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## Mayor's Message

It's hard to believe it's March already. Spring is always welcome, but particularly so this year, after what's turned out to be a tough winter for so many. These warm and sunny days inspire us to hope the darkest days of the downturn are behind us. We can also hope the emerging spring flowers and tree buds will inspire confidence and optimism throughout the state and nation, and be taken as a sign of better times to come.

One bright spot in recent days has been the return of one of our own from military service overseas. Officer Derek Wolfgramm was welcomed home from Kuwait with lights and sirens in February and is back at work with our police department.

It appears we've gotten through the winter driving season without any serious weather-related accidents here in the city. We appreciate your extra caution this year as we were forced by circumstances to cut back dramatically on the amount of salt we could spread on the streets. Our crews did a terrific job of keeping the roads as clear as possible in spite of heavy storms and a fairly strict "no overtime" policy. We appreciate them and their hard work very much.

I've been asked by several residents if the city will be seeking another property tax increase this year. As you know, we are still in the throes of an unprecedented downturn in revenue and the worst economic conditions in many decades. However, through foresight and by continued scrimping and making tough choices, I believe we will be able to finish this fiscal year successfully without a deficit. And I believe that if we continue our frugal, bare-necessities spending, we should be able to avoid a further tax increase for the upcoming fiscal year.

I met recently with a group of mayors from area cities who were discussing their various financial circumstances. I was doubly grateful that here in Mapleton there was the foresight last spring to take steps to avert a crisis, rather than be taken by surprise when it was too late to prepare. Some of our neighbors, and indeed, cities all over the country, are now facing extreme difficulties we were able to avoid. Our lessons of the past year will serve us well as we prepare for the coming fiscal year. Even if it means cutting back further than we already have, I will be instructing city departments that I will not accept any budget requests that necessitate a new tax increase in 2009.

Last fall, the city council postponed for six months a decision on installing pressurized irrigation citywide. The six months is up, and it's time now to make a decision on that project. We have just today learned some of the funding we obtained for that project is in jeopardy and may disappear if we do not move forward now.

This will be an expensive project, no doubt about that. It will mean higher water rates. I don't want to mislead anyone on that point. Regardless of how much state or federal funding help we get, we will still have to pay around half to two thirds of the total cost.

While the project itself is expensive, it is also critical and necessary. It will create jobs for some of our residents and will thereby pump some badly needed dollars back into the economy.

# City Newsletter

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The reality is, we may at some time (soon) have to proceed with this project, ready or not.

One large factor to keep in mind is that other cities are finding construction costs for city projects are down around 60% over bids from a year ago. This could mean a windfall of sorts for us if we do go ahead this year. If we are only able to save a quarter of the projected cost, that is still significant in a \$20 million dollar project. We might wish we hadn't passed up the chance to get the project done for substantially less. Or, we might decide the cost is still too much to bear.

It will be up to the city council to decide if we proceed now and take advantage of the lower cost and funding already secured, or if we should put the project on hold indefinitely. It would be helpful for residents to watch the city council agenda announcements so that you can make your voices heard during the decision making process that is to come.

I appreciate those of you who have communicated with us regarding our proposed public safety building. I hope you'll continue to contact us as you have further thoughts or want to make a contribution to that effort or some other city project. In spite of the optimism we all feel with the coming of spring, we have further tough times ahead. It's time for everyone to make their voices heard, and time for all of us to come together to accomplish what needs to be done.

## City Calendar

Mar 4	7:00pm	City Council Meeting
Mar 9	9:00am	Trails Sub-Committee Meeting
Mar 12	11:30am	Senior Citizen Potluck Luncheon
Mar 12	6:30pm	Planning Commission Meeting
Mar 18	7:00pm	City Council Meeting
Mar 19	4:30pm	Library Committee Meeting
Mar 19	6:00pm	Transportation Committee Meeting
Mar 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](http://www.mapleton.org).**

## Maple Mountain SUP

The Sons of Utah Pioneers dinner will feature Clyde Bradford, a Nauvoo-Winter Quarters covered wagon driver sharing his stories and slides of the trip. This SUP catered dinner event will take place on Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. Feel free to bring a friend. The location and price is yet to be announced. Please RSVP Jan Wynn at (801) 489-9209 or contact Ron Davison at (801) 491-0399 for further information.

