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Mayor's Message

I recently met with neighbors in Mapleton who expressed concerns about our city's pressurized irrigation system. I was surprised by their misunderstandings about the system. The more I thought about it though, I realized that many have moved to Mapleton since the system was created and might not know how it was created. I also realized that perhaps the city's leaders have not made an effort to inform those who lived here at the time how and why the system exists and operates the way it does. I would like to give a brief explanation so we all understand our system better.

Mapleton City did not pay for, nor install, the secondary water system. The system was installed by and is still owned by Ensign Bickford. When it was discovered that Ensign Bickford's chemicals polluted the aquifer under Mapleton, the state's Department of Water Quality required Ensign Bickford to develop a plan to remove their chemicals from the aquifer. The state accepted Ensign Bickford's plan to pump water from the aquifer constantly (24 hours a day, 365 days a year), filter the chemicals out, and then deliver the water into Hobble Creek on the north side of the city. Under this plan, Ensign Bickford was granted control over the city's polluted No. 1 well, next to the city park. This plan pumps about 2.16 million gallons each day from the aquifer into the river.

When the plan was presented to the state and the city, Mayor Maxfield did not agree that the water should leave Mapleton without an opportunity for it to be used by its citizens. Mayor Maxfield and Mayor Peterson negotiated for Ensign Bickford to design and install our pressurized irrigation system to allow some use of the water as an alternate to sending all of it to Utah Lake. The system had to be located north of the City Park as that was the direction the city's water had to flow. In deciding between the east and west sides of town and after seeing the growth on the west side, it was recommended and the council approved the system to be built in the North West quadrant. Ensign Bickford agreed and installed the underground pipe system which we now use, but which Ensign Bickford controls.

City Newsletter

November 2006 Edition

Mapleton has long term plans for a city wide system. New subdivisions are required to install pipes that are designed for use in the future system. Besides supplying less expensive water to the citizens, we are under State mandates that we use less and less culinary water. The State encourages water conservation, and penalizes increases in culinary water use.

To complete our project city wide, the city needs more irrigation water, pipes and other components. We are working with the Federal Government through the Central Utah Water Project, and the Strawberry Project, and the Mapleton Irrigation Company to obtain and deliver more irrigation water to the city. It will take time, and cost money, but our goal is to make the pressurized system available throughout the city in the near future. Some funds may be made available to us through state and federal funding programs. Another federal and state program will place a high pressure line in the High Line Canal on the east side of our city. It is expected to be installed in the next five to ten years.

We are fortunate that prior administrations saw the value and importance of beginning a pressurized irrigation system when they did. It provides irrigation water at a low cost to some of our citizens. Even though it could not initially serve the entire city, having the initial infrastructure installed at no cost, allows the city to plan and build for its expansion in the near future. It is a major factor in our city's ability to comply with the state's water conservation mandates. I will keep you informed of the progress the city is able to make, and I welcome any questions, or concerns you wish to discuss with me.

City Calendar

Nov 7	7:00pm	City Council Meeting
Nov 10		City Offices Closed – Veteran's Day
Nov 16	7:00pm	Planning Commission Meeting
Nov 21	7:00pm	City Council Meeting
Nov 23 & 24		City Offices Closed – Thanksgiving

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). City Council Meetings will now be 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.**

Police Department

Crosswalk Safety

Since school has started, we have noticed several vehicles driving through the crosswalk while the crossing guard is still in the crosswalk. This is dangerous, and is a violation of Utah Law and could result in a substantial fine. We would like to remind everyone that while the crossing guard is in the crosswalk you must stop until they have cleared the crosswalk entirely, even if you are going to make a right hand turn. This is for the protection of the crossing guard and your children.

Winter Parking

With winter almost upon us we need to make sure our vehicles, trailers, boats etc. are not parked on the roadway from Nov. 15 - March 15. The street sweeper needs to be able to access the gutters so they can make them free of debris such as tree leaves, and the snowplow drivers need to be able to plow snow without vehicles blocking their way. The police department we will be ticketing vehicles, etc. who are parked on the street.

Protecting Valuables

The Holiday Season is right around the corner and this is a heightened time for theft. Some helpful tips to keeping your belongings safe are to keep your doors and windows locked at all times. In addition, keep your vehicle locked even if it is parked right outside your home or in your driveway. Keep your garage door closed even during the day. Never leave valuables lying in plain view in your vehicle, lock them up in the trunk. If you are going on vacation you can call the Mapleton Police Department and request a "vacation check" of your home while you are gone.

