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## Mayor's Message

In spite of a very light fire season, Mapleton and Hobble Creek Canyons recently suffered five separate, nearly simultaneous fires. One of these could have made an end of Maple Mountain as we know it. It had the potential for wiping out nearly all of the remaining trees on the mountain and could have resulted in miles of devastation up Maple Canyon as well. Lives also could have been lost, as there were numerous people camping and hiking in the path of the destruction.

That the fires were not worse is largely due to the quick response of a number of city employees - several members of our public works crews and our outstanding volunteer fire department.

As you may have heard, one of the fires ignited on the south side of 400 North and started burning upward. That fire burned a large patch of ground, but was put out quickly by city crews. If it had spread any further, it would have spread into heavy brush and trees and steep slopes covered with tinder dry grass and brush. It likely would have raced up the mountain and up the canyon as well, part of it heading south across the face of the mountain, and part of it chewing through the thick brush eastward in the canyon and on the east slope of the mountain, then likely over the top and beyond. Those of us who've been here a few years remember how quickly that can happen. If that had occurred, the devastation would have been immense, and the fire would have cost millions and taken days or even weeks to put out. It takes my breath away to think what would have happened if our city crews had not responded so quickly and efficiently.

If you have the opportunity, please express your thanks to our firemen and police officers, as well as our public works department. They all played essential roles in containing this event.

While fire personnel were extinguishing the fires, Brent Seamons, Brad Roundy and others of our public works department were hurrying to help people out of the canyon and off the mountain. In addition to the personal safety concerns, it was important to quickly remove camping equipment containing propane and other hazards from the path of the fire. Getting that evacuated in a hurry down a narrow road requires mechanical expertise and cool heads, as does rounding up scattered hikers and campers and getting them out of the area. I'm very grateful to all of our crews that went above and beyond their normal duties in order to save lives and property, and avert a tragedy. Even with their quick work, it took time to evacuate everyone, and we were very fortunate all got out safely.

I'm very grateful to all the personnel from the Forest Service and other state and federal agencies that responded so quickly and so ably got the fire on the north side of 400 North under control. Although that fire spread extensively up the mountain, it is in an area that we believe will be restored fairly quickly. It was not a particularly hot fire, so we hope the damage to the hillside stability was minimal. Although the fire burned directly over the top of our water tank, amazingly no city equipment was damaged and there was no impact on or danger to our water supply.

In all, more than 200 firefighters responded to the Maple Canyon/Hobble Creek fires. Fixed wing aircraft and helicopters responded, as did a number of "Smoke-Jumpers" and other wildland firefighters based in the area. The cost of fighting the fires approached \$200,000, which we believe (thankfully), will be covered by the federal and state agencies, not the city. There was one minor injury to a firefighter - a twisted knee. The crews carry enormous loads up the mountain and work hard for up to 24 hours without any rest. They are not paid a great deal and they sleep wherever they can - they several times expressed their gratitude for the opportunity to sleep in the city park, noting how nice it was compared to some of the cow pastures and rough areas they usually sleep in. The crews were all exemplary, thoughtful, meticulous, and delightful to work with. Most of the firefighters are young college-students, and in spite of the difficult conditions they work in, they are cheerful, energetic, genuinely good people. We were impressed with their skill and courage and stamina. They do difficult, dangerous work, and *thank goodness* they are willing to do those things! We owe them a huge debt.

As some of you may be aware, we will in a few days have completed work on the city's first ever Comprehensive Emergency Plan. By the end of September, all city employees will have, for the first time, completed the basic levels of NIMS (National Incident Management System) training. This is an essential milestone and I am proud of our employees for undertaking this new responsibility so enthusiastically.

In recent years, there has been a concerted effort nationwide to train and prepare all public safety and governmental personnel on nationally standardized protocols so that large local or national disasters can be handled more effectively. The interagency cooperation this allows results in greater protection of lives and property. A large incident would quickly overwhelm our limited resources and manpower. However, with the completion of our Emergency Plan and this essential training, the city will integrate seamlessly with our neighbors as well as state and federal resources in order to efficiently and quickly deal with any large incident or disaster.

# City Newsletter

## September 2009 Edition

We will also be able to recover much of the cost from the state and federal government, rather than bear it all ourselves. This is no small or insignificant achievement.

