

January 2023 Newsletter



MAPLETON UTAH

Home, Heritage, Happiness

Mayor's Message

Thank you to our Parks and Recreation team for the 800+ man hours they spent setting up over 140,000 festive lights throughout our parks this year, and to our Public Works team for their hard work to clear the snow from our roads after our recent winter storms. We appreciate all our staff does to keep Mapleton a safe and happy place - both through the winter and year-round.



2022 was a great year for Mapleton. As a city, we accomplished many exciting tasks including:

- Connecting the first homes to the Mapleton City Network fiber internet network.
- Opened the barn in our Historic Old Towne Square, marking the Square's completion.
- Adding our first K-9 unit to our Police Department.
- Hosting the biggest Pioneer Days Celebration in Mapleton's history - a record we keep breaking!

We look forward to great things ahead in 2023 and are especially thrilled about expanding MCN's reach to more residents, unveiling a city-wide rebrand, completing Trails and Facilities Master Plans, and constructing a traffic light on 800 N and Hwy 89. We know it will be a wonderful year because we are surrounded by compassionate, hardworking people. Thank you to our residents for bringing heart to our community. We hope you had a wonderful holiday season and wish you and your families a very happy and prosperous New Year.

- **Mayor Dallas Hakes**

Fiber Internet is here in Mapleton!

Visit <https://bit.ly/3KfhDrj> or scan the QR code to view the interactive map showing

the most up-to-date Mapleton City Network fiber internet availability. Visit the City website to sign up for service and learn more.



January Calendar

- 4 City Council Meeting
- 12 Senior Luncheon
- 12 Planning Commission Meeting
- 16 Martin Luther King Junior Day - *City Offices Closed*
- 18 City Council Meeting
- 26 Planning Commission Meeting

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Administration

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801-806-9106

Community Development

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Finance or Utilities

801-489-5655

Library

801-489-4833

Parks and Recreation

801-806-9114

Public Works

801-489-6253

Public Safety

801-489-9668

*Call 911 for emergencies

Officials

Mayor

Dallas Hakes

City Council

Kasey Beck
Reid Carlson
Jessica Egbert
Therin Garrett
Leslie Jones



Public Safety



2022 was a great year for our Public Safety Department. New programs, innovations, and growth continue to surround us, and I want to thank all who work within our department for their time, expertise, and dedication to our community.

As your Police Chief, I have the opportunity to hear residents' concerns throughout the year. The most frequent concern I hear is of speeding vehicles on residential roads. Nobody wants to see vehicles speeding on the road they live on. This concern elevates as we remember that our community has not been immune to tragedies on our roadways.

In 2022, I received speeding complaints about 35 different roads within our city. Our City Administration, Public Works Department, and Police Department all participate in addressing speeding concerns. The first step is typically collecting data on the roadway in question. In 2021, Mapleton City purchased a *TrafficLogix* traffic data collection box. This battery-powered box can be mounted to any utility pole and provides real time data points including vehicle speeds, counts, average speeds, times of speeding vehicles, and 85% speeds. It allows us to position officers to run radar in the exact time frames we see the most speeding violations.

Data collected from this box has confirmed true speeding problems in certain areas. In others, it has shown that speeds are not as high as residents have reported. It has been a great tool to help our Police Department be more strategic in when and where we run radar.

If you're a numbers person like me, here's some insightful 2022 traffic data:

The *TrafficLogix* box collected data on over 154,000 vehicles on 35 different roadways in 2022.

- 54.2% of the vehicles traveled at or below the posted speed limit
- 29.1% traveled at 1-5 MPH over the speed limit
- 13.5% traveled at 6-10 MPH over the speed limit
- 2.8% traveled at 11-15 MPH over the speed limit
- 0.3% traveled at 16-20 MPH over the speed limit
- 0.07% traveled at 21+ MPH over the speed limit.

Though it is pleasing to see that the majority of drivers are at or below the speed limit, what about the 42.6% of vehicles that drive up to 10 MPH over the speed limit? This is where we all can, and must, be better.

