



# Mapleton City Newsletter

## October 2024

### Mayor's Message

Mapleton residents will vote on a proposed RAP (Recreation, Arts, and Parks) Tax in the November election. A RAP Tax is an additional 0.1% sales tax added to the existing sales tax rate (i.e., for every \$10 spent in Mapleton, one cent would be collected for Mapleton's Recreation, Arts, and Parks programs). A public notice was issued last month to collect arguments for and against the proposed RAP Tax. They can be found in the voter information pamphlet mailer, as well as below.



#### Arguments For the RAP Tax

Recreation, arts, parks, and trails are fundamental elements of Mapleton's identity. Our City's core values of "open space," "active lifestyle," and "small town feeling" are brought to life through these opportunities we provide for our residents. Whether saying hello on the trail, watching our annual Pioneer Days firework show, attending a concert in City Park, or participating in a recreation program, these offerings cultivate community connections to create a great quality of life.

Mapleton City has long provided meaningful programs and activities for our residents. We are always looking for ways to increase those offerings, especially as our community continues to grow. Furthermore, residents regularly request new or expanded programs and amenities. With the intent to provide more opportunities for residents to cultivate community connection by engaging with our trails, parks, city events, and recreation programs, the Mapleton City Council unanimously approved placing Proposition 5 on the ballot to enact a Recreation, Arts, and Parks (RAP) Tax in Mapleton City.

The proposed RAP Tax is a sales tax, NOT a property tax, and would be paid at the point of purchase for all sales tax-eligible purchase in Mapleton City. RAP Taxes are not new to the state. If you currently shop in Springville, Spanish Fork, Provo, Orem, Payson, Santaquin, Lehi, American Fork, Salt Lake County, or Washington County, you are currently paying RAP Taxes to help them fund recreation, art, and parks in those communities. With so many neighboring communities already having a RAP tax, Mapleton voters can level the playing field by providing an equitable way to collect revenue. Dozens of cities and counties across the state benefit from RAP Taxes - why not Mapleton?

The proposed RAP Tax will enable Mapleton City to meet the growing demands for more trails, recreational open space,

programming, while also improving our current offerings. 100% of RAP Tax funds would be devoted to projects that benefit Mapleton City. We unanimously support the RAP Tax proposition and are confident that its benefits will provide rich experiences and opportunities for residents for years to come.

Vote "Yes" for Proposition 5.

*Mapleton City Mayor Dallas Hakes  
Mapleton City Council Members Kasey Beck, Reid Carlson, Jessica Egbert,  
Therin Garrett, and Leslie Jones*

#### Arguments Against the RAP Tax

No arguments were submitted against the proposed RAP Tax.

#### Public Hearing

A public hearing will be held at our City Council meeting on Wed., October 2 at 6:00pm in the City Council Chambers (125 West Community Center Way) for Mapleton residents to share their opinion regarding the proposed RAP Tax. You can also share your voice by visiting <https://vote.utah.gov> to make sure you are registered to vote and participating in the general election this November.

For more information, visit our Rap Tax FAQ page at <https://mapleton.org/RAP> or by scanning the QR code.



- *Mayor Dallas Hakes*

**A voter information pamphlet regarding the proposed RAP Tax will be mailed to every Mapleton household on October 1. Visit <https://bit.ly/4erm9ku> or scan the QR code to view a digital copy.**



### October Events

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## Mapleton Seniors

### October Luncheon



Our October luncheon will take place on Thurs., October 10 at 11:30am at the Mapleton City Building (125 W Community Center Way). Presenter details will be announced soon. Our FREE blood pressure/ blood sugar clinic will begin at 10:30am.

Our **Italian menu** will include a meat sauce rigatoni, Olive Garden salad, garlic bread, and dessert. We encourage a \$4.00 donation to our humanitarian fund. We look forward to seeing you there!

### Happy 100th Birthday!

Do you know someone in Mapleton who will turn 100 in October? Please email [cbrown@mapleton.org](mailto:cbrown@mapleton.org) so we can recognize them here.

### Senior Luncheon Volunteers Wanted

Come join our amazing team! For more information about the Mapleton Senior Citizens Committee and volunteer opportunities, please contact Teri Deyo at 385-985-8516.

### 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

Please call Peggy Burt at 385-685-8331 to learn more about the senior gym or to schedule a tour.

### Facebook Group

Join our Mapleton Senior Citizens Facebook group for information on luncheons, senior events, gym times, and other activities. Visit <https://bit.ly/31K1OnB> to join the group.

## Public Safety



### Crossing Guard Wanted

We are looking for a permanent crossing guard for a new crossing at Hobble Creek Elementary School. For more information, the full job description can be found on the City website. Please direct questions to Lorrie Dibble at [ldibble@mapleton.org](mailto:ldibble@mapleton.org).

