



MAYOR'S MESSAGE

On January 15th, The Utah State Legislature began their 2007 session. The session will go everyday until February 28th.

You have representatives in the Utah House and Senate who want to hear from you on issues that are important to you. Their vote on a particular issue may depend very heavily on your opinion.

Here is the link to the Legislature website for you to track what is scheduled each day. <http://le.utah.gov/>.

Here is list of the legislators that represent you in the House and/or Senate;

Rep. Craig A. Frank, cfrank@utah.gov, 801-362-3171

Rep. John Dougall, jdougall@utah.gov, 801-492-1365

Rep. Stephen E. Sandstrom, ssandstrom@utah.gov, 801-229-0088

Sen. John L. Valentine, President, jvalentine@utahsenate.org
801-373-6345

Here is a shortlist of "Key Issues" being considered this session: Criminal Penalties Established by Rule, Disaster Recovery Funding, Payday Lending, Charter Schools, Class Size Reduction, Drug Offender Treatment, Growing Inmate Populations, Mortgage Fraud, Registering, Rehabilitating and Supervising Sex Offenders, Utah International Trade Commission Reauthorization, Defined Benefit vs. Defined Contribution Retirement System for Public Employees, Public and Higher Education Post Retirement Health Insurance Costs, Restrictions on Post-Retirement Employment, Sales and Use Tax on Food, Driver License Fee Increases, Transportation Funding Strategies, Higher Education Tuition, Teacher Compensation, Child Support Guidelines, Concealed Weapon Permit Processing, Hazardous and Radioactive Waste Disposal, Implementation of H.B. 77 "School District Boundaries," Special Districts Rewrite, Energy Policy, Four-year Biotechnology Degree, Renewable Energy Tax Credit, Amendments to the Individual Income Tax, Appropriations Limit, Business Personal Property Tax, Disposition of Revenue from Mineral Production, TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) Reauthorization Social Security Offset, Rural Economic Development Funding, Misuse of Social Security Numbers.

Thank you for all you do as citizens to make Pleasant Grove a pleasant place to live. Keep your communications coming. Mayor@PGCity.Org.

Mayor Michael W. Daniels

THE DRUG ABUSE NIGHTMARE

The use, abuse, and addiction to illegal drugs effects almost every case we handle here at the Police Department and whether you know it or not, it effects you and your family every day. Even in Pleasant Grove and Lindon, in the heart of Utah, you will find that most families have a tragic story of someone lost through addiction, accident or self destruction because of drugs or alcohol. I recently had the privilege of presenting several assemblies to the students at Oak Canyon Jr. High regarding Drug Abuse and the effects of drugs on kids their age. As parents you deserve to be complemented. You have some amazing, bright, caring kids who really get it. Some of the things that we talked about were pretty scary to the kids and many of them hung around afterward to talk more about it. Some of them stayed to talk because they knew a friend that they thought might have a problem. Some stayed because they had a parent who had a problem. All of them were surprised at the extent of destruction that illegal drugs had on Society. Some of the things that I shared with them follow:

In our country 16.4 Million kids used illegal drugs last month. 30% of youth nationally admit that they have abused drugs, 80% admit that they abused alcohol in the past year. Driving under the Influence of Alcohol and/or Drugs is the #1 killer of males ages 14 to 25. Marijuana has now been replaced as the "Drug of Choice" by Methamphetamine. Girls are now abusing alcohol as much as boys. Kids using drugs are on the average ½ as successful in school as kids who don't. There are roughly 1200 kids in Utah County who are in need of in-patient counseling for drug and alcohol abuse, we have room for only 206 in-patients at a time. Drug Abuse and the fight against drugs cost our country over \$400 Billion Dollars last year.

In spite of these terrible statistics we have some pretty good things working for us here. The number one thing that we have is our strong families and values. If kids and parents really talk about issues and problems as seen from the kid's perspective, they are 50% less likely to use drugs. Illegal drug use here has dropped in ages 14 through 17 for each of the last 4 years, so something must be happening right. In our nation an estimated 367,000 fewer kids used drugs last month than the month before and that number continues to climb. In Utah, our kids are 50% less likely to smoke and 60% less likely to use drugs than kids their age elsewhere in the country. National statistics show that 22% of young people ages 12 to 21 used drugs last year, in Utah 9% of our kids used.

