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June 2014 Newsletter



Mayor's Message

As you are aware from the April and May Mayor's Message provided in the City Newsletter, I have discussed the upcoming changes to the water rates for both Culinary Water and Pressurized Irrigation (PI) Water effective July 1, 2014. During the month of May the City held two (2) Public Open Houses to help address the water changes, usage history, past bills and potential future costs, etc. As per the Public Open Houses I have compiled the below Frequently Asked Questions regarding the water rate increase.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Since the City received a grant for the PI system why are water rates going up?

- a. The PI System cost approximately \$8M. This covered the cost of the lines, developing the storage reservoir, and engineering costs.
- b. \$5M came from a grant issued to the City.
- c. The City borrowed approximately \$2.65M from the Water Fund and \$350K from the PI Fund to pay the remaining balance.
- d. \$1.86M of the \$2.65M was spent to purchase property for a storage reservoir.
- e. Last fiscal year, after revenues and operating expenditures, the PI Fund only netted \$18,570, not including impact fees, to go toward future maintenance.
- f. If the City decides to use the \$18,570 to pay back the Water Fund rather than to build reserves in the PI fund, it will take 143 years to pay the Water Fund back.
- g. For the past 5+ years the Water Fund has seen significant decreases. Raising utility fees is not something the city council or myself likes to do.
- h. In 2011 the City issued a \$4.96M Water revenue bond. At that time the Water Fund had \$3.9M in reserves and was not required to establish a bond reserve fund.
- i. The Water Fund is now at \$1.9M. This is mainly due to the fact that the PI Fund had to borrow \$2.65M from the Water Fund.
- j. A decline of this magnitude may have a negative impact on the bond rating and require that a bond reserve fund be established.
- k. The City needs to pay back the Water Fund reserves it used to expand the PI system.

2. Did the grant cover the \$400 connection fee?

- a. NO, the grant did not cover the connection fee.
- b. The City paid the upfront costs to get the connections installed.
- c. That cost must now be reimbursed.

3. What does the \$400 connection fee go towards?

- a. The \$400 connection fee covers a 1 inch service line from the street to the property line – this involves excavation, backfill, saw cutting, and asphalt.
- b. It also covers the irrigation box, brass valve, meter, and transponder.
- c. The total cost per box was approximately \$1,700. The City is requiring reimbursement of only \$400.

4. Why is the PI Water Rate and Culinary Water Rate the same when PI Water is cheaper?

- a. The usage rates are the same because those who do not have PI access do not have a choice but to use culinary water.
- b. The 2nd through 6th tiers for Culinary Water users with PI access are double that of the PI rates. This is to encourage conservation of the culinary water.

5. How is the water rate funds used? Is the city creating a huge windfall of money by raising rates?

- a. The water fund covers operation and maintenance expenses of the water fund only.
- b. It covers the annual debt payment on the revenue bonds that were issued in 2011.
- c. It covers Capital equipment and Capital projects such as water line replacements, etc.
- d. Our calculations and modeling show that the water fund may still be operating in the negative. Money collected from usage without any history is a variable number and we have done our best to calculate a rate structure that we believe will cover the city's water obligations into the near future.

We can all agree that Mapleton City does not have significant commercial tax based support. Income must equal expenses. We have taken aggressive steps to manage the impact of increasing expenses. Our operational and capital spending is being closely managed to meet minimal levels to support operations while remaining committed to providing safe water and dependable service.

Recreation

www.mapleton.org/parksandrecreation.html

Online registration going on NOW

Online registration is going on now for Summer Tennis, Youth Adventure Day Camp, Sewing, Archery, Folk and Bluegrass Ensemble Camp, Specialized Volleyball Camp, 1st & 2nd Grade Lacrosse Clinic and Youth Painting Classes

Fall Programs

Registration will open on July 1st for Flag Football and Soccer.



Upcoming Events

The July 24th City Celebration (Performance by Party Crashers).

Summer Concerts in the Park

- July 7th - Mid-life Crisis, Classic Rock for all ages!
- July 14th - Thrillionaires, Comedic Music Improv... You will laugh your head off! So talented and so fun!
- July 21st - Jessica Knight, Come see the kids perform! Jessica's groups are great!
- July 28th - Crosstrung, Our own Mapleton family group that you won't want to miss!
- Aug 4th - The New Hot 5, Check out 'Jazz for Cows' YouTube video to see this group! They are famous!
- Aug 11th - The Accords, Utah's Own accordion trio performs energetic melodies that cover the musical spectrum!
- Aug 18th - Red Desert Ramblers, Bluegrass that will make you sit back & smile!
- Aug 25th - Mark Owens, Our third year running now... Mark's group is fun and entertaining!
Country music that everyone digs!

All concerts start at 7pm at the Mapleton City Park Gazebo, located on the corner of Main Street and Maple Street. Bring your own chair or blanket. It's a great Family Night Activity.



