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**MAYOR'S MESSAGE**  
**CONSTITUTIONAL LAW**

Utah's City of Trees will be thrust into the National spotlight as the Supreme Court of the United States hears, "Pleasant Grove City v. Summum" on Wednesday, November 12, 2008.

*"It's a case that's likely to change the legal landscape in America, and the American Center for Law and Justice is at the forefront of this landmark legal battle. ACLJ Chief Counsel Jay Sekulow will present oral arguments before the Supreme Court on a critical First Amendment case involving the Ten Commandments and other displays."*

*"There's so much at stake with this Supreme Court case – our history – our heritage is on the line. The ACLJ must get the high court to overturn a disturbing decision – a ruling that could force cities and states to make a troubling choice: remove existing displays – including long-standing patriotic or historic displays – or permit any group to display any monument in public places."*  
[www.aclj.org](http://www.aclj.org)

Fifteen friend-of-the-court ("amicus") briefs have been filed in support of Pleasant Grove's position, including: United States Government, fourteen states, nine cities (including New York), several veterans groups (American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars), religious groups (Christian and Jewish), strict separation groups (American Humanist Association, Americans for Separation of

Church and State, and People for the American Way filed neutral briefs).

Many have assumed that this case is about religion and the Ten Commandments monument. Others think it is about Mormons or Summum. Some think it is only about Pleasant Grove. It is not! The Supreme Court only hears cases that have nationwide impact. This case will set a national precedent about whether cities can design their own parks, including selecting and displaying permanent monuments and objects, in a way that best communicates a city's chosen message.

During the next several weeks, our city will be visited by numerous media groups trying to "paint the picture" before the Supreme Court arguments. It is likely that residents will be interviewed at random, neighborhoods will be photographed, and the various agencies will cut, paste and assemble these clippings and quotes into a story. The consumer of this campaign is every town, city, county, and state in the USA.

What legacies will we leave for future generations of our city? Will we be surprised or prepared? Will we be ignorant or informed? Will we be proud or embarrassed by what is seen and heard?

Please take the time and go to the ACLJ website to read about this case. Prepare yourself with the facts. Consider carefully the impression your home or business will make on the nation. Clean up the city. Take down things that will detract from our central message or leave negative impressions with the country.

This is a great City! We have a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to do something significant for ourselves and for people everywhere. As always please continue to send your comments and questions to [Mayor@PGCity.Org](mailto:Mayor@PGCity.Org).

Michael W. Daniels, Mayor

## RECREATION NEWS

**Competitive Jr. Wrestling Club** (5th – 9th Grade) – Continue to increase your fundamentals and wrestling moves. Practices will be held Monday – Thursdays from 5:00 to 7:00 at Pleasant Grove High starting November 3. Matches will be held throughout the season with other communities and schools. The season will end with a state tournament at the end of January. Participants will be placed on teams according to age, size and weight.

Registration Dates: October 1 thru November 1

Pleasant Grove Resident Fee: \$90 (Includes t-shirt & shorts) there will be additional fees for tournament costs and optional sweat shirt/pant orders.

Non-Resident Fee: \$135 (Includes t-shirt & shorts) there will be additional fees for tournament costs and optional sweat shirt/pant orders.

**Men's & Women's Basketball** - Registration will begin October 1st and go until filled. Full or half of fees will be due at time of registration in order to hold a spot. Games will be played at the New Community Center. Both leagues will begin on December 6th. Teams will have league play games and end with a double elimination tournament. Men's league fees: \$525 a team. Women's league Fees: \$450 a team.

**Mark your Calendars for:**

- Monster Mash Jr. High Age Dance – October 10th
- Jr Jazz Basketball Registration begins November 1st – 20th (Grades 3rd – 12th Boys & Girls)

**Pleasant Grove Community Center Is now Registering For:**

**Play time toddler** ages 2 to 4 years – mom and tot class.

**Chef Class** – 4 week cooking class for kids ages 7 and up Learn to cook a meal from start to finish .

**After school Chess Club** -Come and learn from one of the best chess teachers in the state. Sessions runs for 8 weeks.

**\*New – Build A Party-** Let us provide the room and help you build a party! Cost \$ varies on party theme and activities picked. To reserve and book a Party–Call the Community Center and ask for Vanessa 785-6172  
**Halloween Cooking Party** –Date: Sat, Oct 25 from 10 am to Noon ,Cost: Res. \$15/ \$12 additional child We will be making: Monster cake, P.B. eyeballs, Sloppy Joe creepy crawler bites.