These numbers sound good for us, but we can't relax. Illegal drug abuse is the biggest, meanest Wolf outside of the door that we have ever had to face. Try as we might we are only scratching the surface of the drug trafficking that happens in our Valley. Your kids are the future. They are smart, incredible thinkers who asked me questions far beyond their years. Please open up a dialogue with them so that they can ask you, the most important people in their lives, those same questions and probably many others. You may be surprised at the person you meet in your child.

During the Oak Canyon assemblies I had 28 of the students come sit up front the whole time, without telling them why. Toward the end of the presentation I had them stand. I then asked your kids to think about each one of them, and to think about their skills, their qualities, their personality and their lives. Then I told them to imagine these kids, their friends suddenly gone. I then explained that each of these kids represents one of the 28 young people in Utah County who died last year of a Heroin overdose. You might say that it was deathly quiet in the room, as 600 kids thought about it.

Captain Cody Cullimore, Pleasant Grove Police Department

LIBRARY NEWS

NEW EXCITING CHANGES IN THE LIBRARY'S COMPUTER SYSTEM WILL BE COMING—LOOK FOR A MORE DYNAMIC AND FLEXIBLE SYSTEM FILLED WITH ONLINE ADVANTAGES. A COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE WILL BE SCHEDULED AND THE LIBRARY WILL PRESENT COMMUNITY FORUMS WITH ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTION.

THESE CHANGES ARE MADE POSSIBLE THROUGH A LSTA GRANT AWARDED IN THE SPRING OF THIS YEAR FROM UTAH STATE LIBRARY!

THE LIBRARY IS VERY EXCITED TO BE ABLE TO OFFER THIS NEW SERVICE!

YEAR ROUND LIBRARY PROGRAMS

Everyone Welcome, Sign-ups Not Required! Free!

Spanish/English Story Time every Friday at 10:30 am.

Twilight Tales every Wednesday at 7:00 pm.

Young Adult Book Group Thursday at 7:00 pm.

R.E.A.D Book Group for Adults will meet February 8, 2007 at 10:00 am. HAPPINESS! Reviewed and presented by Diane Marsh. Diane will share various books on finding and keeping happiness in our lives regardless of our circumstances.

SPRING PROGRAMS REGISTRATION STARTS FEBRUARY 20TH

Program flyers may be found at the front desk or you may check on the website.

Story/Activity Time "Magic in the Backyard"

Story Time Registration will begin February 20th. Classes will start March 6th & 7th, and end April 10 and 11th 2007. We will be exploring the backyard for insects, bugs, and other small creatures. Story Time is for children three to six years old. There will be six weeks of stories, songs, finger plays, and crafts.

Classes will be held Tuesday or Wednesday at 10:00, 11:00, or 1:00. Registration fee is \$5.00 with a current library card. Story time runs approximately 40 minutes.

Weekly Themes are: Bugs & Spiders, Frogs & Toads, Snakes & Worms, Owls & Bats, Mice, Bees & Butterflies,

Wee Read

This class is for little ones-eighteen months to three years. Each child must have an adult lap to accompany them. Registration is a must because of limited space. This is a FREE program. Class is held on Thursday at 10:00, 11:00 and 12:00. Registration starts February 20th. Classes begin March 8th. The last class is April 12th.

Music & Movement

Music & Movement class features rhythm, chanting, singing and movement. This popular class fills quickly so sign up soon. This class is designed for children 3 -6 years old. Three year olds need to be potty trained and be 3 years old by September 1, 2006 to enroll. Class size will be limited to 12 students. This class is approximately 35 minutes, and the session is 6 weeks.

The class is \$5.00, with a current library card. Class is held on Mondays at 10:00, 11:00, 1:00 and 2:00. Registration starts February 20th.

Class starts March 5, 2007 with classes ending the week April 9, 2007.

SORRY NO PHONE REGISTRATIONS

After School Activity Special

Children ages 6 to 12 enjoy this fun-filled activity at 4:30 p.m. on one Thursday each month. These classes are FREE, but you must sign up and obtain tickets to allow the library to plan for this event. Tickets will be available two weeks before the event at the front desk.

February 15th, 2007, 4:30 pm. Theme: "Nothing Half hearted at the Library!"

GREETINGS FROM YOUR FIRE DEPT!

As spring approaches, we look forward to the great re-birth of our lawns and trees. The new green that we see on the mountain sides, in our yards, and in our beautiful parks, restore our hopes and grants us tangible evidence that winter is not a permanent season, despite how we may have felt during the previous long cold months.

