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Mayor's Message

Q. What's the difference between an economist and a befuddled old man with Alzheimer's?

A. The economist is the one with the calculator.

There's little to laugh about these days when it comes to the economy, but we did get some very good financial news recently which I am excited to share. We are working to close the books on fiscal 2008-2009, which ended on June 30 of this year. As you will recall, we've experienced quite a bit of anxiety trying to limit our expenditures so that we don't overwhelm our greatly decreased revenues. I'm happy to report we did well.

In the General Fund, where property taxes, sales taxes, and most other fees are captured, we believed we would see revenues of \$3,673,540. Our actual revenues came in at \$3,638,069, which created a short fall of \$35,471 or about one percent. However, that revenue shortfall was *more than offset* by every single city department covered by the General Fund actually spending *LESS* than their budgeted amounts. The savings ranged from less than one percent to over sixteen percent, with a total savings of \$259,000. The net effect was that, even in our most difficult budget year in recent memory, the city was able to add \$223,000 to its reserves!

Apart from the General Fund, the city has several Enterprise Funds, including water, solid waste collections, pressurized irrigation, and sewer. Of those various funds, operations were all at breakeven or better, with the exception of the sewer department. Our sewer operations cost more than we took in by way of fees, therefore, that department was over budget.

Overall, this was quite a remarkable achievement. I am extremely grateful to all the city department heads who met the financial challenge through ingenuity and resourcefulness and constant vigilance. I also can not say enough good about all of our employees, as so many of them went to great lengths to help us keep costs down. Our round-the-clock employees in particular (public safety & public works) went well beyond our expectations to avoid overtime and cover for each other. All of our employees contributed as well, by paying a share of their insurance benefits. The savings accomplished by our employees represent a true sacrifice on their part. I think this demonstrates the depth of their dedication to providing truly excellent service to all of you, at minimal cost.

All of this leads to the obvious question: when will we, as a city and a nation, be "out of the woods" financially? Of course, no one knows. What we do know is, our economy is the worst it's ever been since World War II. Financial pundits say we're bouncing around the bottom and the recession is over. Regardless of how much of that are sunny optimism and how much is dead on, municipal government is still in for a tough ride because *recovery* is going to take a lot of time. Bottom line: while 2008 was difficult, and 2009 was downright painful, I anticipate 2010 will be our toughest year yet.

The old saying goes, you know we're in a *recession* when your neighbor loses his job. You know we're in a *deep recession* when you lose YOUR job. But in Utah, it's not a *deep recession* until you have at least two of your married kids living in your basement. A lot of us are already there.

By any definition, Utah came into this current difficulty late, and will consequently emerge later than the rest of the nation. According to several economic analysts who addressed municipal leaders at the recent Utah League of Cities and Towns Annual Conference, job growth is expected to begin late this year or during next year. The housing market still faces three big threats: global and national credit markets, job loss, and foreclosures. In Utah, housing starts peaked at around 28,000 statewide in 2006. It's anticipated that this year, we may not even hit 5,000. Some of these analysts predicted it's likely we will not see another housing boom in at least a generation. Utah will experience about 10,000 foreclosures in the coming year, which means about 10,000 existing homes will come back on the market. This additional inventory creates an even tougher environment for builders. The government is still guarantying loans for construction of new apartments, so there is "some life" in that market. However, vacancies are rising, and the rental market is sluggish. This will make it difficult for landlords through 2011 at least.

During these tough times, sales tax revenue has dropped off. Because of the uncertainty, and because of hardships, people are spending less. They are saving more, which is good. But consumer confidence remains down, which dramatically affects car sales, which further reduces sales tax revenue. Residential construction was down 60% a month for some time, but the decline is slowing - it's now down only 45%. All of this means continuing financial hardship for government entities as well as for residents.

2010 is going to be a tough year. But our success in the latest budget year gives hope that through continued frugality and constant vigilance, we'll get through, hopefully without any noticeable reduction in services. All of us here at the city are determined to do whatever it takes to continue to meet our obligations, save money every chance we get, and provide the services that make our city such a desirable place to live.