**Pie Class** –Date: Tuesday Nov 25 from 4 to 5:30 pm Cost: \$15 no discount.

**GREAT PUMPKIN FEST"** Join us at the New Community Center for our annual Family Halloween party. There will be dinner, games, contest and prizes. Date: Thursday Oct 30 /Time: 6:30 to 8:30 pm /Cost: \$3.50 PER PERSON if you purchase tickets before Oct 25th and \$4.50 at the door - 3 AND UNDER ARE FREE

**New Fitness Classes** – We start classes at 6 am and Our evening Classes start at 6:00 pm. Types of classes Offered: Pilates, Spin and tone, Kick Boxing, Yoga, Step, Boot camp, Jump and crunch. Look for a more detailed Schedule of classes offered at the New Community Center.

**For all Classes and Tournaments Register at the  
New Pleasant Grove Community Center  
547 S Locust Ave. or call 785-6172**

## SIDEWALKS BLOCKED:

**Please prune trees, shrubs and weeds from over the sidewalk. Children are walking to school and are being forced into the roadway because they are not able to stay on the sidewalks. If you see areas of concern, either contact your neighbors or Community Development at 785-6057. City Code requires that foliage be pruned to eight (8) feet above the sidewalk and sixteen (16) feet above the roadway.**

## DOWNTOWN VILLAGE ZONING

Recently, the City Council approved the Downtown 2020 Action Plan, a plan for the revitalization of Downtown Pleasant Grove. The Plan may be viewed on the City's website, [plgrove.org](http://plgrove.org), and is available at the Community Development offices.

In addition, two zoning ordinances have been adopted establishing the Downtown Village Zone and the Mixed Use Overlay Zone, which put into place the zoning framework to meet the objectives of the Downtown Plan. The plan and ordinance documents were prepared and reviewed with the assistance of many Pleasant Grove residents, business owners, the Downtown Advisory Board, City Community Development planners, and the Planning Commission.

In October, the City will hold two public hearings regarding a proposed zone change implementing the approved plan and ordinances, which affects many properties in the downtown area. The first will be held with the Planning Commission on Thursday, October 9th, and the second will be held with the City Council on Tuesday, October 21st. All affected property owners will be sent a notice regarding the detail of these hearings. For more information, contact Community Development at 785-6057.

## PG ORCHESTRA & CHOIR

Pleasant Grove Orchestra and Choir will be performing the "Messiah" on Dec. 5 at the Pleasant Grove High Auditorium. Choir rehearsals will begin October 12. We are going to hold solo auditions at 6:00 PM in the choir room (135) of the high school. Rehearsals for the choir will begin the same night at 7:00 PM in the same room and run every Sunday evening until the performance on December 5th. The "Messiah" will be under the direction of Jim Wilcock.

## LIBRARY NEWS

**Teen Book Group:** \*NEW TIME & DAY - 4:30 pm Tuesday. The Teen Book group is for 7th grade and up.

**R.E.A.D. Book Group:** 10:00 am. Second Thursday of the month. Everyone who is interested is invited. This month will be "Posterity: Letters of Great Americans to Their Children" by Dorie McCullough Lawson. Reviewed by Jane Robinson.

**BookEnders:** 7:00 pm on the last Thursday of the month. Adults.

**A.S.A.P.** After School Activity Program: Children 6 to 12 join together after school.

**Great Reads for Girls:** A Mother Daughter Book Club: Girls ages 8-16 with Mom or other caring adult.

"Our City, All on the Same Page," the first Pleasant Grove City-wide Read has been an amazing success. The Pleasant Grove Library distributed 150 additional copies of Peace Like a River to willing readers during the past two months. The readers were then encouraged to "pass it along" to other readers." The vision of this program was to create a synergy will all the citizens of the city. Citizens have been able to share insights, ideas and opinions about this great novel. Tammra Salisbury and Dr. Carl Sederholm have enlightened the discussions during the month of September. Many citizens participated with varying opinions and ideas.

The Pleasant Grove Library Staff would like to thank the Mayor and City Council members for their wholehearted support of this project. Plans for future reads are being formulated.

During September the library has been busy with many of the popular programs. One of those programs was the ASAP titled, "Where have all the Fairies Gone?" The library was filled with excited children, live fairies, a chance to feed Grandma (who is a chicken), and even an old hag who was constantly casting spells on all. The over 600 eager children and tolerant parents waited long hours to meet Brandon Mull, the author of the very popular Fablenhaven Series. Mr. Mull graciously visited with each person and signed books for several hours. The library staff is to be congratulated for their efforts to promote reading and enthusiasm for the library.