However, it is still a little early to be planting our gardens, so I have some indoor projects that go hand in hand with the spring cleaning we do each year.

Let's begin with a few things that can make our lives a little safer--

- Look around the house for electrical hazards.
- Broken electrical outlets. Broken outlets can short out and cause injuries or fires.
- Missing outlet covers. Missing outlet covers expose live wires to little fingers and inattentive use.
- Inappropriate use of extension cords. The rule of thumb for extension cord use is: Only use extension cords temporarily. And, the extension cord should be the same size as the appliance cord. Call an electrical contractor for repairs if you have any doubts about your own or your spouse's abilities in making repairs. ALWAYS ensure that the power is off before beginning.
- Check the house keeping round your water heater and furnace. All flammable items should be at least 18 inches away from your water heater and furnace. NEVER store flammable liquids around these appliances. Maybe now is a good time to change your furnace filter.
- Tidy up around the house, especially in the garage. Remove tripping hazards. As fire fighters, we recommend that you do not store flammable liquids or compressed gases (propane) in the garage. Put them in an outbuilding shed if available. These items can cause significant problems in case of a fire, including injuries to occupants and fire fighters.
- Finally, Make sure your address is clearly visible on the front of your home. If you have an emergency at your home, we do not want to be delayed. In fact, if you do have an emergency at your home, it is helpful to have someone stand at the road side and wave us in. If it is at night, turn your porch light on and have a person wave us in.

Our highest priority is to provide you with excellent emergency services; but prevention is, as it is said, always the best course.

Chief Marc Sanderson, Pleasant Grove Fire Department

NEW LIBRARY WEBSITE!

The Pleasant Grove Library is creating a new website and we'd like YOUR input.

Let us know what services you would like available on our website, and what information you would like to see.

Email your comments to: pglibraryweb@gmail.com

Thank you for being a part of our library community.

DID YOU KNOW?

The hardest part of eye problems with young children is that the child doesn't know that he or she has a vision problem. You know when you need to go to the eye doctor because you have had previous experience at seeing well. You can tell the eye doctor when what he is doing helps your vision. The young child can't know how well they should be able to see. Most young children under the age of 5 are not capable of communicating effectively to solve the problem.

Lions Photo Screening is to identify children whose eyes may have some type of defect, which, if left untreated, may lead to a lifetime of vision problems or blindness. Photo Screening can detect improperly aligned eyes, cataracts, near sightedness, far sightedness, drooping eyelid, astigmatism, and other amblyopia (dull vision) factors. Some far and near sightedness is normal in young children. Photo screening is not a diagnostic tool, so we advise the parents to have the child seen by an eye doctor to get a proper diagnosis and treatment as may be needed.

Lions screen only children 1 through 5. The child sits on a chair, looks at a camera and two pictures are taken. There is no physical contact with the child. The pictures are then given to a local optometrist to read. If further diagnosis is needed, the parents are contacted by mail or phone.

The Pleasant Grove Lions Club is conducting screenings at the Lions Sportsmen Building on Tuesday, January 23, Thursday, February 1, and Thursday, February 8 from 1 to 5 p.m. A parent or an adult must be present with the child. A parental consent form must be signed. The screenings are free to the public and no appointments are necessary.

If you need more information or if pre schools/ care centers would like on site screenings, call Darlene at 785-2669.

HEAT PROGRAM NOW OPEN

Community Action Services is now accepting applications for the HEAT program, a program which assists low income households in making utility payments through the winter season. A one-time payment per year will be submitted directly to heating companies for individuals who qualify. Disbursements are determined based on need. All Utah County residents interested in applying must call 373-8200 from now until the end of April for an appointment.

Low-income households and those with disabilities are especially encouraged to apply. Applicants must meet income guidelines and provide all required documentation.

Homebound individuals may request an Outreach worker to come to their home to assist in the application process. First-time applicants in Utah County must complete an energy education class as part of the process (energy class is waived for disabled or elderly applicants).

Please go to www.CommunityActionProvo.org for more information or call 373-8200.

PLEASANT GROVE ORCHESTRA

The next Pleasant Grove Orchestra concert will be held on Friday, February 23 at 7 PM in the P.G. High School auditorium. This will be the "Family Concert" and will feature numbers about outer space, such as themes from Star Wars and Star Trek. Kayson Brown will conduct, and admission is free.