Recreation

Boys Basketball Registrations

2006 Boys Basketball Registration will be held on Wednesday, November 29th from 6:00pm - 8:00pm at the Hubble Creek Elementary (located at 1145 East 1200 North, Mapleton).

Leagues & Registration Fees

Registration fee includes league play, a reversible jersey, membership in YBA (Youth Basketball Association), and an opportunity to participate in division shoot-out.

- 1st Grade & 2nd Grade Clinic Instructional/Skills \$ 30.00
- 3rd & 4th Grade \$ 35.00
- 5th & 6th Grade \$ 35.00
- 7th & 8th Grade (new for 2006) \$ 35.00

A \$10.00 Late Registration Fee Will Be charged

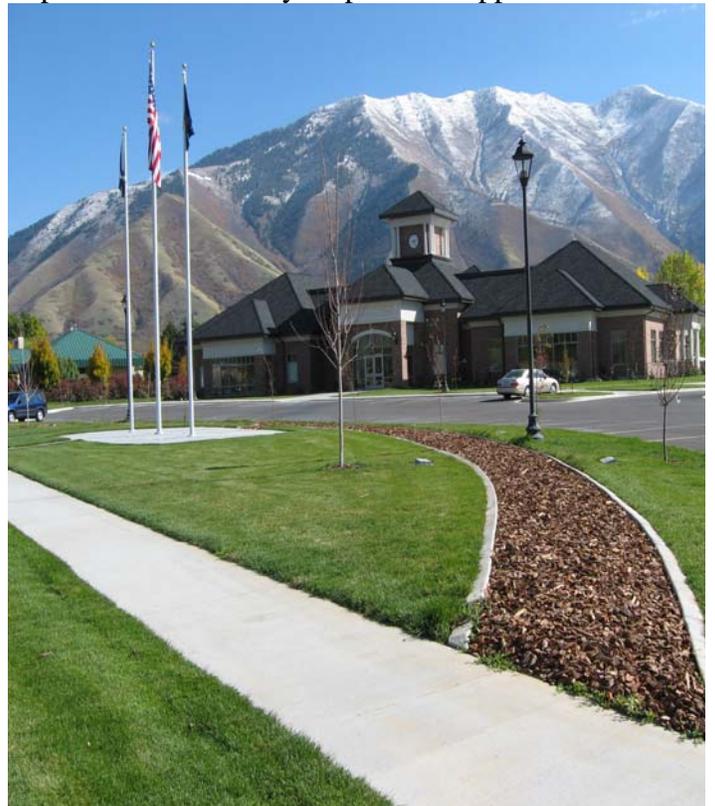
From the Shade Tree Committee

The Shade Tree Committee is pleased with the tree and shrubbery plantings in the new Community landscapes and around private property. Good chains and care of the planting is evident. A list is available at the City Offices of suitable plants which are fit for our climate and soil. Give them plenty of room to grow and mature, by being aware of the mature size of plants

We invite you to walk the half circle around the flag pole at the New City Building designated as "Freedom Plaza". A flowering crab tree has been planted near each marker denoting our remembrance and recognition of the Bill of Rights. The markers were donated by the Richard and Peggy Beesly Family residing at 200 North 1200 East. Bring your children for a walk and talk on the plaza. The markers are a reminder of our precious freedoms guaranteed by the United States Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

Last spring a Liberty Tree and a Freedom Tree (both maples) were planted. They will eventually grow to 30 feet high and display lovely spring and vibrant fall colors.

The John Riding Family Foundation presented a sizeable donation to the City in order to jump start plantings on the Eagle Rock Park located at 1300 East. Many thanks for their generous gift. Brian Allred and Neil Burt will be working with volunteers to plant the trees. Any help will be appreciated.



Community Development

Following the recent resignation of Mathew Evans, the City has made some staff changes to strengthen the department's capacity to accommodate the increased workload associated with growth the new large scale develops in Mapleton, particularly on the south side of town where two large subdivisions are in the advanced stage of the planning process. There are potentially over 850 new housing units to be phased over the next three years.

With the completion of the Harvest Park Development – 490 homes – in addition to these two new projects, and together with other subdivisions approved or currently under construction, the city's existing population is set to double from seven to fourteen thousand residents by 2009.

Karen McCandless has been appointed as the Planning and Zoning Director. She previously worked for Mapleton City and currently serves as a member of the Orem City Council.

