

MAYOR:
M. JAMES BRADY

COUNCIL MEMBERS:
MICHAEL COBIA
FRANCIS D. GIBSON
KEITH H. STIRLING
ANN H. TOLLEY
BRIAN J. WALL



Mayor's Message

On occasion I am asked about the status of civil law suits involving our city. Unfortunately, cities have to spend time and money in courts. Apart from enforcing our traffic, criminal and zoning laws, lawsuits involving cities are common, and Mapleton has to deal with its share of them. Sometimes, a disagreement cannot be resolved through discussion or negotiation, and the city has to file a lawsuit to protect its rights and the rights of its citizens. In other cases, individuals sue the city, and the city needs to defend its decisions in court. Generally cities are advised by their attorneys not to discuss pending lawsuits with the public until they have reached a conclusion in the courts. My message to you this month is a brief report on our recent lawsuit with Ensign-Bickford which has been finally resolved.

Ensign-Bickford Co.

In 1996, Mapleton discovered its well water was contaminated with nitrates and explosives from Ensign-Bickford. Mayor Maxfield, the city counsel and others spent hundreds of hours over many months negotiating with Ensign-Bickford for an agreement that would require Ensign-Bickford to clean the aquifer that serves our main well. At the same time, the State's Department of Environmental Quality, began administrative enforcement action for the damage caused to the drinking water supply. After many proposals were considered, Mapleton, Ensign-Bickford and the Division of Environmental Quality reached an agreement in 1998. That agreement required Ensign-Bickford to build a water treatment plant to filtered contaminants from our water, then installing a secondary irrigation pipe system to make the filtered water available for use in our secondary irrigation system.

In 2002, Mayor Allan and the city council were convinced that Ensign-Bickford continued to pollute our aquifer, air and soil. Experts were hired to conduct soil and air studies. Because of the results of those tests and based on information in documents obtained by the city, further

City Newsletter

March 2007 Edition

discussion were held with Ensign-Bickford. After the new negotiations were unsuccessful, Mayor Allan and the city counsel decided it was necessary to file a lawsuit to force the company to address the new pollution issues. After four years of litigation, gathering evidence, continued testing of the soils, air and water, expert testimony and discussions with Ensign-Bickford, the case was prepared to go to trial.

In October, November and December I was in negotiations with Ensign-Bickford's owner as the two sides tried to find a way to resolve issues raised in the lawsuit and our appeal. I was aware that the the state was negotiating with Ensign-Bickford to deposit more than \$9 million dollars into a fund to guarantee there would be enough money to operate the filtration system for many years into the future. I also knew the state was negotiating with Ensign-Bickford to deposit funds into a trust fund to restore, replace or acquire different water for the public.

City Calendar

Mar 6	7:00pm	City Council Meeting
Mar 20	7:00pm	City Council Meeting
Mar 22	7:00pm	Planning Commission 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.**

Mayor's Message Continued

In early December through our negotiations Ensign-Bickford and Mapleton City reached a final resolution to our dispute. Mapleton agreed not to appeal the court's dismissal of our case, Ensign-Bickford agreed to dismiss their claim for attorney's fees, and both agreed that Ensign-Bickford would support Mapleton's application to use up to \$2.58 million Ensign-Bickford would deposit in a trust fund to provide additional water resources to our city. At the present time, the city is considering improvements to our secondary irrigation system which will provide more water, and continuous water to a larger area of the city. We are also in the process of negotiating for the construction of a 4 million gallon water tank located on the south side of the city, high enough on the hill side that it will provide better water pressure and be an additional source of water when needed.

I believe the city benefited from filing the Ensign-Bickford lawsuit in 2002. Through the lawsuit, the city brought the attention of the state to continuing ground, air and water pollution. With the involvement of the state, contaminants in the soil and in buildings were removed. An agreement was reached which guarantees funds to operate the water filtration system for many years into the future, and funds will be made available to the city to replace or improve our water sources.

Mapleton spent approximately \$175,000 in attorney's fees and \$465,000 in engineer's and expert's fees, court costs and for testing the water, air and soil.

If you have any questions about these lawsuits, or of any other city matters, you are welcome to call me, or meet with me at your convenience.