## Mapleton City Network



We are pleased to share that our fiber internet service is now available to 3,000 homes in Mapleton. Construction continues to move quickly, and many more will be online soon. Are you ready to connect to high-speed internet? Visit <https://bit.ly/3KfhDrj> or scan the QR code to see if Mapleton Fiber is available in your neighborhood. Learn more at <https://mapleton.org/mcn>.



## Literacy Center

### Tutoring Services



Our tutoring program has started off with a bang! The students have been so excited to participate in activities such as read-alouds, phonics games, and small group learning. If you are interested in having your child (ages 6-12) join our

FREE after school tutoring club, scan the QR code or visit <https://bit.ly/3KZbT68> or to learn more and register.



On the flip side, if you are interested in the opportunity to work with children in a fun and engaging way, we would love your help in our Literacy Center! Prior tutoring experience is not required, and training will be minimal. Volunteers must be 18+. Scan the QR code or visit <https://bit.ly/3VVvM4A> to learn more and register.



### Other Library Offerings

As we approach the holidays, don't forget what the library has to offer! Come check out our Halloween and Thanksgiving collections, and don't forget about Story Time for kids 6 and younger every Tuesday from 2:00-3:00pm downstairs in the City Building (125 W Community Center Way). Throughout the month of October, we will focus on Halloween stories, activities, and crafts. It will be a lot of fun! Please contact Ms. Terri at 801-489-4833 with any Literacy Center related questions.

## Mapleton Youth City Council

### Fall Recap

Fall activities are in full swing for MYCC! Last month, we delivered welcome flyers to many of the new developments throughout town and assisted as Trail Guides, directing and cheering on runners along the course during the Moonlight Half Marathon. Look for our blue shirts and friendly faces at the upcoming Scarecrow Spectacular, and consider donating to our Mapleton Food Drive on Sat., November 9. Watch for more details on signs around town or in November's newsletter.

### 2025 MYCC Applications Are Open!

As the year winds down, we are starting to accept applications for next year's Mapleton Youth City Council! All current 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students in Mapleton are invited and encouraged to apply. The term commitment is a full year (January through December 2025), and members must be able to commit to 3-5 hours per month. We have some exciting events planned for next year!

Learn more and access the application at <https://bit.ly/3XUiyWA> or by scanning the QR code. Applications close at midnight on Sun., December 1. We hope you will consider joining us!



## Public Works



### Pressurized Irrigation Shut Off

Mapleton City's pressurized irrigation system will be shut down on Tues., October 15. In our freezing climate, we strongly recommend homeowners to "winterize" their sprinkler systems to avoid damage. Winterizing your sprinklers is a critical step in sprinkler system maintenance. Without proper winterization, residual water can freeze over the winter and cause the pipe, fittings, or valves to crack. This leads to a very unpleasant surprise in the spring when you turn your system on for the season and have major leaks, which can require costly repairs and increased water bills.

Special attention should be given to draining water from the pipes, valves, and sprinkler heads before freezing occurs. If your system is on culinary water, make sure that your stop and waste is completely shut off. If you have pressurized irrigation, you may shut off the homeowner valve, but please do not shut off the city valve (where the valve connects to the meter). Please contact the Public Works Department at (801)489-6253 with any questions.

### Mapleton City Lead Pipe Safety Program

As a follow-up to last month's notice, this is a reminder to complete the lead pipe verification survey if your home was built prior to 1991. While there has never been a major lead issue in Mapleton, there may be some lead services to homes if the home was built prior to 1991. Mapleton is required by the EPA to provide an inventory.

**If your home was built before 1991, please take this survey.** It should take less than five minutes to complete and can be accessed by visiting <https://bit.ly/46XPPmF> or scanning the QR code.



If you are unsure about when your house was built, or if you have any water quality related questions, please contact the Public Works Department at (801)489-6253. The EPA's website with more information about this new requirement can also be found at <https://bit.ly/3MdMAOBor>.

## Administration

### 2024 Election



The 2024 General Election will be conducted using Vote by Mail. Each registered voter will be mailed their ballot and return instructions on Tues., October 15. Ballots must be returned by Tues., November 5. Ballots may be dropped in any Utah

County ballot drop box by 8:00pm on November 5, 2024. Mapleton City has a Ballot Drop Box at the City Building located right next to the Utility Drop Box for your convenience. If you return your ballot by mail, it must be clearly postmarked no later than Mon., November 4, 2024. Please contact Camille Brown, our City Recorder, at 801-806-9106 or [cbrown@mapleton.org](mailto:cbrown@mapleton.org) with any questions.

