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City Newsletter

March 2006 Edition

Mayor's Message

Safety on Mapleton Roads

Many of our citizens exercise by walking or jogging on the roads of our City before daylight and after dark as well as through the day. In the interest of public safety, may I please encourage you to wear light colored clothing and reflective tape of some kind so that drivers can clearly see you when it is dark. Several communities throughout our State and Nation have had fatalities as a result of vehicles colliding and injuring pedestrians during early morning exercise when they can not see them.

Many of Mapleton roads are narrow and there are few sidewalks in our City to accommodate those who exercise, therefore it's important that we drive safely within the speed limits.

Capital Improvement for our City

We have a citizens Committee that has served diligently this past year to determine where we can best build a Fire and Ambulance station when funds become available. They will make their report to the City Council in March. We will then project a time line as to when we can fund and build this needed structure.

The City's Public Works Building on 1600 North has deteriorated so badly that it needs to be replaced. We have sufficient funds in our budget to do this project right away and the City Council is considering a proposal to put this new building out for bid this spring.

Dedication of the New Community Center

On Monday January 23rd at 3:30 pm the City held its dedication of the new Mapleton Community Center. Lt. Governor Gary Herbert was here to do the honors. The building was packed with our own citizens as well as civic leaders from around the county and state. To say the least, it was an overwhelming success.

In the evening we had a sing along with Orpha Dee Johnson at the piano, and then Erasmo Fuentes entertained with his guitar. After that, professional ballroom dancing, from Center Stage, made a wonderful culmination of a very important day for our City.

The success of the day was attributed to a volunteer committee who made all of the arrangements. They have asked not to be named; however, I would like thank them for their work and generosity to our City.

If you haven't had the opportunity to go through the new City Center, please come and do so. If I am available I would be pleased to take you through or arrange for someone to show you what your Community Center provides for our citizens.

Air Quality Concerns

On February 3rd, the City's Specialist Air Quality Monitoring Consultants reported to me on their concerns regarding evidence of trace amounts of pollutants identified at several testing sites around the City. Although the levels of contaminants identified do not pose a risk to public health, I took the opportunity to personally inform Governor Huntsman of the situation and immediately asked our attorney to write to the State Air Quality Director, Dianne Nielsen, as well as the County Health Director, Dr. Miner, to share the City's concerns on this issue.

The State Department, County Health Director and City representatives met on February 5th to identify whether further checks were needed for any additional standards of monitoring and inspection of the Ensign Bickford's Plant where contaminated soil is being processed through an incinerator processor.

The State Department is currently working in conjunction with the City's Air Quality Consultants and all residents will be kept informed of any steps taken to mitigate this matter in order to protect our community.

Contact Information

You may find the insert sheet of contact information useful when wishing to make contact with any of the local entities. A copy can also be found on our website at www.mapleton.org.

City Calendar

Mar 1	7:00pm	City Council Meeting
Mar 4 & 11		C.E.R.T. Training
Mar 15	7:00pm	City Council Meeting
Mar 17	9am-12pm	Diabetes Health Fair
Mar 21-22	5:30-7:30pm	Baseball & Softball Sign-ups
Mar 22	8am-4pm	Kindergarten Registration
Mar 23	7:00pm	Planning Commission meeting
Mar 25		Scouting for Food Drive
March Museum Tours call: 489-6714, 491-6676, or 489-7786		

Meetings are now held at the Community Center Building, 125 West Community Center Way (400 North). For more information about City Meetings contact 489-5655. **Agendas, minutes and the newsletter are available on the City website at www.mapleton.org.**

Diabetes Health Fair

March 17, 2006 from 9:00am-12:00pm

The Utah County Health Department, in partnership with other local health partners, will be sponsoring the Diabetes Health Fair on St. Patrick's Day, March 17th, from 9:00am-12:00pm at the Utah County Health Department, 151 South University Avenue in Provo. Prevention, nutrition and other educational materials and displays will be available free of charge. Low cost or no cost screenings will also be available.

For details, please see the Utah County Health Department website at utahcountyhealth.org, or call 851-2222.

Recreation



Baseball & Softball Signups are This Month!

Baseball & Softball registration will be held Tuesday, March 21st and Wednesday, March 22nd, 2005 from 5:30pm-7:30pm at Mapleton Community Center - 125 West 400 North. For children age 4 through sixth graders. Late fee of \$10.00 after March 24, 2006.

