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City Newsletter

June 2006 Edition

Mayor's Message

City Hall Landscaping- Community Service Project

On behalf of the City, I would like to record my sincere thanks to the wonderful efforts from the youth of the Church of Jesus Christ of Later Day Saints Mapleton Stake. We had a two hundred plus turnout of enthusiastic young men and young women who, in the space of an hour, laid approximately 17,500 square feet of sod at the front and sides of the new Community Center building.

Their enthusiasm and hard work was infectious and such a willingness to make their time available on this community project, assisted by their church leaders and parents was overwhelmingly successful. Thank you so much, your efforts are much appreciated.

Library and Family Literacy Center

Following the recent Open House our new library is now fully operative for your use. The hours of opening are from 10:00 am- 8:00 pm weekdays and 10:00 am – 2:00 pm on Saturdays. Please feel free to make use of these splendid new facilities, the jewel in the crown of the Community Center Building.

Senior Citizens Facilities

The delay in launching the opening of the Senior Citizens facilities is linked to the timing of allocation of the City's approved \$133,000 federal grant money for equipment in the center. The funds will not be available until later this year. With the purchase and installation of furniture and equipment, we are hoping to bring these facilities into use, including a weekly luncheon for the Senior Citizens of Mapleton.

City Budget

Together with the Staff, Department Heads and the City Council members, we have spent the past several weeks in preparing the city budget for the 2006-07 year.

I am pleased to report that for the seventh consecutive year we have balanced our proposed expenditures with anticipated revenues without any need for property tax increases. The draft budget, which is being submitted to the June 7th City Council meeting for approval and adoption, will be available for your review during office hours on May 25th.

Community Development

Fencing

As we have indicated in previous newsletter, a permit is required to build a fence within Mapleton City, regardless of it's location on your property. If you are planning on building a fence, please review the fencing code first. The ordinance section is conveniently available on the fence permit application. The cost is free, and it usually takes the Community Development Department Staff less than a day to approve. A copy of the permit can be found at our website www.mapleton.org under Community Development Department "Forms"

Permits

Thinking of finishing your basement, or building a garage/car port? Before you do, check with us to make sure that you are complying with City Codes. We charge reduced plan check fee rates for basement finishes, remodeling, garages and other incidental buildings. If you don't think you need a building permit for something, it's better to check with us anyway. Lenders and title companies are becoming increasingly cautious, and often call us to determine what permits have been issued when considering the sale of property. Recently we've seen that the sale of a home is contingent upon obtaining a permit for something after the fact. It's a lot easier for us to inspect a building or basement as its being built. In some cases we've even had to request that pieces of sheetrock be removed to properly inspect plumbing or electrical work. Be safe; get a permit before you build.

Construction

With the summer months approaching we remind you that there will be increased construction occurring throughout the City. Please be especially cautious in areas around 400 North and 1200 East, 600 South to 800 South along 800 West Street, 2000 South to 2600 South on 800 West Street, 800 South Highway 89, and 500 South to 800 South Slant Road. Areas where we anticipate future construction projects (into the summer months) include 800 to 1100 West Maple Street, 1300 West 800 North, 1200 North from Main to 300 West, and various areas along Main Street from 400 to 1400 South. These are not City projects but rather developments under construction.

Weeds

Every year it's the same story, we're going to tell you to cut your weeds. If you see a problem with weeds on a vacant lot, or something you believe may become a public safety problem, please don't hesitate to call us at 801-489-6138. Also, we are looking for those who do landscaping to reference people with weed violations. If you or someone you know is does landscaping or yard work, let us know and we will put them on our referral list.

City Calendar

May 29		Memorial in the Park
June 7	7:00pm	City Council Meeting
June 15	7:00pm	Planning Commission Meeting
June 21	7:00pm	City Council Meeting
Tuesdays	10:30am	Story Time Hour
Museum Tours call: 489-6714, 491-6676, or 489-7786		

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

Land Dispute: Wendell Gibby

Regarding the City's ongoing legal disputes with Wendell Gibby - the City policy has been to not respond to inaccuracies found in articles published in the Mapleton Coalition newsletter and in statements made to the press. That said, a recent article in the Mapleton Coalition newsletter contained such blatant inaccuracies that the City's Mayor and City Council believe that a limited response is needed to correct some of the inaccuracies.

