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Mayor's Message

By now, everyone is very much aware of the difficulties in the housing market and the global economic crisis that is creating so much distress worldwide. Mapleton has been significantly impacted, and we expect will continue to remain under considerable financial pressure for the foreseeable future. Consequently, we are taking every opportunity to try to improve the city's revenue streams and control expenditures and cut our costs.

As you will remember, the fiscal 2008-2009 budget adopted by the city council this past summer was an austerity budget in every sense of the word. Spending was cut by nearly 25%, and then was cut further before final adoption. Since then, construction starts have remained almost nonexistent. Although our revenue projections were very conservative, we are acutely aware there is still the very real potential of a budget shortfall. Consequently, in conjunction with the City Administrator, I am meeting with all city department heads on a regular basis to continually identify further savings, as well as projects and spending that can be postponed or cancelled.

One of the cost cutting measures the city is taking is to revise our winter snow clearing policy. In the past, we have not only plowed snow but also spread significant amounts of salt on the streets in order to achieve bare and dry pavement as much as possible. Because of the high cost of that much salt, we will not be able to purchase sufficient salt this coming winter to maintain our longstanding bare pavement policy. It will be important for everyone driving on our streets during this coming winter to understand that while we will continue to spread salt at intersections and critical areas, we will NOT be spreading salt on all our street surfaces, and will not be spreading salt as liberally as we previously have. In other words, we will be unable to artificially melt all the snow and ice off the entire length of our streets.

I am therefore urging everyone to commit now to drive slower and exercise greater caution this coming winter. Please allow extra space between yourself and the cars in front of you, and plan to begin stopping much sooner as you approach intersections. Even when you have the right of way, remember to approach intersections and cross streets with extreme caution, in case other drivers are unable to slow in time. At all times, please be vigilant and extremely cautious, giving extra room to parked vehicles, mailboxes, pedestrians and pets. We hope to be able to keep up with whatever amount of snow we receive. But we will be unable to spread salt between intersections as we previously have.

On the brighter side, for the first time, the city has a fully staffed and fully functioning Economic Development Commission made up of community members with extensive experience in business, commerce, and development. The Commission is meeting regularly and working with representatives from Commerce CRG, Envision Utah, and the Economic Development Commission of Utah in order to aggressively market Mapleton as a potential location for a variety of business ventures which could deliver additional revenue to the city.

City Newsletter

November 2008 Edition

The Commission is sensitive to the existing Mapleton Vision Statement and will be trying to achieve an appropriate balance between the city's very pressing financial needs and the desires of the residents to maintain the character and quality of life we have so long enjoyed in Mapleton. The Commission's meetings are open public meetings, so if any of you have a particular interest in attending, please contact the city offices to confirm the dates and times of those meetings.

On a final note, please remember that according to the terms of our garbage collection company's contract with the city, their workers are responsible to make certain any garbage that is spilled during the pick-up process is cleaned up. We have been working closely with the company to assure that their workers clean up all accidental spills that occur as the totes are emptied into the truck. City Administrator Bob Bradshaw and myself have driven around the city on collection day to make certain the workers are performing as expected. We hope you have seen improvement in this regard. If you have any concerns about spills or need workers to return to tidy up, please call or email Allied Waste directly at (801) 785-5934 or Eric.Bergin@awin.com. Or, you may contact the city offices at (801) 489-5655 to lodge a complaint. We are happy to call Allied Waste for you, as this will give us an opportunity to follow up and make certain you were satisfied with the response.

We also wish to express our gratitude to the community volunteers who continue to serve the needs of so many residents. We especially wish to thank those many of you who so generously stepped up to fill in at the library at the time of the retirement of Ellen Starr. Without your help, the library would not have remained open during that time. We appreciate your service. We will greatly miss Ellen, who has been so much a part of our town and our lives, and we wish her the very best.

City Calendar

Nov 5	7:00pm	City Council Meeting
Nov 10	9:00am	Trails Sub-Committee Meeting
Nov 11		City Offices Closed – Veteran's Day
Nov 13	11:30am	Senior Citizen Potluck Luncheon
Nov 13	6:30pm	Planning Commission Meeting
Nov 19	7:00pm	City Council Meeting
Nov 20	6:00pm	Transportation Committee Meeting
Nov 27 & 28		City Offices Closed – Thanksgiving

Museum Tours are available by appointment. If interested please call 489-6714 or 491-6676.

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 call 489-5655. **Agendas, Minutes, and Public Notices for all Meetings are available on the City's website at www.mapleton.org.**

Recreation

On-line registration for most programs is available at mapleton.org/parksandrecreation.html. For questions concerning our recreation programs please call our office at (801) 806-9114, located in the Mapleton Community Center at 125 West 400 North, Mapleton. Recreation Office hours: Monday-Thursday, 9am - 1pm.

