

STRAWBERRY DAYS REMINDERS

It's a summer rite that has taken place for generations-- Strawberry Days is here again! Although the berry fields of yesterday are all planted with houses and the threshing competitions have been replaced by a carnival, we gather every June to celebrate some good old Pleasant Grove history.

Strawberry Days brings out the kid in all of us who grew up waiting for that third week in June to roll around. When you start to see chairs lined up saving parade spots on Battlecreek, you know that the "Mammoth Parade" is only three to five short weeks away! Everyone has favorite Strawberry Days memories that are told around the fire on dark winter nights. Sunburn and sticky cotton candy hands are commonplace. Almost every red-blooded PG or Lindon native remembers going down to the rodeo grounds with Dad or Grandpa to see the bulls when they come in and we all tend to get teary eyed as we smell those wonderful combined aromas of rodeo hamburgers and cow pucky. Throw in some 'berries and cream and its PG heaven on earth!

The Police Department has some unique challenges that we face during Strawberry Days, and I'm not just talking about the Chipman party! Some of our memories of past celebrations aren't all that great as some unfortunate things have happened. Every year we experience an increase in thefts, burglaries, identity thefts, and drug and alcohol problems as well as just about everything else we normally encounter. Watch the Discovery Channel. You'll notice that on all of those animal shows, big groups of gazelles tend to attract a lot of Lions. Large groups of people (like at parades and rodeos) also attract predators... of another kind. After 26 years of close observation I have a theory... I think that in addition to good folks, our celebration sometimes attracts an "unsavory element". Was that a nice enough way to put it? Many of these people are looking for an opportunity to victimize you, (you're the gazelle in my scenario). Don't let this happen! Always protect yourself and your property, especially when we have a large influx of people into the community. Lock your doors. Don't make it obvious that you're away from home. Don't leave purses and valuables in cars and watch your kids! There is a chance that stranger danger is greater for them in large crowds, but it is a definite fact that there will be a lot more traffic and cars on the roads to watch out for. We almost always have at least one auto/pedestrian accident during Strawberry Days week. A not so fond memory some of us have was of the drunk driver who drove head on into the Children's Parade one year!

Stay safe and have a happy Strawberry Days as you build more memories for your family. Remember that no alcohol is allowed in the Rodeo or the City Park (you'll get arrested really fast... it's our own little competition), and No Throwing Candy in the Parade! You will get your float, band, boat, monster truck, cheerleaders or karate kids immediately removed from the parade route!

If you get a chance during the celebration, you might take a minute to thank a Cop, a Fireman, the Ambulance Crew or a Dispatcher. Some of these guys will work 20 hour days to make sure that you can have fun. They'd love to say hello and hear a friendly comment!

Captain Cody Cullimore, Pleasant Grove Police Department

GREETINGS FROM MAYOR MIKE DANIELS

Pleasant Grove is home to a unique summer festival, Strawberry Days, the longest continuing community celebration in Utah to date. The city hosts the annual festival, usually held during the third week of June. A rodeo held in conjunction with this festival brings competitors and spectators from throughout the west. Although no strawberries are currently grown in the city, the festival takes its name from a time when strawberries were a major economic activity in the city. The first Strawberry Days celebration was held the second week of June, 1921. It was organized by the Wasatch Club.

Since its humble beginnings, many family activities have been added to Strawberry Days. The festival includes parades, a carnival, fishing, pageants, craft & vendor fair, sidewalk sales, battle of the bands, a children's parade, and lots of food.

So bring your family. Bring a chair. Bring your appetite. And bring your desire to participate in the 86th Annual Strawberry Days, an "All American Celebration."

PL. GROVE CONCERTS IN THE PARK

Concerts on east side of Rec. Center at 7:30 p.m.

