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City Newsletter

November 2005 Edition

Mayor's Message

Ensign Bickford

The announced closure of the Ensign Bickford explosive plant's operations early next year is a welcome decision for Mapleton City. Discussions at the State Department of Environmental Quality have been held and assurances given that this company will continue to deal with the decontamination of soil at the Trojan Plant--notwithstanding the closing of their operations proposed for February 2006. In the meantime the City will continue to proceed with the litigation against this company to insure the City is adequately compensated for contamination of the water supply.

Central Utah Project

You may have noted in recent weeks that surveyors have been undertaking preliminary work along the canal in the southern area of Mapleton. These preliminary works are associated with the Central Utah Project which is being undertaken in conjunction with the Department of Interior for the provision of a 48" pressurized secondary water line from the Strawberry Canal. As soon as the major water line from Diamond Fork to the mouth of Spanish Fork Canyon is completed a new water line will be installed in our canal. This will enable the City to provide pressurized secondary water to all residents throughout Mapleton including those homes located above the canal. In conjunction with this project the City has signed an agreement whereby the Department of Interior will pay for 65% of the installation of a secondary system. The Central Utah Project will help us with the remaining 35% costs. Of course this will greatly diminish the volume of culinary water currently being used for watering yards to help with water conservation.

Community Center Project

Work is proceeding on schedule following the extension of 400 North between Main Street and 300 West and the surfacing of the parking lot areas of the New City Hall. The contractors will now concentrate on the final finishings to the interior of the building scheduled for completion before the end of this year. I am pleased to report that the Lt. Governor, Gary Herbert, has kindly agreed to officiate at the official opening. Further details of this event will appear in the December newsletter. I would like to place on record my profound appreciation to our citizens for their generous donations to the library which continue to be received and have now exceeded \$200,000.00 in cash and in-kind donations which will enable the City to complete the first phase of the new Library facility. We'd like to thank all the contractors who donated time, money and materials.

Economic Development

At the last meeting of the City Council, approval was given for the sale of approximately 3 ½ acres of City land located north of the new City Hall. The developer is proposing to establish a commercial center.

Proposed New Public Safety Building Fire/Ambulance

Discussions are continuing with the Citizens Advisory Group as to the size and location of the proposed new facility to house the ambulance and fire services. Currently the committee is identifying the size and scale of the amenities to be incorporated in this much needed public safety facility. It is hoped that by early next year a brief will have been finalized enabling bids to be sought for architectural services required for the design of the building. I anticipate by the end of next summer the City will be staging an open house to facilitate public comment on the proposals.

General Municipal Election- November 8th

I would like to encourage every eligible resident of Mapleton to take the opportunity on November 8th to exercise their right to vote in support of their preferred candidates. The location of the voting precincts has been well publicized in the local press and draft ballots will also be publicized shortly.

City Calendar

Oct 27	6:30 pm	Meet the Candidates Night
Nov 8		ELECTIONS
Nov 9	7:00 pm	City Council Meeting
Nov 10	7:00 pm	Planning Commission Meeting
Nov 11		City Offices Closed
Nov 16	7:00 pm	City Council Meeting
Nov 17	7:00 pm	Planning Commission Meeting
Nov 28	6:00-8:00pm	Boys Basketball Sign-ups
November Museum Tours call: 489-6714, 491-6676, or 489-7786		

Meetings are held at the City Hall, 35 East Maple Street, unless otherwise indicated. For more information about City Meetings contact 489-5655. **Agendas, minutes and the newsletter are available on the City website at www.mapleton.org.**

Public Safety



New Police Markings

As many of you have already noticed, the Mapleton Police have recently changed the markings on all the police cars. This was done to better distinguish the police cars from other city owned non-police vehicles. So far everyone that has not been pulled over has approved of the change. In fact the police have been asked several times if they replaced all the old vehicles with new ones. The police just wanted everyone to be aware of the change and if anyone has questions or comments they can contact the police at 491-8048.

Planning & Zoning

About the Critical Environment (CE-1) Zone

We have recently received some inquiries, mainly from the local press, about the CE-1 Zone in Mapleton.

There are many misconceptions about the CE-1 that still exist. We hope to dispel those misconceptions. One of the more common misconceptions is that the CE-1 zone does not allow development. This is not true. Land owners in the CE-1 Zone can develop their land in accordance with the CE-1 ordinance requirements. The CE-1 Zone allows one home per three acres for land with a slope of less than 30% and one home per 20 acres over 30% slope. The CE-1 Zone encompasses about 10% of the private property in Mapleton, compared to the A2 (one home per two acres) which encompasses about 60% of the private property in Mapleton. Most of the property in the CE-1 Zone is actually within the Forest Service boundaries.