First, in the newsletter Gibby states that the present legal dispute is the consequence of choices made by Mayor Allan. This is not accurate. The dispute with the City regarding Gibby's efforts to prohibit all access to the Power Line trail began when Mayor Maxfield was Mayor. Mayors Maxfield, Peterson, Young and Allan have all taken the position that the Power Line trail should not be gated and locked, and each addressed their concerns with Gibby, or notified him of their intent to initiate legal action. The initial criminal and civil actions for plowing the trail were filed by the city before Mayor Allan's term in office. The city administration at that time was under the leadership of Mayor Young, City Administrator Stan Kantor and Police Chief Mike Roberts. Mayor Allan inherited these lawsuits when he took office.

Secondly, a copy of the Coalition's recent newsletter was sent to Governor Huntsman for clarification regarding remarks attributed to him in Dr. Gibby's letter, where it was alleged that the Governor had apologized for Mapleton's conduct. Upon receiving the article, the Governor called Mayor Allan and stated that he made no such apology and described Dr. Gibby's misrepresentation of the meeting as "outlandish."

Mapleton Rabies Clinic

All Mapleton residents are invited to bring their pets to the Mapleton Rabies Clinic. Representatives of the South Valley Animal Shelter and a licensed veterinarian will be there to help you get your animals licensed, get rabies shots at a greatly reduced price, and to provide information about spaying and neutering and other pet care services in the area. Please have your pets on leashes to avoid any conflicts with other pets that will be there.

The clinic will be held in the City Center parking lot, June 17th from 10 am to 12 noon. If you have any questions please call Council member Jim Brady at 489-7516.

Concerts in the Park

Mapleton will again be hosting Concerts in the Park this summer, during the months of July and August. If you would like to help, perform, or have a group you would like to hear, contact Ann Tolley, Mapleton City council member, at 491-9385 or email at tolleyann@hotmail.com.

Provo Freedom Festival

Volunteers Needed

America's Freedom Festival at Provo is seeking volunteers to fill many responsible positions during the Festival. Interested community members from 16 years of age on up, or families, can become part of this year's festivities by helping in various events.

Some of the volunteer positions available are working at venue information booths, safety personnel at the Freedom Run activities, Grand Parade, Stadium of Fire or Arts Fest, giant helium-filled balloon handlers during the Grand Parade and many other exciting activities throughout the Festival.

If you are interested in being a Festival volunteer, either individually or as a group, please visit our website at www.freedomfestival.org, or contact Melanie Cropper at 369-1185 for more information.

Grow a Row, Share the Harvest

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Do you plant your own garden? Do you like to help others? Now you can combine growing your garden and helping local families in need. Grow a Row is a program that encourages community members to plant a row of seeds in their gardens to help feed families in need. If you do not have your own garden, you can purchase produce and/or fruit at your local grocer or Farmer's Market to donate to the food bank.

Donations can be brought to Community Action Food Bank, which serves residents of Utah, Summit and Wasatch counties. Community Action Food Bank provides seven food pantries and 32 community agencies, including senior centers. It is located at 815 South Freedom Blvd. in Provo. Donations are accepted during business hours, 8am-4pm Monday-Friday. Fruit with worms cannot be accepted.

Additional information may be found at the Community Action Services' website at communityactionprovo.org. For any question or more ways you can be involved, call Jim Thomas at Community Action Services (801) 373-8200 ext. 216.

Memorial Day Tribute

When: Monday, May 29th

Where: Mapleton City Park

(Corner of Maple and Main Streets)

Time: 9:00am

Celebrate Memorial Day with us in our City Park. Special recognition will be given to Mapleton's service men and women. We are grateful for the heritage and service they have given us. Collin Allan will speak and special musical number will be provided. Come join with us for the important occasion.

Quilt up for Bid



This beautiful quilt was donated by these women who spent 215 hours through the winter months making it in order to gain much needed donations for equipment for the Senior Citizens Center. The quilt will be on display at the City Offices where you can place your bids, which will be given the Camille Brown, through the month of June. The winner will be announced at the 24th of July Celebration.