Public Safety

New City Emergency Notification System

Mapleton City is in the process of implementing a new City wide emergency notification system to be able to notify you, the citizens, in case of an emergency. The system will also allow us to notify you of special events going on in the City. Watch for instructions on how to sign up for notifications in next month's newsletter.

Summer Safety Tips

With summer upon us and with our children out of school we need to be more cautious while driving. There are more children playing outside along with more joggers and bicyclist on the road. As a reminder you should **never** leave children or pets in a car unattended for any amount of time. It only takes a few minutes for a vehicle to heat up inside in the summer even when the windows are rolled down. This could endanger a child's life. Have a safe summer!

Senior Citizens

Health

The next Blood Pressure/Blood Sugar Clinic will be on Thursday, June 12th at 10:30am.

Luncheon

The next luncheon will be Thursday, June 12th at 11:30am. The menu will be salads and rolls. Please bring a salad, dessert, donation, or whatever you would like. A presentation will be given by Emmie Comer regarding the devastating tsunami in the Philippines during and after the event, along with stories as she was there during flood and aftermath.

Senior Yoga

Yoga will be Tuesdays & Thursdays, at 10:00 a.m.

Senior Gym

We would like to invite any Mapleton residents over age 50 to come and join with us. If you have questions or would like a private tour, call Peggy Burt at 801-310-8429. Our hours are:

8:00-11:00 a.m. and 3:00-5:30pm Monday thru Thursday

8:30-11:00am and 3:00-5:00pm on Fridays

11:00am-12:00pm on Saturdays

The gym will be closed on Saturdays for the summer.

Senior Art Painting Group

12:30pm-3:30pm on Mondays. Mapleton City provides the easels. Please bring your own supplies. Do your own thing, but help will be available if you need it.

Library Book Sale

The annual Mapleton Library Book Sale will be starting up June 11th and will run through July 16th. It will start at 9am and go until 5pm. There will be great prices for books, so you can come and add to your collection! It will be in the basement of the Mapleton City Hall. If you have any books you would like to donate to the book sale, you can bring them to the library. The proceeds will go to the Mapleton Library for the purchasing of materials to help parents teach literacy to their children.

Spring Parade of Gardens

Saturday, June 7th from 9am-3pm

See www.mapletonmarket.org for more information!



Pioneer Day 5k

Join us for the Mapleton City 5k and 1 mile Kids Fun Run:
Run:

Time:

Thursday, July 24th, 2014 / 1 Mile Fun Run – 7am and 5k
– 7:30am

Fees:

\$17 for 5k Run/Walk and \$12 for 1 mile Kids Fun Run.

Includes:

Running tech shirt, chip timing, refreshments, and fun!

Location:

The start and finish lines will be at the Mapleton City Building

Packet Pick-Up:

Wednesday, July 23rd at the Mapleton City Building
from 5pm-8pm.

Online Registration:

(Closes July 22nd at 11:59pm)

www.mapleton.org

You can register late at packet pick-up at an increased fee of \$20 for the 5k and \$12 for the 1 mile Fun Run. Shirts are not guaranteed for those who register late.

Contact Numbers

Mayor:	806-9106	Library:	489-4833
City Council:	806-9106	Public Works:	489-6253
City Administration:	806-9104	Emergency:	911
Community Development:	489-6138	Dispatch Police,	
Building Inspection:	489-6138	Fire, Ambulance:	489-9421
Court:	489-7445	Non-emergency:	489-9668
Recreation:	806-9114	Newsletter:	806-9109
Recreation Hotline:	367-5069	Senior Citizens:	806-9128
City Recorder	806-9106	Utilities:	489-5655

Community Development

Parkway Xeriscape Standards

A parkway, otherwise known as a planter strip or park strip, is defined as the strip of land next to a road which is between the curb and the sidewalk. Mapleton City Code previously required that all parkways be planted with grass. However, in an effort to promote water conservation, recent changes to the Code now allow the use of xeriscaping in the parkways. Xeriscaping is a term used to describe a landscape method that utilizes drought tolerant plantings and features that require little or no irrigation (landscape rocks, native grasses and plants, etc.). If you have a parkway in front of your home that contains grass, and you are interested in replacing it with xeriscaping, please contact the Community Development Department to get a copy of the required design standards.

Public Works

Water Conservation

For more information on water conservation please refer to the following websites:

- Slow the Flow
 - <http://www.slowtheflow.org>
- Utah's Water Conservation Page
 - <http://www.utah.gov/services>
- USU Extension
 - <http://extension.usu.edu>
- Jordan Valley WCD
 - <http://conservationgardenpark.org>
- Utah Water Wise Plant List
 - <http://www.waterwiseplants.utah.gov>
- Utah Water Resource Page
 - <http://www.utah.gov/services>
- Natural Resource Conservation
 - <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov>



June 2014 City Calendar

June 3	7:00pm	City Council Meeting
June 12	6:30pm	Planning Commission Meeting
June 17	7:00pm	City Council Meeting
June 26	6:30pm	Planning Commission Meeting

Regularly scheduled City Meetings are held at the Community Center Building, 125 West Community Center Way (400 North).