PGBA

The Pleasant Grove Business Alliance will present Mr. Bill Timothy, CPA and Mr. Mike Chamberlain to present "Tax Saving Tips—How to Save Your Business Money," on Friday, February 9, 2007 at 7:45 a.m. in the Sportsman/Lion's Club at 600 East Center Street in Pleasant Grove.

A SNOW REMOVAL REMINDER

It is VERY IMPORTANT THAT PLEASANT GROVE RESIDENTS MUST PARK THEIR CARS ON THEIR OWN PROPERTY AND NOT THE STREETS OR SIDEWALK FROM NOVEMBER TO MARCH. THIS WILL HELP SO THAT SNOW PLOWS CAN GET THEIR JOB DONE. CARS LEFT OVERNIGHT ON THE STREETS DURING THIS PERIOD OF TIME CAN BE CITED. ALSO, WHEN SHOVELING YOUR WALKS AND DRIVEWAYS, BE SURE THAT YOU KEEP THE SNOW ON YOUR PROPERTY AND NOT ON THE STREETS.

JACOB'S SENIOR CENTER

Are you cooking for one or two—and finding it boring and not worth the effort? If you are over 60, come and join us at the Jacob's Senior Center five days a week (not on holidays) for lunch, conversation and fellowship. We have card games, computers, pool, quilting and exercise equipment to use as you choose. Just make reservations one day ahead of your planned visit by calling 785-2818. If you lack transportation, we can also help with that. Monthly menus are available and you can order salads if you have dietary restrictions. Come join us for a relaxed enjoyable dining experience. People over 60 are asked to make a \$2 contribution.

AARP "DRIVER SAFETY PROGRAM"

THE next AARP "Driver Safety Program" class for those 50 and older will be taught at the Jacobs Senior Center (242 W. 200 S., Pleasant Grove) Feb 15th & 16th from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. each day. To register, call the Senior Center (785-2818) or Don Gover (785-0379). A fee of \$10.00 will be charged.

Completion of the class may qualify participant for a discount on their automobile insurance.

NEW LIBRARY BOARD MEMBERS

The Pleasant Grove City Library is looking for new board members. This requires attending a monthly meeting the first Thursday of the month and donating a few hours of your time to continue to make the library a valuable place for the citizens of Pleasant Grove. If you have an appreciation for the library and have a few hours to give please fill out an application at the library or contact Erin Daniel (erin@woodngoods.com or 796-5999) for more information.

FREE HOME BUYER CLASSES OFFERED IN SPANISH!

Community Action Services will offer a free Home Buyer Education class in Spanish during February—in addition to regularly scheduled classes. Homebuyer Education classes help people become qualified home buyers. This includes help with budgeting, money management skills, understanding your credit, how to save money on a loan, how to avoid predatory lending, special tips on shopping for a home and working with real estate professionals. Plus, you will learn about down-payment and closing-cost assistance programs. Educate yourself before starting your home buying process. For more information or to register call 373-8200 ext. 242 or ext. 243 or visit www.CommunityActionUC.org.

ALLIED WASTE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Here is the Allied Waste holiday schedule (also known as "Trash takes a holiday!"): January 1st, New Years Day; May 28, Memorial Day; July 4th, Pioneer Day; July 24th, Pioneer Day; September 3, Labor Day; November 22, Thanksgiving Day; December 25th, Christmas Day.

UTAH CHILDREN'S CHOIR A SUCCESS

The Utah Children's Choir received rave reviews for the beautiful music and the sensitive manner in which it was presented in their recent Holiday Concerts. They sang in two of the best acoustical halls in Utah Valley. These included the chapel in the Utah State Hospital in Provo and the Alpine Art Center in Alpine. They also performed for the Senior Citizens at their center in Pleasant Grove. Featured soloists from the choirs were Alison Best, Mikayla Ressler, Hayden Haws, Meg Rodeback, Susannah Hofheins and Nathan Hess. A CD was made of the concert at the Alpine Art Center and is on sale to the public for \$12. If you are interest in a CD, call Lutie at 785-7416.

Auditions are currently being held for new members. Those interested in singing with the UCC, please call 756-6450 to set up an appointment. Please come prepared with a song to sing. The audition takes about 10 minutes.