City Newsletter

October 2009 Edition

We have had some other good news, which we hope will turn into a long term blessing for the city. We learned last month there was an unexpected opportunity to apply for a large grant, i.e., "free" money, which, if our application is successful, will enable us to expand our pressurized irrigation system to the entire north part of town. We had not anticipated an opportunity like this so quickly. Thanks to foresight and pro-active planning months ago, our engineering staff was able to quickly compile the necessary documentation and meet a very tight application deadline. We believe, barring anything drastic occurring, we have an excellent chance of being awarded this money.

While we wait to hear news on that front, I've instructed staff to prepare a list of Pressurized Irrigation FAQs that we will make available on our website and at the city offices. I often get questions from residents about how an expanded pressurized irrigation system will interface with the existing irrigation companies, what it will mean to individuals, what will happen to existing ditches, how holders of irrigation water shares or well rights will be affected, etc. Anyone that's ever dealt with water issues understands how complex it will be to make the switch from the present privately owned delivery and payment systems to a city-owned system. After meeting with officials from the irrigation companies, we have begun preparations for the transition. Meshing the old and new systems can be accomplished with less difficulty by working closely with the irrigation companies, and as much advance preparation as possible. We appreciate the officers of the irrigation companies who are so cheerfully helping us make this transition.

To assist us in compiling our Pressurized Irrigation FAQs, I would like to ask all residents that have questions regarding the potential switch to please submit those questions to us so that we can research the answers. Please submit questions or comment by phone, mail or email. In order to assure your e-mailed question does not get intercepted by our fairly aggressive spam filter, please submit those questions to irrigation2009@hotmail.com

Speaking of spam, please note that with the ever increasing volume of junk email, some city employees (including myself) are finding more and more legitimate emails lost in junk files. I am worried that some of your email correspondence may have been overlooked in this manner. If you have emailed ANY city employee, department head, or myself and not gotten a reply, please let us know. Communication with residents is very important to us. I do not want anyone to feel they've been ignored. If at any time you do not get a returned phone call, email, or other appropriate response to your question, comment, or complaint, please don't hesitate to call that to our attention. We are sincere in our desire that anyone with a problem or concern gets the attention they deserve. Please keep us on our toes.

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City Calendar

Oct 1	7:00pm	Green Committee Meeting
Oct 7	7:00pm	City Council Meeting
Oct 8	6:30pm	Planning Commission Meeting
Oct 12		City Offices Closed – Columbus Day
Oct 13	9:00am	Trails Sub-Committee Meeting
Oct 15	8:30am	Economic Development Meeting
Oct 15	4:30pm	Library Committee Meeting
Oct 15	6:00pm	Transportation Committee Meeting
Oct 21	7:00pm	City Council Meeting
Oct 22	6:30pm	Planning Commission 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.**

Election Information

Change in Law Requires Identification (ID) at Polls

With General Elections on November 3rd, it is important to note that a recent change in Utah Law requires voters to show valid voter identification before they can vote. The change in the law, which was sponsored by Rep. Bradley Daw, R-Orem, in the 2009 Legislative Session, required ID from all voters. Before, the law required ID only in certain circumstances. The change also clarifies which forms of ID are valid. "We eliminated less reliable forms of identification" explains Daw.

Valid ID includes a photo ID issued by the state or federal government, such as a Utah Driver License or United States Passport; or two other forms of ID showing the voter's name and address, such as a current utility bill or bank statement. Voters without valid identification may cast a provisional ballot and present valid identification to the county clerk within five business days of the election to have the ballot counted. For more information, members of the public can call the City Recorder at 801-806-9106 or county elections office at 801-851-8109.