Please, as we begin the New Year, make a serious effort to drive in a manner that ensures safety to all

our residents and visitors. Our officers don't want to issue citations - it's not any fun at all - but we realize it's a necessary tool to help correct bad driving habits. It's a tool we will continue to utilize as needed. Councilman Carlson addresses the evolution of Mapleton roadways in his "Council Corner" message this month. He is right when he pleads with us all to make Mapleton the safest and most courteous roadways in Utah. I know we can do it!

As always, the Police Department is willing to meet with neighborhood groups to discuss speeding (or any other topics) if there is a desire. Please email me at jjackson@mapleton.org to get it organized.

- John Jackson
Public Safety Director



City Council Corner

My first real introduction to Mapleton was in 1963 when I rented three acres of ground from Harold Barker for my FFA project. Mapleton's population at the time was about 1,650 residents. I spent quite a bit of time here over those three years and grew to like Mapleton. People were kind and down to earth. You could almost count the stop signs on one hand. I wanted to live in Mapleton, but it wasn't until 1995 that Elaine and I started to build our home here. At that time, the Mapleton population was about 4,500 residents. We found out that people were still kind and caring in Mapleton, and there were two or three dozen stop signs in town. Jump forward to 2021, and Mapleton's population is listed as 12,414. Now there are hundreds of stop signs, four traffic lights and a fifth one planned for this year at 800 North Hwy 89.

You may wonder why I bring this up. My point is that driving in Mapleton has become much more challenging and complex than it once was. I was recently stunned by the fact that in 2022, Utah was listed as the state that had the worst drivers in the entire United States. If you follow that logic, the worst drivers in the nation are driving around Mapleton city streets right now. The most dangerous places in Mapleton are our city streets. What can we do about it?

To start, you can make sure that you are a safe, courteous driver - not just in Mapleton, but everywhere else as well. As I noted earlier, Mapleton is full of kind people. I suggest that we all be kind drivers as well. Keep speed limits, stop at lights and stop signs, look both ways, watch for children, "deer," and pets. Help Mapleton be known as the city that has the best drivers in Utah.

-Councilmember Reid Carlson



Parks and Recreation



Thanks to all who attended our Tree Lighting Ceremony, and a special thank you to those who donated and/or bid on wreaths to benefit Mapleton's Sub for Santa!

Boys & Girls Basketball

Basketball games will start the third week of January for most leagues (older leagues will start sooner). Schedules will be sent the week of January 4.

Online Registrations Coming Soon

NEW! Cornhole League

Our new Cornhole League will start in February. Online registration opens January 19. League will be played at Memorial Hall on Thursday evenings. Check mapleton.org for additional information.

Spring Soccer

Register online between January 30 - February 20. Late fees are added after February 20. Ages Pre-K through 9th grade.

Women's Volleyball

Register online between February 6 - March 6. Late fees are added after March 6.

Baseball, T-Ball, Softball

Register online between February 6 - March 6. Ages 4 - 12th grade.

Save the Date!

Winter Wonderland Ball - 01/21/2023

Arbor Day Celebration - 04/28/2023

Opening Day Parade - 05/06/2023

Chalk the Walk - 05/15/2023

Pioneer Days Celebration - 07/16-22/2023

Moonlight Half Marathon - 09/01/2023

Scarecrow Spectacular/Harvest Bake Off - 10/07/2023

Tree Lighting Ceremony - 11/27/2023

Citizen of the Year

The Springville/Mapleton Chamber of Commerce is accepting nominations for their Mapleton Citizen of the Year Award. Please nominate a Mapleton resident that you feel best represents Mapleton. The Citizen of the Year selected by the Chamber will be honored at the Chamber Awards Banquet in February and will ride in the Pioneer Days Celebration Parade.



Please scan the QR code or visit <https://bit.ly/3PGefIP> to submit your nomination before January 31, 2023.



