coping plan is allowing yourself plenty of time to get to where you need to go, Adams said.

While the SR-77 freeway interchange is being reconfigured as part of the SR-77 project, the new Single Point Urban Interchange (SPUI) configuration fits snugly within the existing diamond interchange. So it is possible to maintain current traffic patterns on the interchange while working on the new SPUI. Still, Adams noted that there will be times when there will be only one lane functioning on the interchange, with flaggers allowing traffic to cross through the construction zone carefully.

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

"We're doing everything we can to reduce the difficulty for motorists in the area," Adams said. "The good thing is, this closure will allow us to complete work on the project about seven months faster than if we had tried to maintain traffic through the construction zone. And when it's done you'll have a beautiful new five-lane road to travel, and two brand new bridges over the railroad tracks. It will be worth the hassle, I really believe that."

For more information about the SR-77 construction project please visit the project website at www.udot.utah.gov/access or call the project information hotline at (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:	851-4100
Court:	489-7445	Non-emergency:	491-8048
Recreation:	806-9114	Newsletter:	806-9109
Recreation Hotline:	367-5069	Senior Citizens:	489-0106

Senior Citizens

Welcome to 2009, and Happy New Year to all. The insert listing senior activities has proved very successful for keeping everyone current with senior activities, and so it will be continued.

Computer Lab

Those of you who use the computer lab will find it nicely updated throughout. Mike Duffin, Dave Neilsen and Chris Jones of UVU's Community Engagement Services spent many hours doing this for us and we thank them sincerely. We also thank UVU's President Sederburg for this innovative program.

Potluck Social

At the January 8th Potluck Social Emmie will have a schedule of clinics for 2009.

Humanitarian Projects

Mike and Holly Barney will become active senior committee members for Humanitarian projects this month. The Humanitarian yard sale will be in mid March so please begin collecting your donations for this worthy event. Instructions on where to take them, and when to take them, will be in next month's Mapleton News.

Thank You

Finally, thank you to everyone (including behind the scenes committee members) for volunteering throughout 2008. We look forward to working with you throughout 2009 and also to recruiting many new volunteers as we develop the senior activities programs.

Mapleton Winter Wonderland Dance



Date: Saturday, January 24, 2009

Time: 7:30pm-10:30pm

Place: Mapleton City Center,
125 West 400 North

The *Moonlight Serenade Band* will be playing music from the Big Band Era.

Wear your tux and ball gown or just your Sunday best!

It's free to all Mapleton citizens – Sponsored by the Mapleton Senior Citizens and the Mapleton Fine Arts Committee