As I contemplate the resources and money it took to fight these relatively small fires, I am more grateful than ever that we are now so well positioned to deal with a major incident. And, I'm grateful to city personnel whose efforts are making it possible for us to have access to all the resources and as much reimbursement as possible. This is a major achievement for the city, and the recent fires demonstrated the critical value of this interagency cooperation more effectively than any book or lecture could have.

Once again, I want to remind everyone that the conditions are very dangerous at this time of year. The wet spring created a lot of new vegetation, which became tinder dry very quickly. We dodged a huge bullet, and need to be ever vigilant.

Often we focus on the beauty that would be lost in the event of a devastating fire on the mountain, and forget the potential for human tragedy and suffering. Please be careful and watchful. These fires, as you have heard, were human caused and suspicious. Prevention of a repeat with more devastating and possibly deadly consequences is essential. I am counting on all of you to serve as eyes and ears, watching for and reporting any suspicious or illegal activity, including illegal fireworks that could have horrific repercussions. Please help us in preventing a future tragedy by immediately reporting any suspicious activity, no matter how insignificant.

A couple of other matters - Some of you may be aware work has been completed on our new Crowd Canyon Water Tank. A Opening Ceremony will be held on September 2. This is an impressive, major infrastructure component that will be critical in meeting the city's water needs for many, many decades. We are very grateful to report that more than half of the funding (\$2.7 million) came from a settlement agreement with Ensign Bickford through the State. Just over one quarter of the total cost will be funded by the developers of the Presidio project, and the rest of the funds will come from building impact fees from new construction when it resumes. We're also happy to report the work was completed by a local contractor. We are grateful to all the entities that made this project possible. It's an impressive structure.

It's nearly the one year anniversary of our switch to putting all garbage totes on the same side of the street. We appreciate those of you who have put up with your neighbor's totes in front of your homes. Our garbage company will be distributing notifications soon indicating it's time to switch to the other side of the street for the coming year (beginning in October). I'm grateful to all of you for being willing to share the burden by switching periodically - like me, I'm sure half of you are happy now to "host" your neighbor's cans for the coming year, since they've been so kind about "hosting" yours for so long. Thanks to you all. And once again, please notify the city offices immediately if there are spills of garbage or greasy spots on the road from leaky fluids from the trucks - Allied Waste is anxious to keep us as a satisfied customer and will be happy to return and clean up any messes they are notified of.

## City Calendar

Sept 2	7:00pm	City Council Meeting
Sept 3	8:30am	Economic Development Meeting
Sept 3	7:00pm	Green Committee Meeting
Sept 10	6:30pm	Planning Commission Meeting
Sept 14	9:00am	Trails Sub-Committee Meeting
Sept 16	7:00pm	City Council Meeting
Sept 17	6:00pm	Transportation Committee Meeting
Sept 24	4:30pm	Library Committee Meeting

Museum Tours are available by appointment. If interested please call (801) 489-6714 or (801) 491-6676.

Regularly scheduled City Meetings are held at the Community Center Building, 125 West Community Center Way (400 North). For more information about City Meetings call (801) 489-5655. **Agendas, Minutes, and Public Notices for all Meetings are available on the City's website at [www.mapleton.org](http://www.mapleton.org).**

# Salem Utah County Pet Fair

## 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Salem Utah County Pet Fair Expo

The 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Salem Utah County Pet Fair Expo will be held on September 19, 2009 from 10am-4 p.m. at Knoll Park 200 West 300 South Salem Utah. Events: License and Vaccination Clinic, Vendor Displays, Games for Pets and Owners, Food, Pet Adoptions, Educational Demonstrations, Police Dog Demos. Classes

## Mapleton Moonlight Half Marathon

### Thank you to Rick Bluth

The Mapleton Trails Committee is so grateful for to Rick and Sherie Bluth for their organization in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Mapleton Moonlight Half Marathon's fundraiser, sponsors, volunteers, Mapleton Youth Committee and donations from the runners. We are in the process of raising funds to allow for a trail to go along the Central Utah Water Conservation District easement. This trail will run from Spanish Fork Canyon to Springville Canyon. The City is applying for grants to help with the costs associated with this project, but need a percentage of funds from the community and City. This was a fun run to see people decorated in costumes. There were runners of all ages and we thank all of you.