Mapleton Seniors



January Luncheon

Join us for our monthly potluck luncheons! Our January luncheon will be held Thurs., January 12 at 11:30am at the Mapleton City Building. This month, we will be pleased to have a patriotic presentation from

Marcelo Troncoso, who recently received his American Citizenship.

Our menu will include a variety of soups, bread sticks, salad, and dessert. Please bring a side dish to share or a \$4 donation. Our blood pressure/blood sugar clinic will start at 10:30am.

Senior Gym

Monday 8:00am-11:00am, 3:00pm-5:30pm

Tuesday 8:00am-11:00am, 3:00pm-5:30pm

Wednesday 8:00am-11:00am, 3:00pm-5:30pm

Thursday 8:00am-11:00am, 3:00pm-5:30pm

Friday 8:30am-11:00am, 3:00pm-5:00pm

Closed holidays

If you would like a tour of the Senior Gym, are available to volunteer, or have any questions, please contact Peggy Burt at 385-685-8331.

Facebook Group

Please join our Facebook group for the most up to date information on luncheons, senior events, gym times, and activities. <https://bit.ly/31K1OnB>.

Senior Committee

We are always looking for volunteers to help plan monthly activities and staff the Senior Gym. Join us the first Thursday each month at 9:30am in the Multipurpose Room at the City Building.

Winter Wonderland Ball

You are formally invited to attend Mapleton's annual Winter Wonderland Ball on Sat., January 21, 2023 from 8:00pm-11:00pm at the Mapleton City Building (125 West 400 North, Mapleton, UT 84664). Live music will be provided by Papa Dewey and The Pistons. Mapleton residents 14-years-old and up are invited to come and enjoy an evening of music, dancing, refreshments, and fun. Best dress is encouraged. This is an event you won't want to miss!

Sponsored by Mapleton Senior Citizens and Mapleton Youth City Council.



Towne Square Committee



The Mapleton Towne Square Historical Committee would like to thank those that helped with our various projects throughout 2022. We also want to thank the citizens for attending our events and supporting history in our city.

As we start the new year, we hope that you will keep our upcoming activities on your calendar. Our events in 2023 will include a May Day Celebration, A Pioneer Day during Kids Camp Week, Pioneer Days Celebration in July with many activities occurring, and our continued event support with the city on the spring and fall community clean-up days, Scarecrow Spectacular, and Tree Lighting Ceremony. We love celebrating our history with you and we hope that this year (especially with a couple of new events scheduled) you will continue to support history within our city.

Make sure to schedule a tour of our Historic Old Towne Square buildings to enjoy them even more. Learn more at https://mapleton.org/about/history/historic_old_towne_square.php



Youth City Council



Mapleton Youth City Council was created to give our youth an opportunity to represent their peers, serve their community, and learn leadership skills.

Applications are now open! The 2023-2024 term begins in February, and the commitment is 6-8 hours a month. High school students in Mapleton are encouraged to apply.

Please scan the QR code or visit <https://bit.ly/3BPQ9FP> to submit your application before January 13.



Library



Story Time is starting up again! Kicking off Tues., January 10, Story Time will take place in the downstairs portion of the library every Tuesday morning from 10:30am-11:30am. Story Time is specifically catered towards kids age 6-years-old

and younger.

Story Time includes three stories read, as well as other activities and crafts. Volunteers to help with the activities are greatly appreciated.

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*YOU ARE INVITED... to the
2023 Pre-Legislative Session
Community Information Meetings where*

REPRESENTATIVE STEPHEN WHYTE

*will provide an overview of the upcoming
Utah Legislative Session and will listen to
input on issues of importance to YOU*

Springville

Friday, January 6, 6-7pm
Civic Center City Council Chamber

Spanish Fork

Saturday, January 7, 6-7pm
City Hall Council Chamber

Mapleton

Monday, January 9, 7-8pm
City Hall Council Chamber



*To receive email updates from Representative Stephen Whyte on
important legislative issues please email: swhyte@le.utah.gov*



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