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# City Newsletter

October 2007 Edition

## Mayor's Message

### Property Tax Time

It is property tax time. People are again trying to understand how their taxes are calculated and what role their city plays in this process. Some of you may wonder how our taxes are calculated and where do they go? How much of the taxes we pay go to our city to provide services to our citizens? In a recent survey 600 people were asked a variety of questions about taxes in Utah. How would you do if you took the same survey? Here are a few of the questions that were asked and the answers to them:

- How much of the state income tax collected is used to pay for Mapleton city services?
  - None. All of the income tax collected is used to pay for education statewide.
- How much do you spend on sales tax?
  - 6.5% in most Utah County cities. The rate is slightly less on food items.
- How much of the sales tax stays in the city where it is generated?
  - For every \$1.00 of sales tax collected in Mapleton, the city receives 7 ½ cents and an additional 7 ½ cents is shared with other cities within the county. The majority of the sales tax goes to the State of Utah.
- How much is your property tax?
  - Property tax on your primary residence is less than one percent of your property's estimated market value. For a primary residence with a market value of \$500,000, the homeowner will pay approximately \$3,382 in property taxes. Only \$560 of that tax payment goes to Mapleton City. The majority of our property taxes go to Utah County and the Nebo School District.

I hope this has sparked some interest in understanding taxes in our community. To fully understand them will take more time and space than is available here. If you have questions regarding your taxes or Mapleton's tax revenues and how they are used to pay for city services, you are welcome to call me anytime. You may get a quicker response if you email me at [mayor@mapleton.org](mailto:mayor@mapleton.org).

## 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 City Center, 125 West 400 North.

## Library

The plans for the Mapleton Library are moving forward. On September 12<sup>th</sup> the Mapleton Library Board met with representatives from the State Resource Department and several Mapleton citizens to discuss some of the priorities that are important for our library. The consensus of the group set three broad ideas as initial goals. The first priority is a children's section that will ensure materials for young children to help motivate them to become good readers, ready for success in school. The second priority is to provide fiction and nonfiction books for all ages that will meet the needs of our growing community. The third priority is to provide public internet access to insure the Mapleton citizens can take advantage of the ever-growing resources and services available through the internet.

We appreciate the books that have been brought to the City Center as donations for our future library. The next meeting of the Library Board will be on October 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. The public is welcome.

## City Calendar

Oct. 2	7:00pm	City Council Meeting
Oct. 8		City Offices closed in observance of Columbus Day
Oct. 9	6:30-8pm	Senior Citizen Open House
Oct. 11	11:30am	Senior Citizen Potluck Luncheon
Oct. 11	6:30pm	Planning Commission Meeting
Oct. 16	7:00pm	City Council Meeting
Oct. 25	6:30pm	Planning Commission 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 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](http://www.mapleton.org).**

# Emergency Preparedness

The City Administration would like to introduce Richard (Dee) Bradford, who will be working in Emergency Preparedness. Melanie Cuthbert has agreed to serve as assistant for the CERT program. **CERT** is the Community Emergency Response Team, and it works under the direction of the Police and Fire Departments as citizen volunteers in the event of a disaster or emergency. CERT training will prepare you to give assistance in first aid, fire suppression, search and rescue, psychological impact and other aspects of disaster response. Every neighborhood needs at least four CERT trained persons. Incidentally, Scouts who complete the training fill the requirements for three merit badges.

The Emergency Preparedness department will have many activities and opportunities during the coming year to advance the preparedness of our families and the community. Considering the resources of this city, Mapleton can be the **MOST PREPARED CITY** in the event of an emergency. We ask all citizens to join in the effort and support these activities.

The first project we will undertake is Water Storage. The City will make available for purchase by its citizens, at below cost, five-gallon water jugs. These are purchased from a local Utah distributor, and have many advantages for your water storage. They block out light, which can adversely affect drinking water. They are much easier to fill, store, refresh and use than 55-gallon drums, many of which were purchased several years ago and remain empty. These can easily be filled in a kitchen sink or bathtub, and can be stored in a closet or storage room. If you fill them with Mapleton's city water, there is no need to add Clorox or other disinfectants.

Experts recommend storage of one gallon per person per day for two weeks. Three jugs will give each person a two-week supply in an emergency. Spigots can be purchased separately. We recommend one jug with spigot for the kitchen and one for each bathroom sink. You may purchase these in quantities for your family's use by going to the City Center or by calling the City's Police Department at 491-8048. By the way, these would make great Christmas gifts for your family and loved ones!