## Green Committee

Freecycle.org is a website that allows you to find or get rid of items without throwing them away. If you have an item that is still usable but that you do not want any longer or if you are looking for something and are cash strapped, try to find it on this great site. All items must be given away for free. This helps keep usable items out of the landfill. Remember, if you would like to be a part of the Green Committee; come join us the first Thursday of the month at City Hall at 7:00.



## Weatherization

### Are your Utility Bills too high?

FREE for all qualified applicants. Weatherizing your home will help you save money by making your home more energy efficient. You may qualify. Call us today to learn more at 801-344-5184 extensions 300 & 310.

## Public Safety

### Speeders

We have had several complaints from citizens regarding speeding in two areas of Mapleton. The first area is on 1600 West between 900 North and 1200 North. The speed limit on this road is 25 miles per hour. There are many children that live on this road, and it is also a bus stop location for children.

The second problem road is 800 West between Maple and 1600 South. The speed limit has been changed to 25 miles per hour. We have received several complaints from residents in the area about vehicles traveling too fast, well over the 24 MPH posting. Our officers have been patrolling addition times in these areas, and will continue to write citations as needed. Let's keep our children and citizens safe.

### Drug Bin

This is a reminder about the Mapleton City Drug Box located in the foyer of the Police Department. Please do not put anything but prescription medications in the box. Other items such as eye wash and ointments can be disposed in the trash. The box is NOT TO BE USED to throw away batteries and other items.

# Tree Committee

## By Orpha Dee Johnson

The Tree Committee wishes to acknowledge with thanks to the VanWagoner Tree Farm for mending and supplying all the greenery for the Tree City USA entry in the 24<sup>th</sup> of July Parade. They generously supplied materials and labor for the float. We also recognize Gale Gammell, Carla Hjorth and Faye Cornberg, our faithful three for grooming, caring and tending the roadside park on Highway 89. We note with pleasure and pride the way Mapleton citizen's plant and care for their yards and gardens. So many have adopted property adjacent to their own boundaries. It makes our town look neat and beautiful. We can live and work better in a well shaded community. Trees can be successfully planted in the fall. Remember to water deeply when setting them in prepared and fertilized holes.

## Business Incubator at 35 East Maple Street

The city's Economic Development Commission is encouraging new or existing local small businesses to take advantage of the business space available in the former city hall opposite the Memorial Park.

The premises (other than the Fire Station) are available on short term low rental arrangements.

It may not be the most glamorous property in town, but this air conditioned building offers excellent accommodation including phones/internet and would be suitable for a start up or existing small company to consolidate operations before moving into larger premises for future expansion requirements.

If you would like to discuss your interest in renting this building in part or its entirety please call during normal office hours to arrange a meeting.

If you have any questions you can contact the City Administrator at [bradshaw@mapleton.org](mailto:bradshaw@mapleton.org) or call 801-489-5655 ext.104.

## Senior Citizens

### Gym Hours

- Monday - 8:00 to 11:00 AM 3:00 to 5:30 PM
- Tuesday - 8:00 to 11:00 AM 2:00 to 5:30 PM
- Wednesday - 8:00 to 11:00 AM 2:00 to 5:30 PM
- Thursday - 8:00 to 11:00 AM 2:00 to 5:30 PM
- Friday - 8:30 to 11:00 AM 3:00 to 5:30 PM
- Saturday - (open every other Sat.) 10:00 AM to NOON

Our gym hours will be extended in winter if there are enough volunteers available. If you would like to be a volunteer, please call Peggy Burt at 801-489-4363.

### Computer Room

If anyone would like to help in the computer room please call Sallie Korman at 801-489-8593 or leave your name, phone number and a message in the computer room on the bulletin board. We have a web page through Mapleton City web site for information of the Seniors Board Committee members and their phone numbers.

### Potluck

There will be no potluck in September.

### Seniors Meeting

The Senior Board Meeting will be held on September 3, 2009.

### Miscellaneous

If anyone has any ideas on clubs or group activities for the seniors for winter, please let a committee member know.

Please remember to drive very carefully with our children going back to school.