June 3	Pleasant Grove Orchestra
June 10	Utah Children's Choir
June 17	Rob Honey
June 24	Skyline Chorus

FROM THE MUSEUM

It will be June again shortly. The Museum will be open every Thursday and Saturday afternoons from 1 to 5 PM. Please come and visit. We have sun bonnets to wear on your Trek, of course they will cost you \$10. We also have "Tell My Story Too" of the handcart pioneers caught in the snow. We have several books of pioneer stories. See you there. B. Edvalson

Additional info-

One of the popular places to visit during Strawberry Days is the Old Bell School, located in the Heritage Park at 100 S. 100 East in Pleasant Grove. The Old Bell School is also the Pleasant Grove Daughters of the Pioneers Museum which contains many wonderful relics from the early days of the community.

The museum will be open Thursday through Saturday, June 21 to 23, during Strawberry Days and it will also be open during the entire summer on Thursday and Saturday afternoons from 1 to 5 o'clock.

You can tour the museum, purchase gifts, and hear stories from olden days that will warm your heart. The Old Bell School is probably the oldest schoolhouse still standing in Utah. You won't want to miss it.

RECREATION INFO

Don't Forget!!! **Soccer Registration** (4 yrs old to 8th Grade) – Registration: May 22 thru June 18. League season will start on Saturday, July 28 and will go to September 22. 4yrs to 4th Grade leagues will play games on Saturdays with game times ranging from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. Fifth thru 8th Grade leagues will play two games per week with some weeknight games as well as Saturday games. Registration fees are listed below: *If you are not a resident of Pleasant Grove/Lindon you will be charged an additional non-resident fee. Note: child must be 4 by September 1st to be eligible to play in the 4 & 5 year old league.

RESIDENT FEE: NON RESIDENT:

4 & 5 yr olds	\$20 \$30
1st & 2nd Grade	\$30 \$45
3rd & 4th Grade	\$30 \$45
5th & 6th Grade	\$35 \$52.50
7th & 8th Grade	\$35 \$52.50

Adult Coed Softball – Currently taking registration and will go until filled. Fee: \$400 a team. Half of fees will be due at time of registration in order to hold a spot. Teams will play four pre-season games to determine division. Regular season games will begin with division play on Monday or Wednesday having 2 games per night. Season will start August 6th.

We have a few openings still available in the following camps and clinics. Call the Recreation Department for more details.

- **Volleyball Camp:** (7 to 10 yrs) – August 6-9.
- **Basketball Camp:** (1st & 2nd Grade / 5th & 6th) – July 30 – August 2.
- **Itty Bitty Ball:** 3 & 4 yr olds – June 25-28 still have a few openings in the 2:00 p.m. & 3:30 p.m. sessions.

“Park It Program” - We have three 2 week sessions to left to register for before the program is filled – Session begins -June 18 / Sessions Run Mon – Thurs from 10 until 2. Themed play and activities at Down town park, Discovery park and Anderson Park & Tues. is Movie day at Water Gardens / Cost for a 2 week session – resident \$ 80 and Non resident \$120 – Register early and get \$10 off / For a calendar of sessions and activities pick up flyer at the recreation center.

Family Day Hike with a free Breakfast - June 2nd Breakfast will be served from 8:30 am to 9:30 am / Kiwanis Park/ Call Recreation Department to RSVP if you plan on attending - 785-6172.

FREE Movie Night in the Park - Bring your own chairs and blankets. Date: June 9 at 9:00 pm at Anderson Park. The Disney movie CARS will be showing.

Pleasant Grove recreation is currently taking applications for soccer referees. Pick up application at the recreation department 65 E. 200 S.

If you want more Recreation information, please go to the City's website at plgrove.org.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REMINDERS

ABANDONED VEHICLES: It is illegal to park unregistered/abandoned vehicles in a roadway. The 48 hour parking ordinance is enforced.

WEEDS: Please remove weeds from lots and yards, per city ordinance.

STORAGE IN ROADWAY: It is illegal to leave items in roadways of the city, such as debris, junk, dirt and gravel, limbs, or storage units, etc.

YARD SALES: Please obtain permits for yard sale signs. They are free and can be obtained at the Community Development Office. There is also a list of the yard sales and yours can be added to that list. Signs posted without proper permits will be removed and the owners will be billed \$47.00 for each illegal sign, per city ordinance. It is also not legal to post signs on utility poles, traffic signs or on the park strips, etc.