Look forward to joining in future community events, such as the Earthquake Lady this winter, Disaster Drills throughout the year, and a huge Preparedness Carnival in September of 2008.



## 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 helpful.

# Recreation

## Mapleton Fall Recreation – Upcoming Programs and Sports

For questions concerning our recreation programs please call 806-9114. The Mapleton Community Center is located at 125 West 400 north. Recreation Office hours are Monday thru Thursday from 9:00am-1:00pm. Early registration available – please call for dates.

### Girls Basketball

It's not too late to register. Registration was held the end of September, but you can still register at the Recreation Office. Games will be held during November and December. Leagues and Registration fees include league play, a reversible jersey, membership to the Youth Basketball Association (YBA), and an opportunity to participate in division shoot-out.

- 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Instructional/Skills \$30.00
- 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Grade \$35.00
- 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade \$35.00
- 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade \$35.00

7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade basketball games will be held at different times than volleyball, so girls can play both sports. A \$5.00 late sign-up fee will be charged after September 30<sup>th</sup> and a \$10.00 late sign-up fee will be charged after October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2007.

### Boys Basketball Registration

Boy's basketball registration will be held on Wednesday, November 28<sup>th</sup> from 6:00pm-8:00pm at the Mapleton Community Center for all boys 1<sup>st</sup> Grade thru 8<sup>th</sup> Grade. Leagues and registration fees include league play, a reversible jersey, membership in the Youth Basketball Association (YBA), and an opportunity to participate in division shoot-out. A \$10.00 late registration fee will be charged.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Clinic Instructional/Skills \$30.00
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade (teams with instructional games) \$30.00
- 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Grade \$35.00
- 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade \$35.00
- 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade \$35.00

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Mapleton Has "Sole" Walking Program

The program was another great success! The program ended on August 27<sup>th</sup>. We had over 90 members of our community hitting the sidewalks and streets this summer for our fitness challenge. With close to 5000 recorded miles walked, Mapleton citizens definitely got into the spirit of the program. The individual winners were Jeannie Bell with 655 miles (winner of \$100 gift certificate to MVP Sports), Carol Day with 405 miles (winner of \$75 gift certificate to MVP sports), and Heather Young with 404 miles. The Young family with a combined total of 851.5 miles (winners of \$150 gift certificate to MVP Sports) and the Wolfgramm family with 629.4 miles (winners of a sports bag full of equipment).

A huge thank you to Melyn & Melanie Cuthbert who helped organize the program. Keep moving and watch for next spring when we begin our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual walking program and fitness challenge.

### Wrestling Program Sign-ups

Sign-ups will be at the Springville High School cafeteria 7pm-9pm on Tuesday and Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>. 3 years old through 4<sup>th</sup> grade is \$50 (uniform additional). 5<sup>th</sup> grade thru 9<sup>th</sup> grade is \$75 (uniform provided). T-shirts, tournament, camp, practices, and dual meets all included. A full Jr. High program is available with competitions against other schools and communities. Wrestlers are matched according to skill level, age and weight. Many kids are nervous about wrestling for the first time, but most love it after they try it.

Wrestling is one of the best sports for building strength, fitness, coordination, balance, hard work, and self confidence. It is unparalleled in its ability to prepare athletes for success in other sports. If you have questions call Craig or Diane LaMont at 489-8767, 592-7230 or 380-8828, or by email at [craig@telosrtc.com](mailto:craig@telosrtc.com). Please bring your wrestlers to the sign-ups so they can be weighed and sized for uniforms. Come join one of the best wrestling programs in the state!

## Garbage Service Request

We all need to do our part to keep Mapleton streets looking nice. Have you noticed garbage flying around or scattered after the truck picks up our garbage? There are two simple steps we can take to help control this problem. First is to bag our garbage. If it is in bags, it doesn't tend to fly around as much. Second, do not overfill the garbage toter. If you have watched the truck lift the cans, if the lid does not close completely it has time to scatter before it can be dumped in the truck. If you need a second toter to avoid this problem, call the City at 489-5655 extension 0. There is an additional \$5.00 per month fee for each extra toter. As always, we at the City Office want to see our city as beautiful and comfortable as possible. Thanks for all your help.

## Utility Payment Box

### Final Reminder

The old Mapleton City Utility Payment drop box, located at 35 East Maple Street, will be removed on October 1, 2007. Please visit our new drop box at the Mapleton Community Center, 125 West Community Center Way (400 North).