Pioneer Day Essay Exhibition

Use your literary talents to help Mapleton celebrate Pioneer Day by entering the Mapleton Pioneer Day Essay Exhibition. This is not a contest, but a celebration of the pioneer spirit that has left its mark on each of us. All residents of Mapleton are invited and encouraged to participate.

Two exemplary essay authors will be chosen by planning committee members to read their essays at the Flag Ceremony marking the beginning of the Mapleton Pioneer Day Celebration. All essays will be displayed with the Arts and Crafts in the Town Hall on July 24th, 2006, and will then be submitted to the Mapleton City Council, hopefully to be kept at the Mapleton Historical Museum as our tribute to our pioneer ancestors.

Entries may be submitted by preferably by email to mapleton24thessays@gmail.com. The subject line on each e-mail must read: Essay Exhibition. Entries may also be mailed to: Brad Anderson, 201 E. 1600 N. Mapleton, UT 84664.

Mapleton Facilities to Rent

Mapleton Citizens can rent the Memorial Hall (across from the old City Center on Maple Street), the multi-purpose area of the New Community Center or a city park. Our citizens have used these facilities for family gatherings, weddings and such events. Come into or call the Mapleton City Offices at 489-5655 ext. 0, for a fee schedule and to make reservations.

Public Works

Debris

Please help keep your water meter lid and other utilities from being covered with grass or other landscaping. This will provide for faster service in taking utility readings and provide quicker location and access if the need arises for repairs or emergencies.

From time to time we receive calls for water leaks or other public work related emergencies.

Water Leaks

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 of snow melt, sudden settlement or hole in the asphalt roadway, **please call 851-4100 after 4:00 p.m. until 8:30 a.m. on week days and any time on weekends. For emergencies during working hours 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. call the city offices at 489-5655. For any police, fire or ambulance emergency call 911.** Mapleton Public Works emergencies are now dispatched through Utah County Dispatch. Please state to dispatch your name, address, phone number and what 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 during week days and as least two people anytime on weekends to cover the needs of the residents. They will assess the problem and if necessary, repair the problem immediately.

Streets tentatively scheduled for overlays this year:

North Main from 600 N. to 1600 N.

South Main from 1600 S. to End.

1800 North from 700 W. to 1000 W.

1700 North from 800 W. to 1100 W.

1100 West from 1600 N to 1700 N.

800 West from 1600 N to 1900 N.

200 West from 1600 N to End.

800 North from 300 W to 1600 W

2000 North from Main to 700 W.

400 East from 400 N to 1200 N

1000 North from 400 E to 560 E.

Streets scheduled for chip seal in July are the following:

1600 North from 760 E to 1770 E

Public Safety

Welcome Derek Wolfgramm

Mapleton City has a new police officer, Derek Wolfgramm. Derek was born and raised in Springville, and previously worked for the Utah Highway Patrol as a Trooper. He brings with him experience in law enforcement and a great attitude that will be an asset to the Mapleton Police Department.

July 24th Celebration

We Need You!

The 24th of July is almost here. That's right! We need you to start thinking about what kind of entry you will have in the Pioneer Day Parade and what kinds of talents you would like to share for the entertainment. We are looking for church groups, families, groups, clubs, etc., to join in the fun. As long as you or your group has a connection to Mapleton, you can be included in both the parade and the line-up of entertainers for the day. There are certain restrictions, so call for more information.

For parade rules, as well as entry forms and waivers, please contact Jennifer Walker (380-2801) between 10:00am and 8:00pm. All entries MUST be in by June 30th.

To be a part of the entertainment, please contact Brad Anderson at 853-4142 or by email mapleton24thentertainment@gmail.com.

To everyone who has supported this great celebration in the past, and to those planning on doing so this year, we extend a heartfelt "Thank You". Let's make this year's Mapleton City 24th of July Celebration the best one yet!

Literacy Center

Basement Addition Completed

The new basement addition to the library is now completed. Both the Literacy Center and Parent Resource Center are located in the basement and we offer new items for families to use at the Parent Resource Center. There are now several hundred quality children's books available to check out and enjoy with children.