HOME LANDSCAPING: A reminder that following occupancy of a home, the owner has two growing seasons to complete the landscaping of the yard, per city ordinance. The landscaping must be maintained after installation. Questions or concerns can be addressed at the Community Development Office (785-6057).

GARBAGE CAN REMINDER: Please remove your garbage can from the roadway, after it is emptied. The nuisance ordinance requires the garbage receptacles to be removed from the street within 24 hours of the garbage pickup date.

MOSQUITO ABATEMENT: Please check your yards for standing water, which promotes mosquito breeding. These can be found in old tires, cans and containers, trees and other places which will hold small amounts of water for several days. Drain them when located.

STRAWBERRY DAYS CHILDREN'S PARADE PLANNED

All children are invited to participate in the annual Pleasant Grove Strawberry Days Children's Parade which will be held on Wednesday, June 20, 2007, beginning at 5:00 p.m. with the lineup being northeast of Pleasant Grove Jr. High School track area located near 300 East.

Children should be there by 4:30 p.m. for judging of their costumes and so that the children can be lined up properly. The theme for Strawberry Days is "An All American Celebration," Costumes can be based around that subject. Although for ease in lining up the children for the parade, they are usually placed in the geographic area they live in based on LDS Church ward boundaries, it is specifically noted that all children, regardless of religion are invited and urged to join in the parade.

For safety reasons children cannot ride on vehicles such as bikes, trikes, scooters, etc. and they should not wear anything over their eyes. The parade is an easy walk, and parents or teachers can march with the children if they want to.

All children who participate in the parade will receive a Popsicle, carnival ride ticket, and their hand will be stamped to give them free admission to the Strawberry Days Rodeo that evening.

STRAWBERRY DAYS BATTLE OF THE BANDS

Strawberry Days Battle of the Bands will be held June 18, 6:30 p.m. at the Recreation Center. This is open to bands with members between the ages of 15 to 25 years old. The band needs to perform an original song, and each band will have 20 minutes to perform--this includes set-up and take down. The sound system will be provided. There will be a first and second prize. Space is limited so sign up now. Call Jeralyn at 785-4721 to enter.

CENTER STAGE YOUTH PERFORMERS

Center Stage Youth Performers (which is a part of the Pleasant Grove Arts Commission) are currently registering participants for our summer workshops. All workshops will be held at the Lion's Club building in Pleasant Grove (600 East Center Street).

The following workshops are available:

Dance Workshop ~ Enjoy a sampling of 6 different dance styles (hip hop/break-dancing, Latin, tap, jazz, swing, and musical theater). This workshop will be taught by a variety of teachers specializing in each area.

Dates: June 19, 20, 21, 26, 27, and 28.

Times: 9:00-10:30 AM for ages 12-18, 11:00 AM-Noon for ages 8-11.

Cost: \$75 for the older group and \$50 for the younger group

Voice Workshop ~ Take advantage of a small group voice lesson to improve your vocal skills. Taught by Jeremy Showgren.

Dates: July 12, 17, 18, 19, 25, and 26.

Times: 9:00-10:30 AM for ages 12-18, 11:00 AM-Noon for ages 8-11.

Cost: \$75 for the older group and \$50 for the younger group

Musical Theater Workshop ~ Learn to improve your triple threat: singing, dancing, and acting. Taught by Kristen Bradley and Jeremy Showgren.

Dates: Aug. 7, 8, 9, 14, 15, and 16.

Times: 9:00-10:30 AM for ages 12-18, 11:00 AM-Noon for ages 8-11.

Cost: \$75 for the older group and \$50 for the younger group.

To register, visit us online at <http://www.plgrove.org/stage>. Space is limited to register early. For more information, contact Emily Varney at 785-1977.

SUPER SLEUTHS WANTED!!

If you like mysteries, intrigue, and lots of fun join the 2007 Pleasant Grove City Library Summer Reading Program. Children 3-12 may register until June 9th. You may register online, by telephone, or at the library. Space is limited so sign up early.