Boys Basketball

Boys' basketball registration will be held on Tuesday, November 18th from 6pm-8pm at the Mapleton Community Center. Participants may also register online. Games will begin in January 2009. Late registration will be accepted online or at the Recreation Office.

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

- 1st & 2nd grade (instructional skills) \$30.00
- 3rd & 4th grade \$35.00
- 5th & 6th grade \$35.00
- 7th & 8th grade \$35.00

A \$10 late fee will be added after December 3rd.

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. Choir Director, Heidi Bezzant, studied music at Brigham Young University, and has directed the Timpanogos Children's Choir in Lindon. The Choir will meet through May and will prepare for a Christmas and Spring Concert. Register online or at the Recreation Office. For more information please call Heidi at (801) 318-0884. Musical beginnings, ages 4-7 Thursday's 4-4:30pm - Fee \$25 per month. Mapleton Children's Choir, ages 7-12 Thursdays 4:30-5:30pm - Fee \$40 (sibling discount rate \$25) per month.

Kids Cooking Class - Coming this January!

Dates: Saturdays, January 24th-March 28th from 10am-11am for Kindergarten thru 3rd grade and 11am-12pm for 3rd-5th grade. Limit is 12 kids per class, and parents are welcome. We will cover basic safety and sanitation. Kids will learn about the food pyramid and make foods in each of the basic food groups. They will work as teams. Food will be prepared each week. K-3rd grades will focus on becoming familiar with kitchen equipment, procedures and enjoy success creating foods they enjoy. 3rd-5th grades will focus on basic recipes with measuring of liquid and dry ingredients. Both will learn about good nutrition, whole grains, fresh fruit and vegetables, etc. At the end of the course we will discuss gardening and each participant will be able to plan a spring garden to plant at home. Cost is \$100 per child (only \$10 per class, which includes all food). For more information contact the Recreation Office.

Recreation Continued

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 by Valerie Littleton or Adabelle Carson, Yoga Alliance certified instructors. The classes will be Mon. and Wed. 8:30pm or Tue. and Thur. at 6am at the Community Center (125 West 400 North). Register online, at the Recreation Office, or at class. Fee is \$20 per month (may be combined with Turbo Kick Box for a multiple-class discount). Please call (801) 806-9114 for details.

Mapleton Chorale

Christmas Concert - Need a little Christmas?

Where does your family find the simple peace and joy of Christmas in the face of all the unavoidable noise, frenzy, and stress of the holiday season? This year, the Mapleton Chorale would like to help - with an evening of music featuring beautiful, inspiring arrangements of your favorite Christmas hymns and carols, along with a few fun musical surprises. Just ask anyone who has attended a Mapleton Chorale Christmas Concert. You'll walk away with enough authentic Christmas spirit to carry you through the whole Holiday Season. Join the Mapleton Chorale for an inspiring musical celebration of Christmas:

Mapleton Chorale 2008 Christmas Concert

Sunday, December 14th at 7:00pm
970 North 400 East, Mapleton, UT (LDS Stake Center)

Christmas on Temple Square Concert

Saturday, December 13th at 8:30pm
Assembly Hall on Temple Square
Downtown Salt Lake City

Admission to all Mapleton Chorale Christmas concerts is free of charge.

HEAT Program Now Open

Community Action Services and Food Bank are 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 (801) 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 www.communityactionuc.org for more information or call (801) 373-8200.

Family Literacy Center

Help Needed

The Literacy Center is currently in need of tutors to help children with their reading. The students are ready and waiting for a kind friend to spend two hours a week with them. The tutoring occurs between the hours of 3:30pm-5:30pm. Tutors are trained in teaching reading skills and the Center has many materials to facilitate learning. Tutors must be at least 16 years of age or older, love to read and have a desire to serve. Call Elaine Carlson at (801) 489-6584 or the Literacy Center at (801) 806-9127 and leave a message. Give someone the priceless gift of the ability to read!



Awake Utah Lake

After months of planning and public input, the Utah Lake Commission, a group comprised of local government officials and state agency leaders, is ready to present the guiding document for how future decisions regarding Utah Lake will be made. The Commission will hold two public open houses in December to share the draft vision and master plan for the lake, entitled Awake Utah Lake. The purposes of the open houses are to provide the public with an opportunity to learn first hand about the newly proposed vision and mater plan and provide comments.



The open houses, which are the same, will be held from 5-7pm on Wednesday, December 3rd at Willow creek middle School, 2275 West 300 North, Lehi, Utah, and Thursday, December 4th at the Utah Lake State Park, 4400 West Center Street, Provo, Utah.

In an effort to consider all aspects of Utah Lake, the draft vision and master plan incorporate elements for recreation, natural resources, land use and shoreline protection, and transportation. The purpose of Awake Utah Lake is to create a vision and management plan for Utah Lake that will guide the Utah Lake Commission and its member agencies in future decisions affecting the lake.