Literacy Center

The Literacy Center is always open to citizens of all ages in Mapleton who want help in improving reading skills. If a student is not at the proper reading level for their grade when school ends, we can match them with a tutor to work on essential reading skills. We are also looking for new tutors who are willing to work with a student for two hours a week. This is a great opportunity to serve the community and high school students, who are juniors and seniors, may want to consider volunteering. When applying for college entrance and scholarships, it is a plus to show community service. Adults are also needed as tutors. To register a new student or volunteer as a tutor please call Elaine at 489-6584, Debbie at 489-3959, or leave your name and number at the Library at 489-4833.

Recreation

2006 Summer Tennis Program Sign-ups

Youth Beginning & Intermediate Classes (1st-9th grade) - \$40

(8 classes two days per week for four weeks & a T-Shirt)

Early Morning Women's Classes (7:00am) - \$40

Two sessions will be offered. The first session will begin the first week in June. The second session will begin in July. Register now at the Mapleton City Offices between 9am-5pm, 125 W. 400 N.

Summer Adventure Day Camp

Mapleton Recreation & the Mapleton Youth Council are teaming up to offer a summer day camp for youth ages 7-12. The camp will be held in June. Each day will be a different theme with activities, crafts, snacks, and of course adventures! The cost is \$45, which includes a cool t-shirt. Sign up today at the Mapleton City Offices.

Beginning Arts and Crafts

Hop aboard the "Art Express"! Plan for an adventurous fun filled hour. Just bring your imagination and creativity! We will complete 8 fun projects which include pop-ups, puppets, painting & window reflections. The instructor is Cynthia Stonehocker. Classes are June 5-June 28, 2006. Class schedule is Monday & Wednesday ages 5-8 from 9:30am-10:30am. Ages 9-12 are from 10:45am-11:45am.

Beginners Drawing Class

If you have an interest in art or just can't stop drawing or doodling, then this class is for you. Receive instruction, helpful tips and develop new techniques to improve your drawing. We will explore several drawing techniques such as thumbnail sketches, gesture drawings, contour drawings, and a graph drawing. Classes will be taught by Cynthia Stonehocker. Instructions will begin June 6th-29th. Class schedule is Tuesday and Thursday ages 5-8 9:30am-10:30am and ages 9-12 from 10:45am-11:45am.

Mapleton Recreation Summer Dance Workshop

A week long beginning ballet and creative dance workshop will be held June 18th-22nd. Dancers will perform at Mapleton's 24th of July Celebration. The workshop will be taught by Mary Jill Wall from Royal Academy of Dance. All classes will be held at the Mapleton Memorial Hall. Experienced and inexperienced dancers are welcome. Please register at the Mapleton City offices starting on May 9th from 9am-5pm. Workshop fee is \$30, which includes tutu for girls or vest for boys, for the performance. Class schedule is June 18th-22nd, ages 6-9 from 9am-10am and ages 3-5 from 10am-11am.

Mapleton Starts Another Season With A Grand Slam

Saturday, May 13th was Opening Day for Baseball & Softball Teams. It began with a parade, games, and a picnic at the park. Thank you to all coaches, parents, commissioners, volunteers, and police officers who helped make it a spectacular day!

Take Me Out To The Ball Game....

You can catch a baseball or softball game any night Tuesday - Friday at a number of ball parks throughout the city during the month of June. There are over 800 participants this year. So grab a hotdog and a drink at our concession stand and come enjoy a night out!

Soccer Registration

Sign-ups for fall Soccer will be held June 27th, 2006

6:00 - 9:00 PM at the Springville High School.

Pre - K 3 on 3 (Boys & Girls Ages 4) \$ 25.00

Kindergarten 3 on 3 (Boys & Girls) \$ 25.00

1st Grade 4 on 4 (Boys & Girls) \$ 25.00

2nd & 3rd Grade Boys 2nd & 3rd Grade Girls \$ 25.00

4th & 5th Grade Boys 4th & 5th Grade Girls \$ 25.00

Uniforms: We will be using the same uniforms as last year. You will not need to purchase a uniform if you already have one.