## PG LION'S CLUB SIGHT WEEK

Pleasant Grove Lion's Club, in affiliation with Lion's Clubs all over the country, will celebrate "Sight Week" from October 27 through 31, 2008. They are asking our community "Scare Up" their used eye-wear and drop them off in Pleasant Grove at Copy Tec, Wells Fargo Bank or Pleasant Grove Library.

## GREETINGS FROM YOUR FIRE CHIEF

Suddenly awakened, I roll over and hope whatever it was that bothered me will go away. Again, I'm awakened, but this time there is a voice saying something. The fog in my head is still too thick to really get a grasp on just what is going on, so I allow my eyes to close again. Suddenly, my eyes are wide open and I don't move a muscle. I'm staring at the wall and my senses are all on full alert. I now understand what was being said with an indelible clarity and my olfactory senses confirm it - there's smoke in the house! The smoke detector is blaring, but is serving as a motivator to take action.

I turn my head, my eyes dart back and forth taking in information, making plans and fighting off panic. My eyes are like cameras and my brain is processing things in terabytes per nano second. During my visual reconnaissance of the room, completed by only looking around, I noticed my wife hovering over me. I begin to spout out orders in short concise sentences. "Roll out of bed, get down on the floor and crawl - meet me at the foot of the bed." As I roll out, I realize that I am wearing my Kermit the Frog pajama bottoms. You know, the ones with the little pictures of Kermit riding a bike, and sitting on a log in the swamp, playing his banjo. My mind quickly processes these facts and then reminds me that I am also wearing the bright pink shirt that is lettered with "real men wear pink". I dismiss this informational fodder, as I have important things to do at the moment. I'll just have to suck it up and take whatever fall-out there may be concerning my comfy attire. Meanwhile, I meet my wife at the end of our bed, and together we head for the door. As we arrive at the door, I instinctively run the back of my hand along the door to check for heat. It's warm, but not hot. I move my wife around behind me and carefully open the door. Thick acrid, black smoke bursts into the room. The hallway is filled to within only a foot or two off the floor with smoke.

My kids??? Having closed the door to stop the march of the smoke, I again open it and begin to yell at the top of my lungs. My orders are to get out and meet at our mail box in the front yard. I emphasize over and over, "use the windows not the hallway". I'm surprised at how noisy the fire is, and how sound absorbing the smoke seems to be.

My wife and I follow the wall back to the window. I open it and feel the rush of the cool air from outside. I push the screen out onto the roof. I steady myself as she climbs out. I reach up and grab the side of the window and pull myself into the night air. On the roof of our small two story home, I can see our new patio furniture and a dancing orange glow illuminating the top of the umbrella. Smoke is circumnavigating upward around the eaves, producing a column of smoke that rises without effort into the calm night sky. As long as I stay focused on our escape I'm ok, but as soon as I allow my mind to wander and worry about my boys, panic over whelms me. I have to fight the urge to return and brave the inferno in an attempt to save my family. But I know, returning, more often than not, means death to the would-be rescuer.

As we reach the back of the garage, I can see there is just enough firmamental light to cause a dull reflection off the aluminum ladder I placed there for exactly this purpose. Right as my wife and I approach our means of escape, our 12 year old middle son arrives at that same point. My wife and I simultaneously inquire about the younger boys. He reassures us that our eldest son has already secured their escape and is right on his heels. Sure enough, within only a second or two everyone has arrived at the ladder. I maneuver our non-ferrous corrosion-resistant metal stairway-to-safety into position, and adjust the climbing angle to ensure a fall free descent. As our bare feet reach the cold concrete, we instinctively scurry to the mail box in the front yard. Then we see, in full view to us all, the devastation of fire in our humble home. My wife begins to cry. My boys watch, with a mix of emotion, fire's all consuming power and its rapidity of growth. Amidst the sounds of breaking glass, I can hear sirens growing louder and louder, followed by flashes of red and white lights. The firefighters have arrived. In all, our escape took less than 90 seconds, almost as fast as when we had practiced.

Losing so much of our "stuff" to a fire - disheartening.

Having made a clean escape, and having the family safely together - beyond words!

Having working smoke alarms, and having practiced fire exit-drills-in-the-home just in case this day would someday arrive - priceless!

Friends, make sure your smoke alarms are functional with fresh batteries - "change your clock, change your battery". Practice fire exit-drills-in-the-home. If you need more information on either of these subjects, stop by the fire station for a visit, these are things we love to talk about.

Be safe, Marc Sanderson, Fire Chief.

By-the-way, the preceding story is mostly fiction, especially the part about my sleep-wear. Fictional creative license was taken to bring a reality to a true potential event.