# Recreation

On-line registration for most programs is available at [mapleton.org/parksandrecreation.html](http://mapleton.org/parksandrecreation.html). If you have any questions about our programs, please call our office at (801) 806-9114, located in the Mapleton Community Center at 125 W 400 N, Mapleton Recreation Office hours: Mon-Thurs, 9am – 1pm.

## **VIP Special Needs Adaptive Soccer 2009 – It's a Kick!**

(For any special needs children, Kindergarten thru High School)

Join us for our 5<sup>th</sup> year of adaptive soccer. All communities are invited to participate. Games are played on smaller fields with buddies and everybody has a great time! Games will begin in September. The cost is \$15, which includes a soccer uniform (shirt & socks). For more information or to register: contact Keri Beardall at 489-4904; send registration forms to 1822 South 300 East, Springville, UT 84663; register online at [mapleton.org/parksandrecreation.html](http://mapleton.org/parksandrecreation.html); or at the Mapleton Recreation Office.

## **Mapleton has "SOLE" 2009! – Submit your Fitness Miles!**

This summer's program is winding down. We hope you are getting out, getting active, getting fit, and logging miles exercised at [utahwalks.org](http://utahwalks.org). Previously registered individuals/families with the most fitness miles at the end of August will receive great prizes. Please submit your fitness miles (thru August 31<sup>st</sup>) to [mruiz@mapleton.org](mailto:mruiz@mapleton.org) by September 7<sup>th</sup>.

## **Creative Dance, Ages 5 – 11 yrs.**

Ballet technique will be taught in a more creative setting allowing participants to develop their own creativity in dance. This class will be at the Mapleton Community Center on Wednesdays (Ages 5-6 yrs: 3:45 – 4:45 pm; ages 7-8 yrs: 4:45 – 5:45 pm; or ages 9-11: 5:45 – 6:45 pm), beginning September 9<sup>th</sup> through the Spring, with a recital in the Spring. Instructor, Lisa Rivera is currently a BYU dance instructor, and has performed with BYU dance companies nationally and internationally. Each class is limited to 15 students. Fee: \$25 per month.

## **Dance Classes for Moms**

This class is the perfect opportunity to escape the responsibilities of life and enjoy exercising through dance. Various types of dance, ballet, modern, jazz, etc. will be used to create a fun, artistic, calorie burning experience for everyone. No dance experience is necessary. This 8 wk. session for adults will be at the Mapleton Community Center on Wednesdays, 7:15 – 8:15 pm, September 23<sup>rd</sup> thru November 11<sup>th</sup>. Instructor, Lisa Rivera is currently a BYU dance instructor, and has performed with BYU dance companies nationally and internationally. Fee: \$40.

## **What's for Dinner?**

Learn how to cook more interesting dinners! This will be a tailored-for-you, hands-on cooking class, and you get to eat what you cook! At the first class you will learn better basic cooking techniques and discuss what you would like to cook. Chef Sharon Warner is a certified chef who went to cooking school in New York City and worked as a chef. She currently caters parties and special events. This 6-week class will meet at the Mapleton Community Center (125 W 400 N) 6:00 – 8:00 pm on Tuesdays (Sept. 15 – Oct. 20) or Thursdays (Sept. 17 – Oct. 22). This is a great deal at \$85, which includes cost of ingredients. Just bring your favorite knife! Each class is limited to 8 students.

## **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. She also enjoys playing the violin and maintains a select private studio in her home as well as works professionally as a recording artist and performer. The Choir will meet September through May and will prepare for a Christmas and a Spring concert. Register on-line or at the Recreation Office. For more information, please call Heidi at 318-0884.

- Young singers, ages 4-7 - Thursdays 4-4:30 p.m. Fee: \$30 per month.
- Mapleton Children's Choir, ages 7-12 - Thursdays 4:30-5:30 p.m. Fee \$40 (Sibling discount rate \$25) per month.

## **Gymnastics and Tumbling - Ages 18 mos. – 8 yrs.**

Beginning gymnastic classes will be taught by Deana Hotchkiss. Deana has been teaching gymnastics and tumbling classes for over 20 years. Classes will be held at the Mapleton Community Center (125 W 400 N). 10 classes will be offered—September 15<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup> thru November 17<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup>. This is a great introduction to gymnastics or just a great opportunity to stretch, tumble, learn balance, and have fun!