## Mapleton Chorale

### Provo High School Masterworks Concert

The Mapleton Chorale will join three outstanding Provo High School choirs to present a special Masterworks concert in the historic Provo Tabernacle on March 25<sup>th</sup>. 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 a 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 Provo High School Masterworks Concert will take place on Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm at the Provo Tabernacle, located on the corner of 200 South and University Avenue in Provo. Ticket prices are \$3.00 for adults, \$2.00 for seniors and students, and \$15.00 for families.

## Annual Scouting for Food

Utah's Boy Scouts will continue their tradition of service on March 28<sup>th</sup>, as they collect food for their local food banks. They will deliver bags the week before and will pick up food that morning as early as 8am. The food collected in Utah, Summit and Wasatch Counties will go to the Community Action Food Bank and will serve people who live in these counties – your neighbors. Right now, over 2,000 families a month are seeking assistance from the agency. If you are able to give, please join with our scouts to make a big difference for a family. Find out more at [www.foodbanksofutah.org](http://www.foodbanksofutah.org).

## Utah County's Upcoming Events

### Diabetes Health Screening & Awareness Event

On March 13, 2009 from 9am-12pm the Utah County Health Department will be presenting their 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Diabetes Health Screening and Awareness Event. Come to this FREE event to learn how to better manage diabetes! Community partners will be available to answer questions on many topics such as nutrition, physical activity, foot care, family medical history and many many more! For more information please call (801) 851-2222.

### Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day

Utah County residents with household hazardous waste items such as old gasoline, paint, and fluorescent light bulbs will be offered to dispose of these items safely at a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day on Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> from 9am-3pm. The collection will take place in the Novell Parking Lot in Provo – residents can enter from 1860 South. For details, please visit [www.utahcountyhealth.org/HHW](http://www.utahcountyhealth.org/HHW) or call (801) 225-8538 (north) or (801) 489-3027 (south).

## Public Works

### Water Update

Spring is just around the corner and it is important to start preparing now for outdoor water use. A good local help and resource for water conservation, weekly lawn watering guide, tips and tricks for saving water, landscaping ideas, customized water use tips, or to schedule a water check please see the links on the city website for water conservation or go to [www.slowtheflow.com](http://www.slowtheflow.com) or [www.conservewater.utah.gov](http://www.conservewater.utah.gov). It is important that we all do our part to conserve our most precious resource.

### Pressurized Irrigation

Pressurized irrigation will be turned on in April, with more information in next month's newsletter regarding the exact date. We are currently working on connections to our P.I. system so that we will have improved flows and better pressure this year, but are still asking that those hooked on the system to adhere to voluntary watering schedules again this year, and plan accordingly. Please watch for the watering schedule to be published next month.

### Culinary Water

We have a couple of things happening this spring and early summer that will help our culinary system to have much improved pressure and flow. We anticipate that the upgrade will be completed to the Westwood Well in the next couple of weeks and our new Crowd Canyon Well will be coming online early this summer, both of which will make a difference in areas that we have had problems with pressure in previous summer months.

If you have any questions regarding water, or pressurized irrigation, please contact Public Works at (801) 489-6253. Our hours are 7am-4:30pm Monday thru Friday.

## Public Safety

### Clean out the Cabinet

April is "Clean out the Cabinet Month". This is a time when you should take all your old prescription medications out of the cabinet and dispose of them.

The best way to dispose of your prescriptions is to bring them to the Mapleton Police Department anytime Monday thru Friday from 8am-5pm. We will have a white steel box with plastic bags on top to put your prescriptions into in the lobby of the Police Department. You will then place the sealed bag inside the secure box to be disposed of by the Mapleton City Police Department. You will not have to put your name on the sealed bag. The box will be emptied throughout the day so no medications will be left in the box overnight. This is the best way to get rid of your old medications without harming the sewer system by flushing them down the toilet. For more information on the "Clean out the Cabinet" campaign, you can go to their website at [www.cleanoutthecabinet.org](http://www.cleanoutthecabinet.org).

### Watch for Pedestrians

The warmer weather we are experiencing is bringing out more adults and children walking and playing outside. Please slow down while driving and watch for joggers and walkers in the morning and evenings, and the children playing by the road way.

## Recreation

Online registration for most programs is available at [mapleton.org/parksandrecreation.html](http://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.

### LaCrosse \*\*NEW\*\*

All 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders, come and play the oldest team sport in North America! Games will be played on Saturdays starting the end of May, and will be played throughout Utah Valley. The \$60 registration fee includes a team jersey, rental equipment, six league games, and FUN! Each participant is required to purchase their own stick and mouth guard. Register online or at the Mapleton Recreation Office through March 31<sup>st</sup>.