CERT TRAINING

The CERT training schedule for 2007 has changed somewhat to accommodate more refresher training for our CERT Team Leaders and current CERT members. Because of the new structure of the fire department it has allowed us to utilize several members of the fire department who are CERT Trainers when they are scheduled on their 24-hour shift. The dates listed below are the dates these trainers will be available for refresher training. Please take advantage of these dates. The possibility of different topics being taught each night will further your skills and knowledge and make you a more effective CERT team leader.

Look for the April newsletter for upcoming CERT training dates.

Jan 29, 8:00 – 9:00 pm, "Search, Triage, Rescue & Medical Treatment" for Team Leaders

Feb 2, 8:00 – 10:00 pm, "Search, Triage, Rescue & Medical Treatment" for Team Leaders

Feb 3, 9:00 – 1:00 pm, "Search, Triage, Rescue & Medical Treatment" for Team Leaders

Feb 6, 8:00 – 10:00 pm, "Search, Triage, Rescue & Medical Treatment" for Team Leaders

Feb 10, 9:00 – 1:00 pm, "Search, Triage, Rescue & Medical Treatment" for Team Leaders

Mar 6, 6:00 – 10:00 pm, "CERT Review" for Team Leaders

Mar 10, 9:00 – 1:00 pm, "Disaster Exercise" for Team Leaders

Mar 14, 6:00 -10:00 pm, "CERT Review" for Team Leaders

Mar 30, 6:00 – 10:00 pm, "Disaster Exercise" for Team Leaders

Contact the following to register for the refresher courses listed above: Sherri Atwood 785-3506

WATER DEPARTMENT

We have had a lot of frozen meters this year. Most of these are in new construction where the meter lid and ring is left off the meter box or is not backfilled around it. We need you help in this area. If you see a lid off, please call the Water Department at 785-2941.

Robert Kresser, Water Superintendent

RECREATION NEWS

Little Hoopsters Basketball Clinic – (Kindergarten & 1st Grade) This program is an introduction to basketball and is run in a clinic type setting. Each week basic skills of basketball will be taught including dribbling, passing, shooting, good sportsmanship and teamwork. Participants will have the opportunity to play some games and demonstrate their new skills. Registration: February 1-28. Clinic dates: March 10, 17, 31 and April 14. Pleasant Grove/Lindon Resident Fee: \$20 Non-Resident Fee: \$30 (includes t-shirt)

Lost & Found - Now that the basketball leagues have started, our lost and found box is busting at the seams. We have jackets, sweats, shoes, basketballs, etc. Please check the recreation department to see if any of your lost items were found. So what happens to the lost items after that? Lost and found items not claimed will eventually be taken to Deseret Industries. Call 785-6172 or come to the Recreation Department from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday - Saturday.

Jr. High Age Dance - February 16th Cupid Stag Stomp - Cost: \$3.00 if in best dress or \$4.00 otherwise. Time: 7:00 to 9:30p.m. SCHOOL DRESS CODE REQUIRED!

Toddler Class has a few spots open in the following classes: Monday at 12:30 and Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. Classes are 1 hour. This is a fun class for moms and tots. An adult must attend class with child. Some projects include: toddler cooking, craft projects, games, songs, parties and fieldtrips.

Class Dates: January to May

Resident Monthly Class Tuition: \$25

(plus a one time supply fee of \$15 due at time of reg.)

Non-Resident Monthly Class Tuition: \$37.50

(plus a one time supply fee of \$22.50 due at time of reg.)

Toddler Gym is a six week class where activities are based on themed play and exercise activities for each class. An adult must attend classes with child. Ages 2-4yrs

Session: March 22 thru May 3rd.

Class Day & Time: Thursdays at 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Resident Fee: \$18 • Non Resident Fee: \$27

Register by March 16th

Chef Class – (Ages 7 & up) Come join the fun and learn how to cook a meal from start to finish in our 4 week cooking class. Some projects include: Waffles, Smoothies, Pancakes, Fried Potato's and more... Starts March 6th and runs every Tuesday from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. Classes will end on March 27th.

Resident Fee: \$45 • Non Resident Fee: \$ 62.50

Register by February 26th for this class and get \$5 off reg. fee!

Valentines Cooking (Ages 5 and up) - Come join the fun... we will be making Love Bug Cup Cakes, Candy Suckers, Heart Shape Oreo Cookies and a Friendship Bracelet.

Class Date: Saturday, Feb. 10th from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon

Resident Fee: \$15 • Non- Resident Fee: \$22.50

Register by February 3rd

Youth UBBA Baseball/Girls Softball Registration begins March 1st.