Class sizes are limited. Register on-line or at the Recreation Office. Fee is \$40.00

## **Tuesday**

- Little Guys & Gals Gymnastics & Tumbling Class (Ages 3 - 6) 9:45 - 10:30 AM, 10:30 - 11:15 AM OR 1:00 – 1:45 PM
- Parent & Tot Gymnastics & Tumbling Class (18 months – 3 years old) 11:15 AM – 12:00 PM (Parents are required to stay and play with their child!)
- Kindergarten Gymnastics & Tumbling Class (Girls) 12:00 – 12:45 PM
- After-school Gymnastics (Girls 6 – 8 yrs. old) 3:30 – 4:15 PM

## **Wednesday**

- Little Guys & Gals Gymnastics & Tumbling Class (Ages 3 - 6) 9:45 - 10:30 AM OR 10:30 – 11:15 AM
- Parent & Tot Gymnastics & Tumbling Class (18 months – 3 years old) 11:15 AM – 12:00 PM (Parents are required to stay and play with their child!)

## **Adult Painting Class**

A beginning painting class for adults will be held on Mondays, 10 AM to 12 PM, Sept 14<sup>th</sup> thru Oct 19<sup>th</sup> at the Mapleton Community Center. Residents of other communities are invited. Class fee is \$65 for 6 classes. Students will be responsible for providing their own supplies. Any questions contact Lori Beckstrand 801-489-9414. Class minimum: 5 students. Register on-line or at the Recreation Office.

## **Girls Volleyball Registration, Grades 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>**

Registration will be held Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm at the Mapleton Jr. High School Gym (located at 362 E 1200 N, Mapleton). Late registration will be accepted on-line or at the Recreation Office. League play will begin in October on Tuesdays and/or Thursdays. Fee is \$35.00 per participant.

Sign up as a team. Minimum of 6 players. Each team must have an adult coach. If you do not have a team, you may register individually and will be placed on a team. Coach Linda Lewis is the coordinator of the Girls Volleyball Program.

## **Girls Basketball Registration, Grades 1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>**

Early registration will be available on-line Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>. Regular registration will be available on-line or at the Recreation Office, Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> – Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>. Games will be played November thru December. Girls' Leagues & Registration Fees can be viewed online. Registration fee includes league play and a jersey. A \$10 late registration fee will be added after October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## **South Utah County Junior Wrestling, Pre-K – 9<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Wrestling is a fantastic sport that demands the best from the heart, mind and body. Registration is open to all communities and will be held at the Mapleton Community Center on Monday & Tuesday, October 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 – 8:30 pm each night. Participant must be present for weigh-in. The registration fee for children ages 4 thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade is \$50. 6<sup>th</sup> thru 9<sup>th</sup> grades fee is \$75. Watch for more information distributed through your school! Contact Craig LaMont at 489-8767, 380-8828, or at [craig@telosrtc.com](mailto:craig@telosrtc.com) for more information

## **Boys Basketball Registration, Grades 1<sup>st</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>**

Boys Basketball registration will be held on Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 – 8:00 pm at the Mapleton Community Center. Early registration will be available on-line, November 9<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>. Late registration will be accepted on-line or at the Recreation Office. Games will begin in January 2010. Boys' Leagues & Registration Fee can be viewed online. Registration fee includes league play and a jersey. A \$10 late registration fee will be added after December 1<sup>st</sup>.

## **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., 8:30 pm OR Tue., and Thur., 6:00 am at the Community Center (125 W 400 N). Register on-line, at the Recreation Office, or at class. Fee is \$20.00 per month.

Please visit [Mapleton.org/parksandrecreation.html](http://Mapleton.org/parksandrecreation.html) for more information about all our programs.

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# Public Works

## Pressurized Irrigation Users

A reminder for anyone using Pressurized Irrigation; in order for everyone to have adequate pressure; please observe the odd, even watering schedule.