Police Department

Rabies Vaccination and Licensing Clinic

Mapleton City will be holding a rabies vaccination and licensing clinic on Saturday March 31, 2008 from 10:00 am to noon. It will be located behind City Hall at 125 West 400 North in Mapleton. The cost for dog licensing is \$10.00 per year and you can license your dog for up to three years from when the rabies vaccination expires. We will offer the following vaccines:

Dogs

Rabies \$10.00

Da2PP (Distemper-Parvo) \$10.00

All dogs must be on a leash!

Cats:

Rabies \$ 10.00

FVRCP (Feline Distemper-Panleukopenia) \$10.00

FeLV (Feline Leukemia) \$10.00

For the safety of the cat and its owner all cats are required to be transported to the rabies clinic in an animal carrier or a small crate.

Scouting for Food Drive

Saturday, March 24th is the annual Scouting for Food Drive! Boys 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 Community Action Services and Food Bank. Leave the bags on your porch Saturday morning for boy scouts to pick up.

This year is Community Action Services and Food Bank's 40th anniversary. The food bank is a partner of Utah National Parks Council for the Scouting for Food Drive. It is also the official food bank for Utah County, Summit County and Wasatch County. Community Action's Provo Food Pantry serves approximately 1,100 local families each month. It takes approximately 65 canned food or dry good items to feed a family of four for one week.

Thanks for your continued support in the Scouting for Food Drive. If you have any questions about donations, call Community Action's food bank director, Jim Thomas, at 373-8200 ext. 216.

Shade Tree Committee By Orpha Dee Johnson

Rose Bud Tree

It often has a flat topped rounded crown with ascending branches prized for its flowers, purple in bud and open to rosy pink in April. Drought tolerant, but needs some summer watering. Height 25' width 25'.

Liter

Carla Hjorth, Gayle Gammell, and Faye Quarnberg are adopting roadside "Heart's Park" Highway 89. They are really excited about caring for the area, and look forward to keeping the plantings in good condition throughout the growing season. THANK YOU FOR THIS. There are other areas needing attention. If you can spare some time to give a little attention around the City call 489-5725 for an assignment.

If you take daily walks think about carrying a plastic bag to pick up some liter along the way. It is surprising how little effort it takes to keep our walks and streets liter free.

***WATCH FOR MORE INFORMATION TO
COME REGARDING THE ARBOR DAY
CELEBRATION IN MAY.***

Recreation

2007 Boys Baseball and Girls Softball Registrations

Registration for Mapleton City Baseball and Softball Leagues will be held Wednesday, March 21st & Thursday, March 22nd From 5:30 - 7:30 PM at the new Mapleton Community Center (located at 125 West Community Center Way (400 North).

Registration Fees are as follows: (Includes Shirt & Hat)

- **T-Ball** (For Boys & Girls Ages 4 - 6) \$30.00
- **Boys Baseball** Coach Pitch (1st & 2nd grade)\$30.00
Mustang (3rd & 4th grade) \$45.00
Pinto (5th & 6th grade) \$45.00
- **Girls Softball**
Coach Pitch (1st & 2nd grade) \$ 30.00
Falcon (3rd & 4th grade) \$ 45.00
Filly (5th & 6th grade) \$ 45.00
- **VIP Adaptive T-Ball & Coach Pitch League**\$ 15.00
(For Any Special Needs Kindergarten - High School)

A \$ 5.00 Late Sign-up Fee will be charged after March 22nd & a \$ 10.00 Late Sign-up Fee will be charged after March 31st.

ATTENTION 7th & 8th Grade Youth

Possible Pony Baseball League & Fox Softball League

We have been invited to participate in a Pony League & Fox League with Salem & Santaquin--Games would be held in Mapleton, Salem, & possibly Santaquin. We are trying to determine the feasibility of starting this league. We need to know ASAP how many participants we would have for Mapleton Pony Teams and Fox Teams. Please call our office and leave your name, grade, and phone number if you are interested in playing (806-9114). Those wanting more information about registration can contact the Recreation Office at 806-9114

VIP Special Needs T-Ball & Coach Pitch

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 six years ago and continues to grow each year. Just last season (2006) the program had over 40 participants (8 teams) and over 50 volunteers ("VIP Buddies", directors, and coaches).