For more information call the library at 785-3950 or visit www.plgrove.org/library.

The program begins June 12th with a Detective Training School and each week you will be invited to gather new evidence for a summer filled with sizzling stories and preposterous prizes!

PLEASANT GROVE ORCHESTRA

The final concert of the Pleasant Grove Orchestra's 06-07 concert season will be held on Sunday, June 4th at 7:30 p.m. in the parking lot of the Pleasant Grove Recreation Center (200 S. 100 E.). This will be the first concert of the "Concerts in the Park" series which will continue at the same location at 7:30 p.m. throughout the summer. The concert will feature Gould's "An American Salute," Irving Berlin's "God Bless America," Copeland's "Rodeo," and Tchaikovsky's "1812 Overture." Audience members will be seated on the recreation center lawn and should bring chairs and blankets. Admission is free.

GREETINGS FROM YOUR FIRE CHIEF

Recently, I had an experience with one of my children that brought into focus a serious issue. That issue is the safety of our children.

Lately, I have heard on the radio a friend and co-worker who has worked in a variety of emergency service areas, including work as a paramedic, tell of an incident that he was involved with where a child had been backed over by a vehicle in a driveway. His radio ad is promoting a Utah Department of Health program called "Spot the Tot." The Spot the Tot Program is simple - WALK AROUND YOUR VEHICLE BEFORE YOU MOVE IT.

It is extremely difficult to see a small child directly behind your vehicle, especially in an SUV or truck. You can imagine the devastation and the lasting residual emotional trauma following an incident like this where a child had been injured or worse, killed, when the prevention is so simple - walk around your vehicle before moving it.

With children out of school, they are going to be everywhere, like ants on Aunt Sadie's pudding cake at the family picnic. Watch for them, anticipate them. Remember, even kids into junior high school age, are capable of making dangerous decisions that are outside our ability to understand. Don't underestimate their ability to hurt themselves.

Watch for them on skate boards, long boards, scooters, bikes, trikes, and quads. Yes, even motorized machines. Watch them like a hawk around water - ditches, streams, rivers, lakes, swimming pools (large and small), and bath tubs.

These innocent and precious children are out and about just having a good time. It behooves us to be the best guardian we can for every one of them.

Also--

Thank you all for your support with the Fireman's Breakfast. It was wonderful to have so many partake. Strawberry Days is coming up. Here are some of the events to watch for around the fire station and beyond.

- IHC's Life Flight Helicopter will be landing at the station and on display, come visit.
- Batteries Plus will have 9 volt batteries available for smoke detectors.
- Tours of the fire station will be available, along with demonstrations in rescue and extrication techniques. Come try on some fire clothes and a helmet.
- Watch for us in the parade.
- We'll be at the rodeo too, just in case you or one of the cowboys (or girls) need us.
- While you're enjoying yourselves in the park, remember the fire station is also a First Aid station. Don't be shy, we're here to help.

By-the-way, ask around and see if anyone knows why we have a Strawberry Days Celebration.

Have fun and be safe,

Marc Sanderson, Fire Chief

PGHS Class of 1987

20th Year Reunion

August 10th, 2007

<http://PGHS1987.myevent.com>

UTAH CHILDREN'S CHOIR SPRING CONCERT A SUCCESS!

The Utah Children's Choir (sponsored by P.G. Arts Commission) just finished their exciting Spring Concert on May 3. It was held at the Pleasant Grove Jr. High School and featured the staging of three opera choruses. The UCC Choristers did a scene from Hansel & Gretel, the Concert Choir did the Papageno-Papagena duet from Mozart's Magic Flute, and the combined choirs did the Anvil Chorus from Il Trovatore. The UCC Alumni joined the choirs on the last two numbers.

Are you interested in giving your child an opportunity to sing in the Utah Children's Choir? Kay Asay, director of the choirs, is currently holding auditions for next year. To schedule and appointment or for more information call 756-6450 or 785-7416.