EVEN NUMBERED HOUSES:

**MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY**

ODD NUMBERED HOUSES:

**TUESDAY, THURSDAY, SATURDAY**

*SUNDAY CAN BE USED AS A MAKE UP DAY*

## Utah County Storm Water Management

As Stormwater flows over driveways, lawns, and sidewalks, it picks up debris, chemicals, dirt, and other pollutants. Stormwater can flow into a storm sewer system or directly to a lake, stream, river, wetland, or coastal water. Anything that enters a storm sewer system is discharged untreated into the waterbodies we use for swimming, fishing and providing drinking water. Polluted runoff is the nation's greatest threat to clean water.

By practicing healthy household habits, homeowners can keep common pollutants like pesticides, per waste grass clippings, and automotive fluids off the ground and out of Stormwater. Adopt these healthy household habits and help protect lakes, streams, rivers, wetlands and coastal waters. Remember to share the habits with your neighbors!

## Home Repair and Improvement

- Before beginning an outdoor project, locate the nearest storm drain and protect them from debris and other materials.
- Sweep up and properly dispose of construction debris such as concrete and mortar.
- Use hazardous substances like paints, solvents, and cleaners in the smallest amounts possible and follow the directions on the label. Clean up spills immediately, and dispose of the waste safely. Store substances properly to avoid leaks and spills.
- Purchase and use nontoxic, biodegradable, recycled, and recyclable products whenever possible.
- Clean paint brushes in a sink, not outdoors, Filter and reuse paint thinner when using oil-based paints. Properly dispose of excess paints through a household hazardous waster collection program, or donate unused paint to local organizations.
- Reduce the amount of paved area and increase the amount of vegetated area in your yard. Use native plants in your landscaping to reduce the need for watering during the dry periods. Consider directing downspouts away from paved surfaces onto lawns and other measures to increase infiltration and reduce polluted runoff.

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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:	489-6138	Fire, Ambulance:	489-9421
Court:	489-7445	Non-emergency:	491-8048
Recreation:	806-9114	Newsletter:	806-9109
Recreation Hotline:	367-5069	Senior Citizens:	489-0106

## Vehicle and Garage

- Use a commercial car wash or wash your car on a lawn or other unpaved surface to minimize the amount of dirty, soapy water flowing into the storm drain and eventually into your local waterbody.
- Check your car, boat, motorcycle, and other machinery and equipment for leaks and spills. Make repairs as soon as possible. Clean up spilled fluids with an absorbent material like kitty litter or sand, and don't rinse the spills into a nearby storm drain. Remember to properly dispose of the absorbent material.
- Recycle used oil and other automotive fluids at participating service stations. Don't dump these chemicals down the storm drain or dispose of them in your trash.

For additional information call 801-851-7873 or visit their website at [www.utahcountyonline.org](http://www.utahcountyonline.org). **ONLY RAIN IN THE DRAIN!**



## **“The New SR-77 is Taking Shape”**

### Bridge Work Featured During September Construction

Those who are keeping an eye on UDOT's SR-77 (400 South in Springville) construction project saw a flurry of road-building activities in August.

“It's starting to look like a road again,” said Bryan Adams, director of UDOT's SR-77 reconstruction project. “The new 400 West bridge is taking shape, and you're starting to see pavement on the corridor. The new single point urban interchange on I-15 is coming along, and the new bridge over the railroad tracks at 1500 West is being prepared.”

During the month of September the 1500 West bridge will see a lot of construction activity. Retaining wall panels will be installed on both sides of the bridge, and the concrete driving surface will be placed. Similar work will be completed on the 400 West bridge, as the two bridges are prepared for the road re-opening in November.

Work in the interchange area will also continue, as support columns are built and surcharge is removed.

“There will be some traffic impacts as we try to maintain access in the interchange area and along 1750 West,” Adams said. “We will do everything we can to keep the traffic flowing as we do the work we need to do there. We regret the inconvenience, but are anxious to get the work done so we can re-open on schedule.”

UDOT continues to work toward opening the entire project, including 400 South between Main Street and 1750 West, before Thanksgiving. While there will still be a few things on the project to complete at that point – landscaping, for example – it will all be open for traffic by that point.

For more information about the S.R. 77 construction project please visit the project Web site at [www.udot.utah.gov/sr77](http://www.udot.utah.gov/sr77) or call the project information hotline at 1-877-222-3757.