The CE-1 Zone does require that the developer provide more information than would a standard development elsewhere in the City. The required information includes detailed geological and geotechnical reports, slope stability analysis, debris flow analysis, fault line and "tracer fault" analysis, etc. Most of the development regulations in the CE-1 Zone are related to public safety issues. Some regulations are for aesthetics.

Another misconception about the CE-1 Zone is that it's a recently created ordinance. Actually, the CE-1 Zone has been in place since 1980. The current boundaries of the CE-1 Zone were also in effect since that time as well, although some minor alterations have been made to ensure the zone boundary line better follows the "toe" area of the mountainside. The ordinance was amended in the late 90's.

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Those revisions were actually done with help from one of the State's most knowledgeable land-use Attorney's, Mr. Jody Burnett. Other changes to the CE-1 Zone were made in 2003, although those changes were not as extensive as the late 90's update.

The third most common misconception about the CE-1 Zone is that the zone is exclusive to just Mapleton City. The fact is that other Utah Communities have a similar CE-1 Zone, including unincorporated land within Utah County. Utah County's Critical Environment Zone is much stricter than Mapleton's, allowing only one home per 50 acres. In fact, land adjacent to Mapleton's corporate boundaries, located in Utah County has the CE zone designation. For more information on Mapleton's CE-1 Zone or other City Codes, go to our website at www.mapleton.org and click on the City Code link, then scroll to Section 18.30.

Street Lights

Utah Power and Light would like to apologize for the delay of its installation of Street lights in Mapleton. Because of the larger projects occurring in Mona (new substation) and elsewhere, the UP&L Staff has been stretched thin. UP&L anticipates installing the lights starting this fall and into the winter months. You can take a sneak peek of the new Mapleton City lighting by visiting the link at the bottom of this article. We will be using the GranVille lighting theme. These street lights will be used in newer subdivisions currently without street lights that were recorded within the last three years. Lights will be strategically placed at intersections and mid-block areas. We have also identified critical intersections in town that are currently without street lights, and anticipate installing new lighting in those areas as well. Mapleton's Street lighting standards focus on both public safety and aesthetics. It is our goal to minimize "light pollution" and the illumination of the night sky. Street lights are paid for by collecting a street lighting fee from new developments. They are not paid for by the use of property taxes or monthly fees.

Also, you can report a burned out street light by going directly to the UP&L Website which is listed at the end of this article. It takes seconds to complete the form. A link will also be provided on the Mapleton Website (under links) at www.mapleton.org.

<http://www.mypoweroptions.com/lightsout/>

Library

Now that the weather is turning colder and snow has dusted the tops of our mountains, we hope that many Mapleton Citizens can curl up with a good book, a cup of hot chocolate, a soft blanket and continue to enjoy reading. We can forget about the yard work and all those summer activities for a few months. Visit the Library to find books for all ages.

We are looking forward to moving the Library collection, Family Literacy Center, and the Parent Resource Center into the new Mapleton City Center sometime in December. We will need volunteers to help us pack boxes and transport all of this a short distance to the new facility. If you can help at all please call the Bookmobile Library (489-4833) and give us your name and phone number. We will then call you to schedule a time to help. Volunteers should be age 16 or older. We could also use trucks and trailers with drivers to help in the transfer.

The Bookmobile Library purchased a Christmas tree last year but has only a few decorations for it. We are asking families who use the Library to donate an ornament, and drop it off at the Library, by December 1st. We are requesting ornaments that feature snowflakes and snowmen. Thank you to all who volunteer at the Library and who are always willing to help!

Utah Transit Authority

New Express Service for South Utah County

Starting 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
Planning & Zoning:	489-6138	Dispatch Police,	
Building Inspection:	489-5655	Fire, Ambulance:	851-4100
Court:	489-7445	Non-emergency:	491-8048
Recreation:	489-7752	Newsletter:	489-6138

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



**The Joseph and Belva
Martin – Jim and Ida
Whiting Home**
425 North Main Street
Mapleton, Utah

This house is much the same in appearance as when Joseph Morton built it. Fruit trees were planted and also shade trees, including Cedar Pines which have grown very large and are still standing. On the north half acre of their lot, Joseph and Belva raised raspberries for sale. During the depression time the house was rented to two families, each having two rooms. The renters were Burton and LaRie Dibble Warren and Les and Mable Warren Hansen.

After Jim and Ida bought the house their son, Max, made the home more convenient for them by putting in a bathroom and building a clothes closet. Jim had a nice chicken coop in which he raised chickens to sell to the poultry plant. At some time a garage was built behind the house. On the south side of the house there remains a beautiful rose garden.

Jim and Ida were happy here and proved to be very good neighbors. The home was improved by covering it with beautiful gray siding and adding white shutters. It has since been replaced by a Dental Office, but will always be remembered.

Interview with Max Whiting
By Juanita Jones and Camp Union DUP



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