## Shade Tree Committee

We just witnessed one of the hottest summers ever. Roof tops and asphalt roads have diminished the cooling affects of open fields in Mapleton. It is more important than ever to add new trees around our houses and public landscapes. One of the problems we face is lack of water delivery to some of the newly planted trees. If you have street trees near your property take pity and give those young cultivars a drink of water. It wouldn't take much, but would help keep fragile life alive in the trees.

Plant trees for winter wind break as well as summer shade. You will benefit in privacy and landscape interest all year. Evergreens give the most protection although low branching deciduous trees and shrubs can significantly reduce wind speed. As a general guide for placement wind breaks reduce velocity for a distance of about 10 times the height of the tree. Do you want some advice about pruning evergreens? Here it is; don't do it, except to remove dead, damaged or diseased branches!

## Police Department

### Laws on Four Wheeler Vehicles

Over the last couple of months we have had several calls and complaints about four wheel all terrain vehicles (ATV's) on the roadway. Utah State Law says that you cannot ride ATV's on the roadway. If you are riding an ATV and you are under 18 years of age you must wear a helmet, and you may not ride on the roadway unless crossing the street to get to private property. If you are caught riding an ATV on the city streets you could be fined and your ATV impounded. Let us keep our ATV's on the trails where they belong, not on the road where it becomes unsafe.

### Abandoned Vehicles on the Roadway

With the cooler weather approaching it is important that we move our vehicles, motor homes, and boats that are parked on the side of the road off the streets. This will help with the street sweeper being able to clean the gutters, and for the snow plows to be able to do their jobs. If you receive a "red tag" on your vehicle it means you have 24 hours to remove it from the roadway.

### Crossing Guard Positions Available

Mapleton City has an immediate opening for two crossing guard positions. This involves working one hour in the morning, and one hour in the afternoon, Monday thru Friday, with Holidays off. The pay is \$8.00 an hour to start. For more information contact Chief Dean Pettersson at (801) 491-8048.

## Senior Citizens

### Open House

The Senior Citizens will be hosting an Open House on October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2007 from 6:30pm-8:00pm. Seniors are those residents 50 and older. Come check out the computers and the exercise room – the best kept secret in Mapleton.

### Computer Class

The Senior Citizens have individual one-to-one computer instruction available using the senior computers in the library basement area. Call 489-8593 if you are interested. We are finishing up with people on the waiting list. We have a BASIC REFERENCE sheet available covering most of the areas covered in the classes. The computer guy, Thayne Harmon, is available on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 10am for any computer questions you may have. If you have an area of computer interested please call Sallie Korman at 489-8593. We are trying to identify those areas of future interest to the seniors.

### Painting

Group painting is held on Monday's from 1pm-4pm at the Mapleton Community Center. Contact Joan Bateman for more details at 489-7753.

### Tai Chi Class

Tai Chi Classes are provided by Dr. John Garrett every Wednesday from 8:30am-9:30am at the Mapleton Community Center.

### Potluck Luncheon

The Senior Citizen Potluck Luncheons are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at the Mapleton Community Center. Contact Leah Gifford at 853-8022 for more details. We are inviting all candidates running for City Office to attend the October Potluck on the 11<sup>th</sup> of October, so come with any questions or concerns you may have.

### Quilting

Contact Sadie Young at 404-2534 if you are interested in quilting.

### Exercise Room

The exercise room is open from 8:30am-11am and 3pm-5:30pm Monday thru Friday, and Saturday 10am-12pm. If you're interested in becoming a volunteer, or have any questions, please call (801) 806-9128. Call Ron Wittusen at 489-9602 or Peggy Burt at 489-4363 if you would be willing to volunteer during Tuesday through Thursday evenings as we re-institute evening hours starting on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2007.

### Military Service Men and Women

If you have a family member serving over seas in the military we'd like to know your family's name and serviceman/woman's name. Please drop the information off at the City Offices.

## Planning Open House

### October 24, 2007 from 4:30pm-7:00pm

You are invited to come out to the Transportation and Community Planning Open House on October 24<sup>th</sup> from 4:30pm-7:00pm at the Orem Friendship Center, 93 North 400 East in Orem. Come and learn about air quality, road/highway improvements, new community development, transit plans, and how it affects you. Information will be available on Mountain View Corridor, I-15 Reconstruction, Lehi East-West Connector, Commuter Rail, SR-92, Vineyard Connector, Springville SR-77, Bus Rapid Transit, Geneva Road, Provo Westside Connector, State Street, North Utah County East-West Corridor Study. Representatives from Mountainland, UDOT, UTA, and communities in Utah County will be available to answer questions on transportation plans and community development.