For more information about the Awake Utah Lake process, the public open houses, or the Utah Lake Commission, visit www.utahlakecommission.org.

Green Committee

Tip of the Month

Drugs and Medications that are flushed down the toilet cannot be removed by sewage treatment or septic systems and can enter the soil, surface water, and ground water. Proper disposal of pharmaceuticals include locating a drug collection program through our Police Department or mixing the unused drugs with kitty litter and placing the mixture in a sealed container in your trash on pick-up day. Collection sites and more information can be found online at www.medicationsdisposal.utah.gov. Used motor oil can be dropped off at Wal-Mart Tire & Lube, Checker Auto Parts and Auto Zone Stores, up to five (5) gallons per day.

400 South in Springville

Construction is Underway

Construction activities are underway as the Utah Department of Transportation has recently initiated work on SR-77 (400 South) in Springville.

Mapleton motorists who use 400 South to access I-15 and the business district near the freeway have probably seen construction workers on southbound I-15 between the two Springville exits, where UDOT plans to add an auxiliary lane connecting the two interchanges. They may have also seen workers around the SR-77 interchange, beginning to prepare the area for the new Single Point Urban Interchange (SPUI) that will be built there. And residents may have noticed test piles being driven near the interchange near the bridge at 400 West.

Area residents will first notice the work along I-15 and around the interchange area, which will probably continue through the end of the project in Fall of 2009. Most of the rest of the project, including widening 400 South and creating new bridges at 400 West and 1500 West, will take place between January and November 2009. Springville City has recently authorized UDOT to close 400 South during that period of time so that the work there can be completed more safely and during a more compressed schedule – in 11 months instead of being spread across 18 months.

400 South will close in early January and should be re-opened and ready for public access before Thanksgiving 2009.

For more information about the SR-77 construction project please visit the project Web site at www.udot.utah.gov/access or call the project information hotline at 1-877-222-3757.



Ambulance

Flashing Lights

Have you ever been on Maple Street when all of a sudden you are being followed by someone who has their flashers on and appear to be in a bigger hurry than you are? Well that person behind you is probably a Mapleton City volunteer with the Fire Department or Ambulance. We put on our flashers in hopes you'll pull over and allow us to get to the Fire Station or Ambulance Bay just a bit sooner because in an emergency every second counts. So instead of getting upset or bent out of shape and going slower, just think to yourself, what can their emergency be and are they heading to my house to care for one of my loved ones. We appreciate your help with this in the future.



Public Works

Winter Parking on Streets

With winter approaching we are reminding residents to make sure that all vehicles, trailers, boats, etc. are not parked overnight 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 street during this time period.

Senior Citizens

We are sure you have noticed the flyer inside the envelope with your utilities bill and the Mapleton Newsletter this month. This will replace the separate postcard advertising senior activities for the month (which usually comes by separate mail).

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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
Recreation Hotline:	367-5069	Senior Citizens:	489-0106

The Mapleton City Newsletter can be viewed at our website at www.mapleton.org.

Senior Citizens Continued

Springville Seniors (801) 489-8738

Springville Seniors invite Mapleton Seniors to share in their program. Free massage therapy is available on Fridays, and free haircuts are available on Thursdays between 11am and noon. Call for information.

- Nov. 12th – Veteran's Day celebration/entertainment. Preventing falls – are you at risk?
- Nov. 13th – Shopping trip to IKEA, Cabelas and Tai Pan Trading. The price is \$5.00 but you must have paid your membership fee.
- Nov. 21st – Birthday party and Thanksgiving Celebration.

Computer Room

The computer room now has a slide viewer which holds 40 slides. Using it alleviates the tedium of sorting through slides one at a time which takes forever as many of you know. Those of you who attended Marlo Schuldt's seminar in October are probably itching to use it! Computer assistance is available on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 11am-1pm during the school year. One-on-one instruction is also available by appointment. Call Sallie at (801) 489-8593, Marilyn at (801) 489-5611 or Diana at (801) 489-0106.

Exercise Room

Peggy Burt (801) 489-4363 would like to thank all of her volunteers who enable the exercise program to run. If you have an hour that you could volunteer please call her.

Humanitarian

If you have relatives in the military that are in active service overseas, and you would like the Mapleton seniors to remember them at Christmas, please call Pat Sabin at (801) 489-4289. Pat will answer your questions and take your information.

Maple Mountain Art Guild

The art guild continues to meet on Mondays, except Holidays. The class is growing. Come and enjoy your painting session with a fun group of ladies.



Pot Luck Social

Before the potluck social on November 13th, there is a Blood Pressure and Blood Screening clinic. This begins at 10:30am. Don't cook, don't worry, stay for the potluck anyway. A donation of a dollar or so makes everyone feel good.

Tai Chi

A sincere thank you goes to Drs. John and Janet Garret who host the Tai Chi class each Wednesday. Stay fit, stay healthy and enjoy the spirit of community at Mapleton Senior Center.