### Colt Baseball and Phoenix Softball Leagues \*\*NEW\*\*

New Colt Baseball league for boys in 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades and Phoenix Softball leagues for girls in 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades to be played throughout South Utah Valley. See chart below for fees. Registration will be held Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> from 6pm-8pm at the Mapleton Recreation Office, or online beginning March 16<sup>th</sup>.

#### Baseball & Softball

Baseball and softball registration will be held on Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> from 6pm-8pm at the Mapleton Recreation Office, or online beginning March 16<sup>th</sup>. A late fee of \$10 will be charged after Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup>.

- T-Ball (ages 4-6) Boys & Girls \$35.00

#### Boys Baseball

- Coach Pitch (1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade) \$35.00
- Mustang (3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Grade) \$45.00
- Pinto (5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade) \$45.00
- Pony (7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade) \$55.00
- \*\*New\*\* Colt (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade) \$65.00

#### Girls Softball

- Coach Pitch (1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade) \$35.00
- Falcon (3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Grade) \$45.00
- Filly (5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade) \$45.00
- Fox (7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> Grade) \$50.00
- \*\*New\*\* Phoenix (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade) \$60.00

Fees are subject to change.

### Special Needs Adaptive T-Ball & Coach Pitch

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

### Gardening Made Simple

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 Tuesdays, 7:30pm-8:30pm at the Mapleton Community Center, every other week at the greenhouse, starting February 10<sup>th</sup> thru April 28<sup>th</sup>. Cost is only \$5 per class, or \$15 per month. For a detail of the class schedule, or to register, contact the Recreation office in person or online.

## Recreation Continued

### 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 online or at the Recreation Office. For more information, please call Heidi at (801) 318-0884. Musical Beginnings, ages 4-7 will be held on Thursdays from 4pm-4:30pm – fee is \$25 per month. Mapleton Children's Choir, ages 7-12 will be held on Thursdays from 4:30pm-5:30pm – fee is \$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 years and older (ages 12-16 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 on March 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup> and April 7<sup>th</sup> from 6pm-9pm each Tuesday. Register at the Mapleton Recreation Office or online. 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 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. Classes will be taught by BYU ballroom dance students beginning in February at Mapleton's Memorial Hall (90 East Maple Street). For more information email us at [utahvalleygroove@yahoo.com](mailto:utahvalleygroove@yahoo.com) or call (801) 423-2287.

### Yoga

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 6:00am at the Mapleton Community Center. Register online, at the Recreation Office or at the Class. The fee is \$20 per month. Saturday morning Yoga class is from 8am-9am, which may be added for an additional \$5 a month (or \$10 for Saturday class only).

### Spring into Fitness

Get ready to spring into fitness - Mapleton's Annual Fitness Program "Mapleton has Sole" will begin soon.

## Women's Safety Workshop

Mapleton City in cooperation with RAD for women instructor, Dean Larsen, is offering a free Women's Safety Workshop on Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup> from 5pm-7pm at the Mapleton Community Center Building (125 West 400 North). Learn risk-reducing strategies for women of all ages (12 years and older) at a sit-down presentation (physical skills will not be taught at this workshop). Dean Larsen is a Regional Director and instructor for a national children's safety program, a women's safety program instructor, and law enforcement trainer across the country. The clinic is free, however please call the Mapleton City Recreation Office at (801) 806-9114 to reserve your seat.

## Senior Citizens

### Exercise Room

The hours for the exercise room have extended on Wednesday afternoons from 2pm-8pm.

### Humanitarian Yard Sale

Our Senior Humanitarian Yard Sale will be held on Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, with items being donated by Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>. The Multi-Purpose room will be the setting for this special event.



### Blood sugar/pressure Clinic – Potluck Luncheon

There will be a blood sugar/blood pressure Clinic on Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009, provided by 1<sup>st</sup> Choice at 10:30am, followed by the Senior Citizen Potluck Luncheon.

### Tai Chi

Thanks so much to Doctors John and Janet Garret for their dedication in instructing the seniors with Tai Chi each Wednesday morning from 8:30am-9:30am at the Mapleton Community Center. Have a Happy St. Patrick's Day!

## 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](http://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. The sponsorship deadline has been extended to March 6<sup>th</sup>.

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 10<sup>th</sup> (see Recreation section for more information).

More information is available at the City Office or at [mapleton.org/parksandrecreation.html](http://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