## UTAH CHILDREN'S CHOIR LAUNCHES ITS 25TH YEAR!

The Utah Children's Choir has begun its new season which marks its 25th anniversary year!

The UCC performed in the park at the Pleasant Grove Heritage Festival on Sept. 13. Featured at this performance was "Danish Cavalier," a Danish folk song in keeping with the featured Danish heritage.

The choir still has some openings in its membership, ages 8-16. If there are those of you who would be interested, please call Kay Asay at 756-6450. On October 16, the choir will be performing at the Scarecrow Festival at Thanksgiving Point at 11:00 a.m.

## UTAH COUNTY HEALTH DEPT.

The Utah County Health Department and Division of Substance Abuse encourages residents to dispose of old medications so they are not stolen, misused or abused. However, flushing medication down the toilet or pouring down the sink is polluting our waterways. For safe disposal methods, please go to [www.CleanOutTheCabinet.org](http://www.CleanOutTheCabinet.org) or call 801-851-7509. Local materials are available at [www.UtahCountyHealth.org](http://www.UtahCountyHealth.org) or [www.medicationdisposal.utah.gov](http://www.medicationdisposal.utah.gov).

## PLEASANT GROVE PLAYERS TO PRESENT "BLITHE SPIRIT"

The Pleasant Grove Players will present performances of the Noel Coward comedy, "Blithe Spirit," on October 10 - 27 (Friday, Saturday & Monday evenings as well as Saturday matinees on October 18 and 25) in the Keith Christeson Little Theater on the first floor of the PG City Library, 30 E. Center St. The evening show will begin at 7:30 p.m. The Saturday matinees will begin at 3:00 p.m.

Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$6 for students and seniors. A family ticket is also available for \$25 (immediate family members only). Individual tickets are \$1 less for matinees. Family tickets are \$20 for matinees. Tickets can be purchased at the door. Tickets may also be purchased in advance through City Hall. Advance tickets can be purchased in person at the city offices (70 S 100 E, Pleasant Grove) or by calling (801) 785-5045.

For more information, contact Verdon Walker at 785-0222.

## RESIDENT'S COUPON "BLITHE SPIRIT"

IN APPRECIATION OF PG CITY'S SUPPORT OF PG PLAYERS  
BRING IN THIS COUPON AND RECEIVE  
\$2 OFF PER TICKET

OCTOBER 10 - 27 (FRI, SAT & MON EVENINGS) AT 7:30PM  
OCTOBER 18 & 25 (SAT AFTERNOONS) AT 3:00PM  
KEITH CHRISTESON LITTLE THEATER  
PG CITY LIBRARY, 30 E. CENTER

## BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION

It's October! It's time for colorful leaves, the end of the harvest, the first frost and honestly--the start of the holiday season. There is still plenty to do outside, however! The more you can do this fall, the sooner you can get started in the spring and the healthier your lawn and garden will be. Here's a list of garden tasks to help you beautify your yard.

· Make a note of any particular productive or unsatisfactory varieties of vegetables that you planted this year. To quote Larry Sagers, A dull pencil is often worth more than a brilliant mind - in other words, write it down!! You won't remember come spring.

## **GARBAGE CAN REMOVAL:**

**Please remove garbage cans from the street within one day of garbage pickup. Containers are being damaged and are a safety hazard.**

## **UTAH COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT 2008 INFLUENZA (FLU) CLINICS**

Flu vaccinations are now available at the Utah County Health and Justice Building at 151 South University Avenue, Provo, Utah, 84601, in our Immunization Clinic. The clinic is open Monday through Friday as well as Wednesday evenings. Influenza vaccinations are \$23, if paid at time of service. The UCHD accepts Altius, DMBA, Medicare, Medicaid, PHEP, Select Health and United Health Care insurance plans. For questions, please call (801) 851-7000.

Several clinics will be offered around the community in the month of October. This includes Tuesday, October 7, from 2 pm to 3 pm at Pleasant Grove Jacobs Senior Center at 242 W. 200 S, Pleasant Grove. For more information, please call 851-2222 or visit [www.UtahCountyHealth.org](http://www.UtahCountyHealth.org).

## **COME AND DANCE WITH US**

Come dance and swing to "Brucey's Big Band" and other local musicians in a Community Dance and Show on October 10, 2008 at the Historic Community Center in Pleasant Grove at 65 East 200 South. Featured musicians will play classic Big Band sounds. Also, there will be young jazz musicians and local folk/rock singers! This is sponsored by Bruce Neibaur's Eagle Project to earn donations for the Pleasant Grove Senior Citizens organization. There is not a set entry fee, but donations will be gladly accepted. If you have any questions, please contact Bruce Neibaur at 785-1705.