Cory Branch has been appointed Deputy Planning Director. He previously worked for Provo City as a Planning Officer.

Sign Ordinance

This is just a reminder that the City does not allow real estate signs unless they are on the private property.

Senior Citizens Corner

Exercise Room

The exercise room is open for all Mapleton residents, 50 years old and older, Monday thru Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. We are still in need of volunteers to help supervise the exercise room – the exercise equipment can only be used when there is a trained volunteer present – so the more volunteers we have, the more hours the equipment can be open for use.



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Senior Citizens Corner Continued

Pool tables and ping pong

Mon. thru Fri., 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Ask at the City Center front desk for access to the room and for access to the equipment.



Art Classes

Contact Lori Beckstrand at (801) 489-9414 to participate in beginning or advanced art classes, at the Mapleton City Center. We have 10 free standing easels for art students to use.



Pot-luck Soup and Salad Luncheon

Friday, November 10th at 11:30 a.m.

The luncheon will be combined with a health information presentation, entertainment and after lunch games. Bring food to share - and games or cards, if you'd like to.

Quilting

Contact Sadie Young (489-4472) to participate in quilting at the Mapleton City center building.



Coming Soon

More luncheons, game time, computer classes, etc. Contact Dick Savage, (489-4180), president of the Mapleton Senior Committee, to volunteer to help or with questions about participation in activities.



Thanks - Food Bank

Community Action Food Bank would like to thank those who generously donate cash and food throughout the year. This year, the large community food drive (supported by many local churches) will be on Saturday, December 9th. As your regional food bank, we ask for your continued support through this Holiday Season. Community Action Food Bank serves 1,500 local families each month. The number of people served is expected to rise during this winter season. Donations of non-perishable food and hygiene items may be dropped off at Community Action Food Bank Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. at 815 S. Freedom Blvd., Provo. Call Jim Thomas, Food Bank Director, at (801) 373-8200 ext. 216 for more information.

Mapleton Ambulance

Mapleton ambulance recently changed leadership with John Crandall replacing Stephanie Olsen as director. Toby Thompson has assumed the assistant director position. Mapleton would like to publicly thank Stephanie for her tireless dedication to the citizens of the community. Stephanie's commitment has required a lot of her personal time, to make sure shifts were covered and the equipment was ready.

The ambulance has an ongoing need to recruit new members, particularly those who can be available for day shifts, during the week. The initial training to become certified as an EMT basic is usually the most demanding commitment. For example, the EMT-B course lasts 4 months with classes two nights a week with an occasional Saturday, usually two each month. If you are interested, you can contact John Crandall at (801) 367-5069. Mapleton City covers the expense for the training and requires a two year commitment after you are certified.

Several members of the community have asked about the availability of first aid kits. There is an organization in Spanish Fork, Safe Community USA that provides an excellent kit at a reasonable price. You can contact them at 801-794-0757 or online at www.safecommunityusa.com.

Contact Numbers

Mayor:	489-5655	Library:	489-4833
City Council:	489-5655	Public Works:	806-9188
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.

Tutoring



Help Children to Read

There is a tremendous need to help children learn to read in the schools. For just few hours a week, you can make a big difference in the life of a child who needs reading practice. Children especially like the comfort and security of a "grandpa" or a "grandma." Call Norman Smith (798-1609) or your school.



The Don Carlos Fullmer Home

1095 West 2000 North
Mapleton, Utah

Don Carlos and William Fullmer came to settle on Union Bench in 1875 and homestead on the North West edge of the bench. The following is recorded on the Abstract Records at the County Courthouse in Provo, Utah. The home that Don Carlos built in 1896-1897, was purchased by Isaac and Emma Elizabeth Brown, who had children, Guy, Berd, Lola, Jess, Clara and Glenn. Their daughter, Clara Spencer Nielsen remembers some things about the house. "When Isaac bought the farm, there were no lights or water in the house. Coal oil lamps were used. The house had a large parlor, kitchen, and two bedrooms. The acreage went back to the road behind. Mr. Brown added a bathroom, an electric pump to the well and electric lights. Isaac built a chicken coop. Clara remembers the fruit dried on the roof of the coop. They would have to climb up and turn it over many times. The Brown children went to the Jefferson school in Springville and the First Ward Church in Springville. Their mother would walk part way to school with them down the hill that is now 1600 West."

Information provided from the "Early Houses in Mapleton" book