Public Safety

Off Road Parking

With cold weather just around the corner we would like to remind everyone about parking vehicles, which include boats, trailers and motorized homes on the roadway. Now is the time of year when the street sweeper will be coming around trying to clean out the gutters. Vehicles can NOT be parked on the side of the road for more than 48 hours. During the months of November through March no vehicles are allowed to park on the side of the road from 11pm to 6am. This will allow the snow plows to clear the roadway so we can have clear streets to drive on.

Swine Flu

We would like to keep our citizens as safe as possible, and with the flu season just ahead we encourage everyone to be informed on how to try and avoid the swine flu. There are several websites you can visit that will give you good information. Some of the things you can do to try and avoid the flu are to keep your hands washed, cover your mouth when you cough, and only use a tissue one time. If you are sick, stay home, in order to help prevent the spread of illness. A good website to visit is the Center for Disease Control and Prevention at www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/. Here you will find all kinds of information about the swine flu and how to protect yourself.



Pheasant Hunting

Pheasant hunting season is in October and we anticipate several calls about hunters. Utah state law says that you may not shoot a firearm within 600 feet of a house, dwelling, or any other building; or any structure in which a domestic animal is kept or fed, including a barn, poultry yard, corral, feeding pen or stockyard. You must have written permission from the property owner to be on their property.

Transportation and Community Planning Open House

Mountainlands Association of Governments

You are invited to come out and learn about air quality, road/highway improvements, new community development, transit plans, and how it affects you. Information will be available on: Lehi 2100 North, I-15 CORE Reconstruction, Pioneer Crossing Blvd., Commuter Rail, Bus Rapid Transit, Geneva Road, Provo Westside Connector, American Fork Main Street Study and the West Lake Visitation Study. Representatives from Mountainland, UDOT, UTA, and communities in Utah County will be available to answer questions on Transportation Plans and Community Development. Open Houses will be held at the below dates and locations:

- October 14, 2009 from 4:30pm to 6:30pm at the American Fork Senior Center, 54 East Main, American Fork.
- October 21, 2009 from 4:30pm to 7:00pm at the Orem Friendship Senior Center, 93 North 400 East, Orem.
- October 28, 2009 from 4:30pm to 6:30pm at the Springville Senior Center, 65 East 200 South, Springville.

Garbage Toters

Monday, October 5, 2009

Just a reminder that those citizens participating in the one side street garbage toter pick-up program will need to start putting their toters on the opposite side of the street than they have been this past year starting on Monday, October 5, 2009. The City appreciates those who participate in this program, and their willingness to abide by this change.



Green Committee

Recycling Compact Fluorescent Light (CFL) Bulbs

You know those fancy little "Twisty Bulbs" that use 75% less energy and are supposed to last 10 times longer than regular light bulbs? What do you do with one of those curly little bulbs if it stops working? The bright answer is to recycle it and the easiest place to do that is your local Home Depot store. Back in 2008 the Home Depot started a free program for recycling CFL bulbs. Simply bring them up to the Customer Service desk and they will help you see the light (and the drop box). Recycling CFL bulbs, keeping them out of our landfills, is a bright idea!

Something about Trees

By Orpha Dee Johnson

Here are some reasons to consider planting trees on your property or in your neighborhood. Research studies suggest that having areas with trees and other green plants show less violence and crime. Hospital patients have been shown to recover from surgery more quickly and require less pain medication when their room had a window that promoted a view of trees and shrubs. The overall cooling affect of a healthy mature tree is equivalent to ten room sized air conditioners operating 20 hours per day. Trees help clean the air. Mapleton is 14 years and counting as a Tree City USA.

Recreation

On-line registration for most programs is available at 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 West 400 North, Mapleton. The Recreation Office hours are Monday-Thursday from 9am to 1pm.

Mapleton has "SOLE" 2009! - Congratulations to the winners!