## **HEALTH & WELLNESS EXTRAVAGANZA**

The 24th Annual Health & Wellness Extravaganza will be held October 16, 2008 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Provo Eldred Center located at 270 West 500 North, Provo. This event is sponsored by the Mountainland Aging and Family Services Department and is intended to provide adults with free health screenings, educational information, and resources regarding their health and wellness.

For more information, please contact: Melanie Haws, Mountainland Aging & Family Services Department, 586 East 800 North, Orem, UT, (801)229-3804, [mhaws@mountainland.org](mailto:mhaws@mountainland.org)

## **WEED REMOVAL FROM YARDS:**

**PG City Code requires that properties be free from noxious weeds. They are drying out and going to seed and also becoming fire hazards.**

## **TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNITY PLANNING OPEN HOUSE**

Mountainland Association of Governments (MAG) invites everyone to come and learn about air quality, road/highway improvements, new community development, transit plans and how they affect you. Information will be available on Mountain View Corridor, I-15 reconstruction, Pioneer Crossing Blvd, Commuter Rail, SR-92, Vineyard Connector, Springville Sr-77, Bus Rapid Transit, Geneva Road, Provo Westside Connector, State Street and North Utah County East-West Corridor Study. Representatives from Mountainland, UDOT, UTA and communities in Utah County will be available to answer questions on transportation plans and community development. The meeting in American Fork will be on October 22, 2008 from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at the American Fork Senior Center at 54 East Main in American Fork. There will also be similar meetings in Payson and Orem. If you have any questions, please call Nan Kuhn from MAG at 229-3834.

## **P.G. BUSINESS ALLIANCE**

Join the Pleasant Grove Business Alliance! The next meeting will be on Friday, October 10 at 12 noon at, "Showtime Utah," 20 South Main, Pleasant Grove.

This exciting meeting features keynote speaker Jack Christianson. The meeting is free to attend. Any business or interested citizens are invited to attend. Please visit [www.pgbaut.com](http://www.pgbaut.com) for more information.

The PGBA is still searching for Olaf, our friendly Viking. He is hiding at one of our local Pleasant Grove Businesses. It is worth a \$100 prize if you find him! To view the posted clue, check the Pleasant Grove Review or visit our website, [www.pgbaut.com](http://www.pgbaut.com).

## **PLEASE REMEMBER**

Please remember that if or when the secondary green box is put in your yard, please pay the connection fee of \$100 in the first thirty days. Anyone who does not pay their \$100 deposit within the thirty days of the green box entering your yard may be subject to a \$100 late fee.

## **KEEP YOUR WATER METER ACCESSIBLE**

City staff reads your water meter on a monthly basis. Please keep your meter accessible so they can quickly read your meter; resulting in an accurate charge on your bill. If a meter reader can quickly collect a reading from your meter on the first visit to your property, it helps keep utility costs down, which will benefit all customers in helping to keep rates stable.

### *Trees, bushes and plantings*

Trim bushes, trees and grass that block the way or cover the meter. During the growing season, plants can cover a water meter box very quickly. Please minimize plants in the area which meter readers must travel to get to your meter. We would like to avoid any accidental damage to your plantings.

### *Pets*

Keep pets away from the path that leads to your meter. If you have a guard dog for security, please let us know so that we can make sure that our meter readers and other utility personnel are aware of this. We may ask that you arrange to confine the dog during the day that your meter will be read.

### *Objects that cover or block your meter*

Please make sure that no objects are placed so that they cover or block access to the meter box. Items we have found blocking water meters include cars, trailers, garbage cans and recycling bins, construction equipment or supplies and landscape bark or gravel.

### *Your address*

Please ensure your house address is clearly displayed on your residence. This also assists emergency personnel who may need to find your home in a hurry.

## **RSVP**

We all have to depend on the kindness of strangers. Frazzled parents and teachers often need help teaching children to read. Now might be a great time in your life to volunteer at a local school. Help children simply by listening to them unlock the words in a book. Give an hour a week, or an hour a day--it's up to you. Whatever time you have to give, the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) can make it work for you. We will match you with a school near your home, at a time convenient to your schedule.

If you are already volunteering at a school please check with Bonnie Wright; or if you would like a placement at one of the schools, please call me and I will find you one.

If you are 55 or over and want to volunteer contact Bonnie Wright at 229-3820 or Jean Hatch at 229-3810 at the RSVP Program. You can also email at [www.mountainland.org/rsvp](http://www.mountainland.org/rsvp)