## Bookmobile

The Bookmobile is now open to Mapleton residents on Monday evenings from 3:00pm-5:00pm. It will be closed in observance of Columbus Day, October 8<sup>th</sup>. The titles on the Bookmobile include new and popular fiction, nonfiction, LDS, Spanish, DVD's, audio books, magazines and paperbacks.

## Public Works

Fall is fast approaching and leaves will soon be falling. Please help keep the city looking clean by keeping leaves, grass clippings and debris cleaned up in front of your residences and businesses. This will also help keep our storm water sumps and drains clean. The pressurized irrigation water will be available through the month of October.

Mapleton City uses a radio frequency automated meter reading system which enables the Public Works to do meter readings in approximately 3 days. This is a great savings in both manpower and time. Before this system was installed it took approximately 3 weeks to read all the water meters in the city. Because of the cost of this radio reading system, it is important for residents not to open up the water meter lids. Residents should have their own shut off in place, if not, one should be installed. We are experiencing through oversight, damage to radio transmitters, with landscaping and unauthorized access to water meters. These transmitters are costly to replace. Please contact the Public Works Department at 489-6253 during normal working hours or for after hour requests, holidays or weekend emergencies contact Utah County Dispatch at 851-4100 for any water shutoff or water meter access requests.

### Mapleton Springville Pipeline

On September 14, 2007 the flows in the Mapleton Springville Lateral were cut to allow construction to begin on replacing the canal with a pipeline. It is planned to replace the canal with a 54-inch diameter high density polyethylene pipe (HDPE) throughout its length. There will be a second parallel 36-inch pipeline from 400 North in Mapleton to the south bench of Hobbles Creek, to provide the continued ability to convey local creek water. These pipelines will be constructed within the existing federal canal right-of-way.

Piping the canal will provide benefits to the water users by reducing water seepage loss, reducing liability and eventually provide water with sufficient pressure for more efficient sprinkler irrigation and provide the ability for the cities to use pressurized secondary system water for outdoor water use.

The canal will be piped in two phases. The first phase, awarded to Ames Construction, will be 5.5 miles of pipeline and the construction will begin mid September. The pipeline in the first phase will be operational for the start of the irrigation season in the spring of 2008. It will not be pressurized, so water users will continue to flood or sprinkle irrigate in the same manner as currently exists. The contract requires that the 36-inch local water pipeline north of 400 North in Mapleton be installed and operational by March 15, 2008. The larger pipe conveying Strawberry Valley Project water must be operational by May 1, 2008 in time for the start of the irrigation season.

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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

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In the second phase, the pipeline will be connected to the Spanish Fork Canyon Project pipeline. This connection will provide water at a pressure sufficient for sprinklers without the need for pumps. The first phase pipeline will be extended from the south bench of Hobbles Creek to the creek itself. This extension will provide the ability to convey Central Utah Project water to Utah Lake and supplement the flow of the creek for environmental purposes. The lateral turnouts will be modified with valves suitable for the higher pressure and remote valve operation and monitoring will be installed.

The pipeline is being constructed by the Central Utah Water Conservancy District (CUWCD) in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Interior as part of the Utah Lake Drainage Basin Water Delivery System of the Central Utah Project. After construction, the pipeline will be operated and maintained by the CUWCD.

Existing narrow box culverts and bridges at Maple Street, 400 North, 1200 North and 1600 North will be removed during construction at the request of the city. The length of pipeline crossing these roadways will be encased in concrete so that it can support the load and span of a full width city street. The roadways will be patched with asphalt to the width of the existing roadways at those locations. This will allow the city to widen the roadways in those locations in the future without affecting the pipeline.

At the Main Street crossing, the pipeline will be installed at a lower grade than the canal. This will allow the city to lower the grade of Main Street up to four feet when the current gravel road stretch is paved to reduce the steepness of the road to reduce winter ice problems in that location.

City roadways will need to be sequentially closed during construction to remove the narrow box culverts and restore the roadways. The conservancy district and city will work to minimize interruptions in traffic and provide shortest detour lengths possible.

If you have any questions, please contact the following individuals:

#### For issues about water service eligibility, water delivery locations, or distribution call:

Clayne Weight  
Water Master  
Mapleton Irrigation District  
(801) 420-0218

#### For issues about pipeline features or design issues call:

Mark Breitenbach, P.E.  
Utah Lake System Project Manager  
Central Utah Water Conservancy District  
(801) 226-7105