New Uniforms: Shirts: \$ 13.00 Shorts: \$ 10.00 Socks: \$ 3.00

Mapleton City VIP Special Needs Adaptable T-Ball & Coach Pitch League

Opening Day

Opening day for the Special Needs baseball league was held Saturday, May 20th. The community is invited to attend games held at Mapleton's North Park Special Needs Playground, located at 1400 West 1600 North. Mapleton City Recreation is host to a unique sports program designed for children with mental or physical disabilities. The VIP Special Needs T-Ball & Coach Pitch Program was organized seven years ago by Michelle Winegar and continues to grow each year under the direction of Keri Beardall and several committed volunteers. This year there are over 53 participants. Children from all over Utah County, ages 5-20, with any special needs such as Muscular Dystrophy, Autism, Down Syndrome, and other mental and physical disabilities that do not allow them to play regular baseball, are invited to participate. The kids play ball on smaller grass fields and are assisted by "Buddies" (Peer friends who assist players in the field and at bat). One of the great things about this program is that it is adaptable for each individual's specific needs. The games have a slow pace and everyone scores! The season consists of a 5-6 games and ends with a family barbeque. The cost per child is only \$15.00. In return they receive a shirt, hat, pictures, trophy, and lots of unforgettable moments. The cost is supplemented through Mapleton City and private donations. On any given night, in this League, there are always a lot of smiles from participants, family members, and volunteers. Mapleton City is very committed to this program and has designated North Park specifically for use by the children in this league. This amazing league & playground provides a chance for kids with special needs to have the same opportunity as their peers.

Library News & Summer Reading Program

Library hours are now 10:00 am to 8:00 pm. Please remember that the library is closed for lunch from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm, and on June 12th & 13th from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm for training. Check out the new books at the library: *New Staff Profiles, Byron & Judy*

Summer Reading Program

Remember to sign up for the summer reading program will begin May 22nd and will continue until June 2nd. The first weekly program will be June 7th. This year's theme is *Paws, Claws, Scales and Tales*, featuring pets and animals of all sorts. Children entering Kindergarten through those entering 5th grade are encouraged to participate in this program. Special prizes will be available to those that participate, so be sure to come by the library and sign up for this exciting program.

Contact Numbers

Mayor:	489-5655	Library:	489-4833
City Council:	489-5655	Public Works:	489-6253
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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**The Richard S.
Bird Home**
1226 South Main
Street
Mapleton, Utah

The Richard Steele Bird Home was built in 1879. Richard and Ella Finch Bird moved to this house in 1920. The house is red brick with a screen porch on the south side, and the front porch on the east side. There is a large kitchen with a pantry on the main floor. From the pantry you can go down to a cellar. The cellar is shallow due to the high water table. In the cellar were shelves where fruit and milk were kept. There was a large dining room with a table that had five leaves. This is where we had Thanksgiving dinners. Next to the dining room there was a living room with an arch between. Stairs in the dining room led up to three large bedrooms. The north room was sometimes used for dances. Richard and Ella were married June 21, 1916 in the LDS Salt Lake Temple. They lived in the house when Stanley, their first child was born. When Stan got his first bike he immediately tried to ride down the stairs! He would often bring home a bunch of kids for a party – and surprise his mother! When Richard's sister, Mina died, Richard bought the house and ground at 1226 South Main from Chris Larsen. The other two children, Fred and Phyllis were born there. Stan married Beth (Elizabeth) Baldwin and they had four children. Phyllis married Calvin Johnson. Five children were born to them. Fred died October 3, 1993. Richard was active all of his life in Church work. He served in the Mapleton LDS Bishopric for ten years, also a LDS Sunday School Superintendent for a number of years. He followed the occupation of a farmer and used the summer feed to feed lambs during the winter. Richard went on an LDS Mission to Germany in about 1908, returning home in 1910. He was booked to come home on the "Titanic" – a rich man's ship – so they wouldn't let him on. He had to book another ship! You can imagine how grateful he was! The home is now owned by Erasmo Fuentes.

Information provided from the "Early Houses in Mapleton" book



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