The UCC will sing the Concert in the Park in Pleasant Grove on June 10 at 7:30 p.m. Be sure to mark on your calendar this Sunday evening in the park. You won't want to miss this concert that is free to the public. Bring your whole family and enjoy!

STRAWBERRY DAYS CONCERT

Strawberry Days concert will be Tuesday, June 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the soccer field next to the swimming pool. This year "Joshua Creek" will be performing which is comprised of singer-song writers Jeff Hinton and Quint Randle. They have a unique blend of country-esque music and are Pearl Award Finalist.

STRAWBERRY DAYS RODEO ENTERTAINMENT

The Strawberry Days Rodeo entertainment is always great fun—and this year is no exception. Be sure not to miss the following acts:

Keith Isley has spent years impressing audiences around North America with his array of talent, ranging from trick riding and comedy acts to work as a clown and barrel man. Isley had been a member of the PRCA since 1994 and has been honored six times as the PRCA's top specialty act.

Darrel Diefenbach from Queensland, Australia is known as the, "Thunder From Down Under." Darrel saves cowboys during the bull riding competition. He is known as one of the best bullfighters of his time. He is a world champion bullfighter, and a four time NFR bullfighter

John Payne, "The One Arm Bandit," – will be the rodeo's other main entertainment. Aside from being a daredevil that is inherent in the seven events, John Payne, Oklahoma's "One-Armed Bandit," who lost his arm in an accident, now manipulates his horse with his knees and legs, guiding his ride up a ramp to the roof of a trailer. Eight-time winner of Pro Rodeo Act of the Year, Payne's presence lends more prestige—and more fun—to the great Strawberry Days Rodeo.

STRAWBERRY DAYS BOUTIQUE/VENDOR FAIR PLANNED FOR ALL AGES

One of the popular events at Strawberry Days each year is the Boutique and Vendor Fair held Thursday, Friday and Saturday, June 21, 22, and 23, from noon until 9 p.m. each day. The Boutique features many of the same crafters and vendors seen at other local boutiques and craft fairs, as well as many new and exciting product lines.

This year Macey's Grocery Store will be sponsoring a free shopping spree as well as drawings throughout the day. There will be free balloons for the kids.

Please go to the city's website at www.plgrove.org to download an application to have a booth at the boutique/fair. If you have any questions please contact Kathy at 225-0185.

This is an opportunity for Strawberry Days visitors to find some new and exciting things to spruce up your home or yard for the summer season, or just to find something you really like.

STRAWBERRY DAYS TO FEATURE FUN ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES

The Pleasant Grove Recreation Dept. will feature several events during Strawberry Days that will be exciting for all ages, babies through seniors.

The first of these events will be the Baby Contest on Wednesday, June 20, at 10 a.m. at the Royal Victorian Rose Garden which is across the street to the east from the Fire Station. Babies must be 0 to 18 months of age only. Children will be split into groups within that age group.

Categories will include All American, Mr. And Miss Viking, Strawberry Days Baby, and multiple babies. There is no pre-registration, it will all be done at the event. There is a \$10 per baby registration fee.

The very popular Huck Finn Days will be held on Friday, June 22, at Battle Creek Park from 9 a.m. until noon. There is no charge at all for this event. Children can bring their own fishing poles and bait. Free doughnuts will be served as long as they last. There will also be face painting, free pony rides, entertainment and games.

Another popular event is the Pie Eating Contest which will be held on Friday, June 22, at 6 p.m., outside of the north-east doors of the Recreation Center, 100 E. 200 South. This is for all ages and is free. The Pleasant Grove Royalty will start the contest off for everyone. Come and join in on this very fun event.

COME TO OUR LIBRARY

Investigate the new Library Website! There are many changes, additions and great new links. The HORIZON library software is now in operation. This new system will allow each resident to renew books, search the catalog and manage library accounts with many other advantages. Go to www.plgrove.org and go to the library link.

Also—we have many programs continuing throughout the summer for the whole family. More information about these programs are available at the library or in the library website.

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER