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City Newsletter

November 2007 Edition

Mayor's Message

I am writing this today, October 18th. The outcome of the election is not known now, but by the time you read this, it might be. I want to publicly state my commitment to support whoever our citizens decide to be our next Mayor and City Council members. I appreciate and understand the time, energy, emotion and commitment our elected officials make. Our next Mayor and City Council will need all of our support. The best way for any of to make a difference is to make ourselves available to pitch in and help where needed. I hope our new leaders will find a way for me to serve the city in the future. I encourage anyone who has a few hours a week or a few hours a month, to let your Mayor and City Council know of your desire to help out. We need volunteers right now on our ambulance crews, in our recreation programs, and on our Planning Commission. Right now, I am looking for two or three additional volunteers to be part of our Planning Commission. Planning Commissioners review zone changes, ordinances, proposals for development, and determine if permits should issue. They help design the future of our community. Many of you have expressed your opinions about these types of issues. Now is an opportunity to do something that will have a direct effect. Call me if you are interested and available, or even if you are just curious about serving in any of these capacities.

For the past many years, 25 at least, our city has benefited from the quiet, behind the scenes work of Bob Gunnell. Bob has served Mapleton as our part-time city engineer. He was a partner of Rollins, Brown & Gunnell, a Provo engineering company, and has worked with Mapleton on nearly every project. He was there when the city installed our sewer system. He was there when the pressurized irrigation system was installed. He was there for the major street, water, sewer and traffic designs of our city. He has evaluated, reviewed and testified in court trials as an expert for our city. Through thick and thin, he has made himself available to us and has served our needs. I am unable to sufficiently express my appreciation for all he has done for Mapleton, but I do need to say thank you. As our city has grown, the City Council and I have realized that we now need a full time City Engineer. Unfortunately Bob is not able to be that.

I expect Bob will still be very involved and helpful as he continues to provide information, history, and guidance to the city during our transition. I have asked him to continue working with us on several of our current projects, especially building the irrigation pond and the Crowd Canyon well and water tank. Bob, we appreciate you and your many years of hard work that we all benefit from daily.

As Bob is leaving, we are preparing to welcome in our new City Engineer, Gary Calder. Many of you know Gary, or other members of his family. The Calder's live on 1200 North, between Main and 300 West. Gary is a certified engineer, with years of experience working for Provo City. We look forward to having him join us in December. His office will be in the main administration building next to our planning department. Bob's shoes may be hard to fill, but I am confident Gary is the man who can do it.

If any of you have questions for me, feel free to call me at home 489-7516, or email me at: mayor@mapleton.com.

City Calendar

Nov. 6	7am-8pm	Elections – Community Center
Nov. 7	7:00pm	City Council Meeting
Nov. 8	11:30am	Senior Citizen Potluck Luncheon
Nov. 8	6:30pm	Planning Commission Meeting
Nov. 12		City Offices Closed – Veteran's Day
Nov. 22&23		City Offices Closed – Thanksgiving Day
Nov. 28	7:00pm	City Council 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 Wednesday 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.**

Emergency Preparedness

Are you ready for a pandemic?

Many experts have warned us of a possible pandemic, which is a widespread, almost universal, sickness from infection. We have been urged to prepare for natural and man-made disasters. One good reason for our focus on preparedness is a future pandemic.

In a worldwide culture in which we travel so freely and so far, and population centers are growing so large, there is a real possibility of a sickness causing major disruption to our lives. There are many examples from the past of influenza epidemics taking millions of lives and causing economic and societal disruption. Although our understanding of diseases, and their causes and cures, is better than ever before, our scientists and technicians cannot always provide vaccines or cures soon enough to prevent a major outbreak.

We have been repeatedly cautioned about "bird flu," in which an avian influenza could mutate into a virus that could pass from human to human, and sicken millions of people before a vaccine could be developed.

The problem with a new germ is not just that a lot of people get sick and die. The problem is the "incubation period." Many people get infected and are contagious before they have any symptoms. Nearly every person in our society would have the common sense and consideration to stay home once he gets sick, and avoid passing his illness to others. However, we cannot avoid our family members and co-workers, who are at risk of infection before anybody knows they are contagious. The same is true of people at theaters, malls, stores, restaurants and churches, and other places where people gather and mingle.

In order to contain the spread of an infectious disease, public health officials may be forced to impose an ISOLATION or QUARANTINE. We learned a lot from the SARS epidemic of a few years ago. New laws are being proposed to strengthen the ability to impose various types of quarantine, which are designed primarily to prevent people who are contagious from spreading the disease from community to community before they know they are infected. In a society in which we travel so much and so freely, a quarantine would be VERY UNPOPULAR, and VERY DISRUPTIVE. Entire communities could be isolated, preventing people from coming in or going out, in an effort to halt the unintentional spread of the disease. This could last for weeks, maybe even months. You may not be able to go to the store for food, or a roll of toilet paper, either because of restrictions imposed, or because you do not want to risk bringing infection into your home. Shipping could be halted, leaving nothing to buy.

If you could not leave your home or your neighborhood for a few weeks, or even a month or two, **would you have enough food, medicine and supplies in your home to get you by?** Could you care for a sick family member? And how would you cope with the stress? Talk this over with your family, and BE PREPARED.

City Council Meetings

Mapleton City Council Meetings will now be held the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month starting in November 2007. However, due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, the 2nd meeting in November will be held on Wednesday, November 28th instead of Wednesday, November 21st.

Recreation

For questions concerning our recreation programs, please call (801) 806-9114. The Mapleton Community Center is located at 125 West 400 North in Mapleton. Recreation Office hours are Monday thru Thursday from 9am-1pm.

2007 Boys Basketball Registration

Registration will be held on Wednesday, November 28th from 6-8pm at the Mapleton Community Center for all boys 1st Grade-8th Grade. Leagues and Registration fees include league play, a reversible jersey, membership in YBA (Youth Basketball Association), and an opportunity to participate in division shoot-out.

- 1st Grade Clinic Instructional/Skill building \$30.00
- 2nd Grade (teams w/instructional games) \$30.00
- 3rd & 4th Grade \$35.00
- 5th & 6th Grade \$35.00
- 7th & 8th Grade \$35.00

A \$10 late registration fee will be charged. If you are unable to make registration please call the Recreation Office, or stop by during office hours.



Thanks to Soccer Commissioners and Coaches

We had over 85 soccer teams this year (including our VIP Special Needs Soccer League). That's a lot of soccer stars, coaches, and volunteers! Thanks for a great year. The community appreciates all of your time and hard work.

Women's Volleyball

Watch for details. The league will begin in January.

RAD for Women

We would love to offer RAD for women (an incredible self defense course) again at the beginning of the 2008 year. Please call our office if you would be interested.

Shade Tree Committee

Tree City USA – Orpha Dee Johnson

The “Tree City USA” signs you see in the City means that Mapleton has an up to date Tree Ordinance, an Active Tree Committee, a budget to defray forestry expenses, and an Arbor Day Program. Trees are valuable to our community. At one time there was a million dollar fruit industry in Utah Valley. Strawberries, peaches, pears, plums, apples, and especially cherries were shipped to outside markets. East Bench Orchards produced quality produce. Some early notable orchardists were the Carnesecca’s, Bleggi-Antonio, Barkers, Robertson’s, and Whiting’s.

Gradually the trees died from old age, disease and insect damage. Gone are the spring time blossoms, fall harvests, and fond memories of pickers and ladder movers. A job in the cherry orchard meant meeting your ride in an open truck at 4am, a dunk in the canal to cool off at noon and sleep. Money for school clothes and prom tickets was earned by eager young workers. Camaraderie was a bonus. We note many new varieties of shade and fruit trees, and encourage careful selection and care for family yards.

P.S. Why not sow some wild flower seeds now?

Bookmobile

The Bookmobile will be open Monday afternoons from 3:00-5:00pm. The Bookmobile will be closed on November 5th, and both the Bookmobile and City Library will be closed on November 12th in observance of Veteran’s Day.

HEAT Program Now Open

Community Action Services is now accepting applications for the HEAT program, a program which assists low-income households in making utility payments through the winter season. A one-time payment per year will be submitted directly to utility companies for individuals who qualify. Disbursements are based on income. All Utah County residents interested in applying must call 373-8200 from now until the end of April for an appointment. Low-income households and those with disabilities are especially encouraged to apply. Applicants must meet income guidelines and provide all required documentation. Homebound individuals may request an Outreach worker to come to their home to assist in the application process. First-time applicants in Utah County must complete an energy education class as part of the process (energy class is waived for disabled or elderly applicants). Please go to our website at www.communityactionuc.org for more information or call (801) 373-8200.

Senior Citizens

Military Families

Attention Mapleton residents, the Mapleton Senior Citizens are planning Christmas ideas for our men and women and their families who are currently in the military, or who have recently returned home. We do not have a list of names and do not want to miss anyone. If you have a family member who is in the military please contact Pat Sabin, 975 East 540 North in Mapleton, by phone at 491-4289 or email at eskimos@comcast.net.

The FRG (volunteers) are striving to make it possible to ensure each and every soldier from Utah gets a care package for Christmas. To ensure completion of this goal, please go to the following website for more information – www.feedunclesam.com.

Computer News

In conjunction with the potluck on November 8th, we are offering a computer class at 10am. Chuck Clifton, author and Mapleton resident, of Click Then What will present a class on scanning slides and pictures onto the computer. Eventually we hope to offer classes on putting pictures into text for personal, family history, or other publishing purposes. Instruction on Basic Computer Skills and Navigation is still available. Call 489-8593 if you are interested. If you are not sure if it fits your needs you may request a copy of our BASIC REFERENCE sheet which covers most of the areas of instruction to see if there are areas of information that will expedite your use of the computer.