## Illegal Dumping Reminder

We have received reports of residents illegally dumping large items and other trash into privately-owned dumpsters (usually on construction sites). Pursuant to Mapleton City Code section 8.08.230, it is "unlawful to place or deposit waste matter on another person's premises." Please make sure you are properly disposing of your trash to avoid misdemeanor charges, a hefty fine, or even jail time. To report illegal dumping on your property, please call the Public Safety non-emergency line at (801)491-8048.

## City Council Corner



Election day is a month away. We choose to participate in federal, state, and local governing by being an active participant and exercising our right to vote. Here are some of my favorite quotes to get us excited to participate in this pivotal election:

"We do not have government by the majority. We have government by the majority who participate."

- Thomas Jefferson

"Someone struggled for your right to vote. Use it."

- Susan B. Anthony

"Voting is not only our right—it is our power."

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"Every election is determined by the people who show up."

- Larry Sabato

"If we don't vote, we are ignoring history and giving away the future."

- Pat Mitchell

"By voting, we add our voice to the chorus that forms opinions and the basis for actions."

- Jens Stoltenberg

"If you don't vote, you lose the right to complain."

- George Carlin

If you aren't already registered to vote, you can do so in three ways:

1. Register online at <https://vote.utah.gov>.
2. Register in person at the Utah County Clerk's Office(100 E Center St, Room 3100, Provo, UT).
3. Mail a registration form to the Utah County Clerk's Office.

The voter registration deadline is October 22, 2024. For more information, please visit <https://vote.utah.gov>. I hope we all can exercise our right to vote!

- **Councilmember Kasey Beck**

## Parks and Recreation



Visit <https://mapleton.org/parksandrec> for information on community events, registration, venues, and more. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram: @mapletonparksandrec

### Happening Now

**Volleyball Previews/Skill Sessions:** Mon., October 7 at Mapleton Junior High School (362 E 1200 N). 5th-6th grades will be held at 5:30pm, and 7th-9th grades will be held at 6:30pm.

**Boys & Girls Basketball:** Online registration is open now for players in 1st-12th grades. Register before October 28 to avoid paying a late fee.

**NEW! Floorball League Coming Soon:** Stay tuned for more information.

**Wrestling:** Online registration is open through October 20. Winter practice schedule dates: November 4 - February 6.

### Referees Wanted

If you are interested in becoming a referee (must be 14, or older), please email [parksandrec@mapleton.org](mailto:parksandrec@mapleton.org) and include your age, any playing or previous refereeing experience, and a contact number. Youth pay starts at \$15 a game and goes up based on experience and performance.

### Scarecrow Spectacular and Harvest Bake-Off

Join us on Sat., October 12 in Mapleton City Park for a festive autumn outing full of family fun! This year's event will include the following:

- **Scarecrow Contest:** All entries must complete the FREE registration to participate. Public voting will take place from 3:00-5:00pm for the scarecrows on display. Prizes will be awarded for the winners in each category.
- **Harvest Bake-Off:** All entries must complete the FREE registration to participate. Participate in our NEW youth division! Silent auction bidding will take place from 3:00-4:30pm. A live auction will take place from 4:30-5:00pm. Proceeds will benefit Mapleton schools.
- **NEW! Corn Kings Classic:** This cornhole tournament will begin at 3:00pm. Compete for the title of 'Corn Kings!' Registration is \$25 (resident rate), and the dress code is flannel.
- **Community Pumpkin Night, line dancing, food trucks, and more!** Scan the QR code or visit <https://bit.ly/3WXT492> to learn more and register for the Scarecrow Contest, Harvest Bake-Off, and Corn Kings Classic.



### Pickleball Spooktacular

Show off your best Halloween style, and join us on Sat., October 26 for a spooky good time! Test your pickleball skills in new ways on our themed courts. Brackets are available for mixed doubles teams in our Adult (17+ years old) and Youth (9-16) divisions. Each division is divided into 2.5-3.0, 3.5, & 4.0 skill divisions. Costumes are required! Prizes will be awarded to the tournament winners and the teams with the best costumes. Visit <https://bit.ly/2XlhtL2> or scan the QR code to register and learn more.



### Save the Date - Lights On Festival (Mon., December 2)

Join us for the lighting of Mapleton City Park, Santa's visit, choir performances, face painting, s'mores, letters to Santa, and more! Buy or make a wreath NOW to donate to our silent auction. Stay tuned for more details coming soon.

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### Finance or Utilities

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### Library

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### Mapleton City Network

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### Parks and Recreation

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### Public Works

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### Public Safety

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\*Call 911 for emergencies

## OFFICIALS

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