T-Ball

Boys & Girls (ages 4-6) - \$30.00

Baseball

Boys Coach Pitch (1st & 2nd grade) - \$30.00

Boys Mustang (3rd & 4th grade) - \$45.00

Boys Pinto (5th & 6th grade) - \$45.00

Softball

Girls Coach Pitch (1st & 2nd grade) - \$30.00

Girls Falcon (3rd & 4th grade) - \$45.00

Girls Filly (5th & 6th grade) - \$45.00

VIP Adaptive T-Ball & Coach Pitch League

For any Special Needs Kindergarten – High School. A unique baseball program for children with special needs. Please call Mapleton City Recreation at 489-5655 ext. 114 for more information. Fee is \$15.00 (price includes uniform, hat, pictures, & trophy).

Scouting for Food

Saturday, March 25, 2006

Saturday, March 25th is the annual Scouting for Food Drive! Boy Scouts will deliver plastic bags to homes the week before the food drive. Please fill the bags with donations (non-perishable food and hygiene items) for the Community Action Food Bank. Leave the bags on your porch Saturday morning for Boy Scouts to pick up.

Community Action Food Bank (official food bank for Utah, Summit and Wasatch Counties) is a partner with the Utah National Parks Council for the Scouting for Food Drive. Community Action Food Bank has six food pantries. The Provo Food Pantry serves about 1,500 local families each month. It takes about 65 canned food and dry good items to feed a family of four for one week. Your help is greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions about donations call Jim Thomas, Community Action Food Bank Director, at 373-8200 ext. 216.

Shade Tree & Parks and Recreation Volunteers Needed

We are in need of volunteers to serve on our both our Shade Tree and Parks and Recreation Committees. If interested contact Francis Gibson at the City Offices at (801) 489-5655.

Public Works

Damaged Garbage Cans

If your garbage can has a hole in it, please contact the Mapleton City Offices at 489-5655 ext. 0 for a replacement. Replacement cans are free.

Do you qualify for free tax preparation?

If you earned less than \$37,000 this past year and cannot prepare your own tax returns, you are eligible for assistance through a free tax preparation program known as Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA).

In addition, you may also qualify for the Earned Income Tax Credit, which may increase tax refunds for qualifying individuals and families. To be eligible, you must:

- Have an earned income
- Be 25 to 65 years old without children and have less than \$13,750 in annual income
- Have a family with one child and an annual income less than \$33,030
- Have a family with two or more children with less than \$37,263 in annual income

VITA will help you prepare your taxes and let you know if you qualify for the Earned Income Tax Credit.

For more information or to schedule an appointment with VITA, call the United Way Help Line at (801) 374-2588 ext. 211.

Community Development

Updates to the City Code

The Planning Commission has asked the Planning Staff to revise three of Mapleton City's existing ordinances. 18.60 (Community Commercial CC-1 Zone), 18.84 (General Commercial GC-1 Zone) and 17.24.080 (Water Rights to be Conveyed to City) have undergone changes that will be forwarded to the Mapleton City Council at a later date. If you would like a copy of any of the proposed changes recommended by the Planning Commission, either e-mail us at mevans@mapleton.org or you can review the hard copy changes at the Community Development Department at Mapleton City Code.

Not the same person

There is a Real-Estate Agent doing business locally (in Mapleton and throughout Utah County) who has the same name as the Mapleton City Planning Director. However, the Real-Estate Agent spells his name a little bit different. We can assure you that they are *not the same person*.

The Price of Transferable Development Rights (TDR's)

It has been mentioned in the media that the price of TDR's have escalated recently. There are some who still believe the price of TDR's is somehow directly dictated by the City. We can assure you they are not. TDR's are sold on the open market by those who possess them. We do not broker or sell TDR's. TDR certificates are generated through the Mapleton City sponsored TDR program. For more information on TDR's you can visit the Mapleton City website at www.mapleton.org under the FAQ section.

Kindergarten Registration

Mapleton and Springville Students

All Mapleton and Springville Students will register for kindergarten on Wednesday, March 22nd from 8:00am-4:00pm for the August 2006 school year at Mapleton and Hobble Creek Elementary Schools.