Thank you to all our participants! The individual winners are Adam Krommenhoek with 1,204 miles (winner of \$100 MVP Sports gift certificate), Linda Phillips with 627 miles (winner of \$75 MVP Sports gift certificate), Samuel Krommenhoek with 523 miles (winner of \$50 MVP Sports gift certificate), and Trace Lund with 500 miles (jacket or pullover). The family winners are the Maylett family with a total of 1,522 miles (\$100 MVP Sports gift certificate), the Lund family with 1,230 miles (sports equipment bag), and the rest of the Krommenhoek family with 1,109 miles (stadium seats). All participants were also awarded individual awards as they reached the 25, 50, 150, 250 mile levels. This is an amazing community program, so watch for next year's challenge.

Girls Basketball Registration, Grades 1st – 8th

Registration started on Sept. 14th. Late registration is available at the Recreation Office. Games will be played November thru December.

Girls' Leagues & Registration Fees:

Registration fee includes league play and a jersey.

	<u>Regular</u>	<u>Late</u>
1 st & 2 nd grades (Instructional/Skills)	\$35	\$45
3 rd & 4 th grades	\$40	\$50
5 th & 6 th grades	\$40	\$50
7 th & 8 th grades	\$45	\$55

A \$10 late registration fee will be added after October 2nd.
**Participants in the 5th – 8th grade must attend their mandatory Coach Preview on the date listed below:

7 th & 8 th Grade	Tue 10/6	5:30pm-6:30pm
5 th & 6 th Grade	Tue 10/13	5:30pm-6:30pm



Mapleton Children's Choir

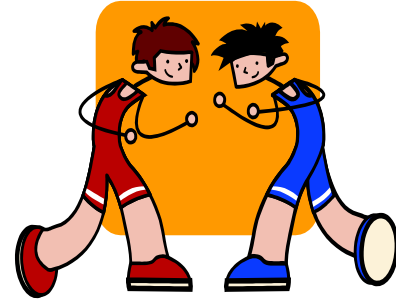
Come and Sing! The Mapleton Children's Choir is now enrolling! Children learn why music is an art, and have fun discovering that they are in fact the instrument that makes music beautiful. Spots will be filled on a first come first serve basis. Choir Director, Heidi Bezzant studied music at Brigham Young 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 801-318-0884.

- Young singers, ages 4-7 - Thursday's 4:00pm-4:30pm Fee: \$30 per month.
- Mapleton Children's Choir, ages 7-12 - Thursdays 4:30pm-5:30pm Fee \$40 (Sibling discount rate \$25) per month.

Recreation Article continued in next Column

South Utah County Junior Wrestling pre-K – 9th 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 5th and 6th, 7:00pm–8:30pm each night. Participant must be present for weigh-in. The registration fee for children ages 4 thru 5th grade is \$50. 6th thru 9th grades fee is \$75. Watch for more information distributed through your school! Contact Craig LaMont at 801-489-8767, 801-380-8828, or at craig@telosrtc.com for more information.



Boys Basketball Registration, Grades 1st – 10th

Boys Basketball registration will be held on Thursday, November 19th, 6:00pm–8:00pm at the Mapleton Community Center. Early registration will be available on-line, November 9th – 18th. Late registration will be accepted on-line or at the Recreation Office. Games will begin in January 2010.

Boys' Leagues & Registration Fees:

Registration fee includes league play and a jersey.

	<u>Early</u>	<u>Regular</u>	<u>Late</u>
1 st & 2 nd grade (Instructional/Skills)	\$30	\$35	\$45
3 rd & 4 th grade	\$35	\$40	\$50
5 th & 6 th grades	\$35	\$40	\$50
7 th & 8 th grades	\$40	\$45	\$55
9 th & 10 th grades	\$45	\$50	\$60

A \$10 late registration fee will be added after December 1st.

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., 6:00am at the Community Center (125 W 400 N). Register on-line, at the Recreation Office, or at class. Fee is \$20.00 per month.



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: 4:45pm-5:45pm; or ages 9-11: 5:45pm–6:45pm), beginning September 9th 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.

Family Literacy Center

Is your child ready for school – we are here to help!