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. During the 2004 & 2005 season a young girl from Moab made the weekly drive 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 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.

Registration for this program will be held Tuesday, March 21st & Wednesday, March 22nd at the New Mapleton City Community Center (located at 125 West 400 North, Mapleton) from 5:30 - 7:30 PM each night. Games begin around the middle of May and run through the month of June. For more information or any questions about the VIP program please contact Stacey Child at 489-7752. If you are interested in becoming a "VIP Buddy," please sign-up the night of registrations.

Senior Citizens

Computer Class

The Senior Citizens will be starting computer instruction classes the end of February or the beginning of March. Contact Sallie Korman 489-8593 if you are interested in either training to instruct others on the computer OR want to be instructed in computer skills. Once we have people trained, we will be offering appointments to others seniors on a one-to-one basis. We will be using the computers in the library.

Painting

There is Group Paining held on Monday's from 1pm-4pm at the Mapleton Community Center. Contact Joan Bateman for more details at 489-7753.

Tai Chi Class

Tai Chi Classes are provided by Dr. John Garrett every Wednesday from 8:30am-9:30am at the Mapleton Community Center.

Potluck Luncheon

There is a Senior Citizen Potluck Luncheon on the 2nd Thursday of each month at the Mapleton Community Center. Contact Leah Gifford at 853-8022 for more details.

Quilting

There is a quilting group that meets on Monday's from 1pm-3pm at the Mapleton Community Center. Contact Sadie Young at 404-2534 for more details.

Exercise Room

The exercise room is open from 8:30am-11am and 3pm-5:30pm Monday thru Friday, and Saturday 10am-12pm.

Utility Bills

Attention Mapleton Residents

We have been in our new Mapleton City Community Center for over a year now...but we still are having mail sent to the old office on Maple Street. The post office will no longer forward our mail. Please check bill pay, or any other correspondence that you send to the city, and address to Mapleton City, 125 West 400 North, Mapleton, Utah 84664



The Afton & Alice Waters Home
 166 North 300 West
 Mapleton, Utah

Information below provided by Carrol Waters (Son) -

If my poor memory serves me right, my old home in Mapleton was adobe lined frame home like many of the early homes. The first family that lived in it was named Sowerwino –first name I don’t recall. I think it was built by a “Johnson”, but I’m not sure. It must have been built before the first schoolhouse which was built in 1877, for the schoolhouse was built on that property. Now if you need a little early history, the old City Office is where the middle School was. I think it had a dance floor where my mother chorded on the organ while David Dibble fiddled. Some dances took place too. Those were very good times! North school was located on the corner of 1600 North and 300 West, and the south school where Sylvester Allen lives. Sam Fullmer had a small grocery store on the west side of the schoolhouse.

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

The Mapleton City Newsletter can be viewed at our website up to three days prior to receiving it in the mail with your Utility Bill at www.mapleton.org.

Historic Waters Home Continued

The Vance Gividen garage was the first opera house where I sang my first solo at age six. Eva Bird, Roswell Bird’s wife, started a Mother’s Club where they gathered Sunday eggs as a nucleus for the Amusement Hall. A little house that was east of the garage was a Post Office tended by Sarah Matson. No culinary then, and my grandmother lived by the ditch of water north of the Post Office.

Information below provided by Lynn Houtz -

Austin and Martha Houtz bought the Waters’ home in about 1955 or 1956. It did not have water in it or a furnace. They remodeled it and added onto the kitchen area, making it about twice the original size. Water was brought in and a bathroom put in. They hand-dug and excavated under part of the house and put in a furnace and room under the kitchen.

After dad died, mother lived there until she died. I bought the home from the family estate. My oldest daughter and her husband (Corey and Charlene Duncan) lived there for several years. They build a home in Salem and when they moved my next oldest daughter and husband (Dixon and Bonnie Bringhurst) moved in. Shortly after that I sold the house to them. They lived there until they build a new home in Springville in 1987. They then sold the home to Kenneth Glazier at that time, and he still owns it to this day.

Information provided from the “Early Houses in Mapleton” book