Please bring their original birth certificate and a copy of their current immunization records. All students must be five years old on or before September 1, 2006 to be enrolled for fall.

Reading Volunteers Needed

Mapleton Elementary

Mapleton Elementary needs Star Reading volunteers. For more information please contact Sheri Jensen or Molly Murdock at 489-2850.

For Lease

Commercial/Retail Bldg. - Lease on Main Street

The former Library and Police Department premises adjacent to Central Bank on Main Street will shortly become available for lease. These premises were previously home to a retail grocery store and are ideally located for various types of retail, office or commercial uses.

The City Council would like to see these premises brought into productive use. If you are interested in leasing these facilities please contact the City Administrator for further information at 489-5655 ext. 106. Closing date for expressions of interest is March 23rd, 2006.

Ambulance



Volunteers Needed

Mapleton Ambulance is in need of volunteers during the weekdays. If you enjoy helping people in need or would like to help out in the community this is a perfect opportunity. Please come in to the City Office and fill out an application. Your training will be paid for with a signed commitment to run with the ambulance for 2 years and work a minimum of 8 shifts a month. This is a very rewarding job knowing that you are helping people. Not only will your training be paid for, but you will be compensated for your on call time as well as ambulance calls. If you have questions please call Stephanie at 369-8441.

C.E.R.T Volunteers Needed

C.E.R.T. Training

Mapleton City is looking for more volunteers to join the Community Emergency Response Team (C.E.R.T.). Training will be on Saturday, March 4, 2006, from 8:00am to 9:00pm, and on Saturday, March 11, 2006, from 8:00am to 12:00pm in Elk Ridge. Both Saturday sessions are required to complete the training.

The cost is \$35 and includes all books, materials and equipment. This is a great way to get involved in the community and to help serve them in event of a disaster. For more information contact the C.E.R.T. Director, Don Little, at 489-4208.

Utah Transit Authority

New Express Service for South Utah County

Starting back on August 22, 2005 there has been a new weekday express service for Payson, Spanish Fork and Springville to downtown Salt Lake City. Route 805 South Utah County/SLC Express.

If you have any questions about this service please contact Ken Anson, by writing to him at the address:

Utah Transit Authority
1110 South Geneva Road
Orem, UT 84058

Or email him directly at kanson@uta.cog.ut.us. Phone calls and questions about changes may be directed to Ken at (801) 227-8957. If not answer, please call Jarret Whicker, UTA Planner, at 227-8959.

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 Elmer and
Luella Snow Johnson
Home**
60 North Main Street
Mapleton, Utah

This house was built originally in about 1912 by Elmer Johnson and his brother, Willis. It was a frame house with wood siding. The center support is all stone, with a concrete foundation, then plaster. The house had four square rooms – two sleeping rooms in the back and a living room and kitchen in the front. Cold water was piped into the house. The kitchen was an all-purpose room used not only for cooking and eating, but for bathing in the tin tub. Built into the coal and wood burning kitchen stove was a reservoir where water was heated. Hot water was dipped from the reservoir into a basin for washing, shaving, doing dishes, etc. Water for laundry and bathing was heated on top of the stove. There was a closet built into the house and a pantry off the kitchen. Each room had a light bulb hanging from a cord in the middle of the room. The first addition to the house was a sleeping room in the back of the house done around 1930. The next addition was a kitchen/bathroom wing and attic added in 1934. Elmer and his son, Welburn, did all the work on that addition, except for the plumbing, which was contracted to Lew Whitney. Elmer did the carpentry and he and Welburn mixed the cement by hand. It was a luxury to have hot and cold running water and bathroom facilities in the house. Up until that time they used the outhouse. The bathtub was a rough cast-iron tub that never looked sparkling white. So Welburn painted it green, which he admits made it look much worse than the original dingy white. Above the new wing was a small bedroom which Welburn finished in 1944 using scrap knotty pine wood that he obtained from his brother, Donald, who was running a lumber mill. Elmer Johnson was born in Springville, Utah, November 14m 1884, the son of Aaron Johnson Jr. and Louisa Meletiah Whiting. The family moved to Mapleton when he was quite young. They lived in several different places in Mapleton, including the Steve Diamond home, which was built by Aaron Johnson Jr. The home is now owned by Mac Bills.

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