The Center offers tutoring help to anyone reading below level. They also help your student with spelling and writing. After calling Judy, the supervisor of the Center, a student is scheduled for a reading screening. They are then assigned to a tutor who will work with them for two hours a week after school at the Literacy Center. There are many resources available to work with students, including books, computer programs, games, etc. Monday-Wednesday or Tuesday-Thursday sessions will be arranged between 3:30pm-6:30pm.

Parents and even grandparents can be trained to help their own students at the Center as well. Come home school parents are now taking advantage of the resources available for increasing reading skills.

There is always a need for volunteer tutors. Those applying must be at least 16 years old, love to read, and go through a two hour training class. This is a great way for teens to do service in the community for college applications and scholarships. The Director will write letters of recommendation after the service is given. Tutoring hours during the school year are after school between 3:30pm-6:30pm. The tutors usually work on a Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday schedule. What a great opportunity to give the gift of being able to read to an individual. The rewards are tremendous for both tutor and student. Call Judy Whiting now at 801-806-9127, 801-489-6999 or 801-787-5455 to reserve a time for your student.



Public Works

Debris/Storm Drains

Now that fall has arrived, and with it the leaves that will soon be falling, we ask that all residents keep the curb and gutters free of grass, leaves and debris. Please do not blow yard waste into the gutter or streets as this clogs the storm drains and prevents them from working effectively.

Pressurized Irrigation

Pressurized Irrigation will remain on through the month of October unless temperatures consistently drop below freezing. It will be shut off on November 1, 2009.

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

Are your Utility Bills too high?

Weatherizing your home will help you save money by making your home more energy efficient, and could be FREE for qualified applicants. To find out if you qualify call us today to learn more at 801-344-5184 ext 300 or 310.

Senior Citizens

Gym Hours

Our gym hours continue to be the same with the possibility of adding evening hours on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays as needed as we start to see cooler temperatures. Hours listed below:

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

We would like to unanimously THANK the numerous volunteers and who have been so dedicated and consistent in helping us keep the gym open. The next time you come, consider extending a warm 'thank you' to the VOLUNTEER on duty. We couldn't do anything without their help. As usual if you would like to become a volunteer or an alternate, please call Peggy Burt at 801-489-4363.

Computer Room

We also welcome any volunteers in the computer room. Call Sallie Korman at 801-489-8593 or leave your name, phone number and a message in the computer room, if interested. We have a web page through Mapleton City web site with information about our Seniors Citizen Committee members, including phone numbers and email addresses. Go to mapleton.org, scroll down the left side of the page until you see 'SENIOR CITIZENS' and CLICK on the link. We continue to have resource people available for help with basic computer skills, scanning, as well as assisting any who may use our computers to do indexing of family history name from FamilySearch [see names and phone numbers on the senior insert included with this newsletter]. Sallie is generally there on Wednesday from 10 to noon if you want to drop by with any questions.

Group Painting

The Maple Mountain Art Guild continues to meet on Mondays from 12:30 to 3:30 PM. You are welcome to drop by or call Lori Beckstrand 489-9414 for further information

Potlucks

We are starting our potluck luncheons after a two month break. It will be Thursday October 8th at 11:30 AM. A Foot Clinic will be provided at 10:30 AM the First Choice, our thanks to them for this service. There are those who can say nothing but good about the foot massages - they are wonderful!

We have invited ALL CANDIDATES FOR CITY OFFICES to join us at the potluck if they can. Please join us with your questions and concerns.

Tai Chi Class

This class meets as always on Wednesday from 8:30-9:30 AM in the multipurpose room at city hall. We give our thanks to Dr's. John and Janet Garrett for this instruction. It is open to the community, but seniors do appreciate this addition to maintaining our physical well-being.

Suggestions

We are open to any suggested activities for our group. We have some things on a regular basis but would like to expand those things we offer. Please contact any committee member or leave a note in the suggestion box in the senior gym. If you want a response please include your name and phone number.