Painting

Group painting is on hiatus until January. Call Joan Bateman for more details at 489-7753. We are currently offering art classes for all interested adults; beginners and intermediates are especially invited. This will cover all levels and all mediums. Times are Monday from 9am until noon and noon to 3pm. The cost is \$40 per month. Those familiar with the cost of instruction consider this a real bargain. To enroll, call Larry Christensen at 489-5402. Mr. Christensen is an accomplished artist and teacher with many years experience. He has taught at BYU and UVSC. Those who attended our Open House last month saw painting of his work and enjoyed them.

Tai Chi Class

Tai Chi Classes are provided by Dr. John Garrett every Wednesday from 8:30am-9:30am at the Mapleton Community Center, and is open to anyone interested in attending.

Potluck Luncheon

The Senior Citizen Potluck Luncheon will be on November 8th (second Thursday of each month) at the Mapleton Community Center. Contact Leah Gifford at 853-8022 for more details. At 10:30am they will be giving out 30 flu shots on a first come, first serve basis. There is no cost for this service from First Choice.

Exercise Room

New evening hours are in effect. Besides the regular hours Monday thru Friday 8:30-11am and 3-5:30pm. We are expanding Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 5:30-8pm. Saturday is open from 10am-noon. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, or have any questions, please call 806-9128 (exercise room phone) when we are open. Call Ron Wittusen at 489-9602 or Peggy Burt at 489-4363 if you are willing to volunteer or become an alternate volunteer.

Trips

In conjunction with Springville Senior Citizens this is a trip to enjoy Cowboy Poetry and a dinner show at Heber, Utah on Tuesday, November 6th. Cost is \$28 per person. They will leave the Springville Sr. Center at 3pm and return at approximately 10pm. Sign up in Springville at the Senior Center.

Elections

November 6, 2007 from 7:00am-8:00pm

All voting will take place on November 6, 2007 from 7:00am-8:00pm at the Mapleton Community Center, 125 West 400 North.

Ambulance

Volunteers Needed

Mapleton City is in need of volunteers to run day shift on the ambulance. Information is available at the City Offices, 125 West 400 North. No prior training necessary, but is helpful

Public Works

New Public Works Building

We have completed our new Public Works Facility at 1405 West 1600 North and will be celebrating with an open house and ribbon cutting on November 9, 2007 at noon. All citizens are invited to attend and tour our newest city facility.

Our phone number for public works is 489-6253, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Emergencies that occur after hours and week ends please contact dispatch at 851-4100.



Winter Parking on Streets

With winter approaching we are reminding residents to make sure that all vehicles, trailers, boats etc. are not parked on the roads from November 15th through March 15th. The street sweeper needs to be able to access the gutters to keep them free of debris. Also the snowplow drivers need to be able to plow snow without vehicles blocking their path. The police department will ticket vehicles that are parked on the streets during this time period.

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:	851-4100
Court:	489-7445	Non-emergency:	491-8048
Recreation:	806-9114	Newsletter:	806-9109

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Artists in Residence

Hobble Creek Elementary

The 5th grade classes and one 6th grade class are working with on a grant from the Utah Arts Council Art in Education, which comes from the National Endowment for the arts. The artist is John Schaefer. John Schaefer, director and founder of the Children's Media Workshop, uses visual and media art experiences to heighten awareness levels and learning skills of participants. His residency is an eyes-on experience – participants use digital cameras to explore their world. Students learn the basics of communication through photography, and then apply those skills to speaking, dressing, movement, writing and other forms of communication. The workshop also focuses on media literacy. Students develop critical thinking skills needed to participate actively in media experiences such as television and the movies. Founded in 1976, the Children's Media Workshop is a non-profit organization that utilizes media experiences to teach visual literacy and improve self-esteem. Mr. Schaefer has taught hundreds of workshops at home and overseas. His photographic art has been exhibited throughout the U.S., and he has received several awards and grants. He has authored important visual literacy curricula, books and a screenplay.

Mapleton Elementary

The third grade students will be participating in a grant from the Utah Arts Council and the National Endowment for the Arts for a residency with storyteller Lora Schmidt. The residency will be November 5th-15th.

Lora Schmidt shares the art of storytelling with tremendous skill and enthusiasm. A regular at the Timpanogos Storytelling Festival, Lora brings to life vivid characters from the world of folk and fairy tales, with a few 'real life' stories thrown in for good measure.

Combining a love of storytelling with her training in theatre, Lora will introduce the third grade students to storytelling. Lora uses creative dramatics and spontaneous story making. She will conduct workshops aimed at teaching students (and teachers) to create their own stories.

