



MAYOR'S MESSAGE *Celebrations*

We have entered the season for celebrations in Pleasant Grove. Mothers' Day, Memorial Day, Graduation Day, Strawberry Days, Fathers' Day, Independence Day, Pioneer Day, family reunions, vacations, the list goes on and on. Celebrations are great ways to build memories for ourselves, our families and our friends. They are also a good time to ponder the meaning behind the celebration and pass those memories on to future generations.

Mothers' Day: About 62 countries celebrate mothers on the same day as we do. Over 137 countries celebrate mothers at some time during the year. Several attempts were made to set aside a day for honoring mothers since the Civil War. Mothers' Day became official in 1914 under Woodrow Wilson. The original purpose was, "...as a day for American citizens to show the flag in honor of those mothers whose sons had died in war." Today we simply celebrate "mothers."

Graduation Day: This is a rite-of-passage or coming-of-age celebration in a young person's life. It signifies the end of childhood and rigors of required education. For many it is the window from childhood to adulthood. It also takes on a significant meaning for college graduates. For many, it is a once in a lifetime day.

Memorial Day: This day was specifically set aside to honor Union soldiers who died during the American Civil War. Following World War I, it was expanded to include anyone who had died in any war or military action. The name was changed from Decoration Day to Memorial Day in 1882. Other countries do share Memorial Day with the United States. Instead, the world celebrates Remembrance Day or Veterans' Day on November 11th each year.

Fathers' Day: About 73 countries celebrate fathers at some point during the year. Approximately 39 of those celebrate it on the same day as the USA. While the idea of Fathers' Day came around the same time as Mothers' Day and was celebrated loosely for decades, it did not become an official celebration until 1972 under Richard Nixon. It is celebrated as a "...compliment to Mothers' Day."

Strawberry Days: This is the longest continuous cele-

bration in the State of Utah. It began as a celebration of the harvest of strawberries. It has grown to include pageants, rodeos, carnivals, parades, concerts, contests, tours and family reunions. "Everyone comes home for Strawberry Days" is this year's theme. (The birthday of the City is called Heritage Days, and is celebrated in the fall.)

Independence Day: July 4th is close to the heart for all Americans. It is the official celebration of the "Declaration of independence from the Kingdom of Great Britain." There are about 133 other countries that celebrate their "independence" on other days throughout the year. Of course our celebration is the grandest of them all (to us).

Pioneer Day: This day is specific to Utah and was set aside to celebrate the entry of Brigham Young and the Mormon Pioneers into the Salt Lake Valley on July 24, 1847. It is also a day of parades, carnivals, and many other activities.

Whether you're a mother or father, child or adult, native or immigrant, this is your time to celebrate and create memories in Utah's City of Trees.

Keep those emails and letters coming! All comments are welcome to Mayor@PGCity.org.

RODEO TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT:

Smith's Rexall (Center and Main in PG)

Macey's Grocery Store (in PG)

Macey's Grocery Store
(1600 North in Orem)

**"Summer Reading Registrations continues
with the programs starting June 17th.
For details check the library website at
www.plgrove.org/library."**

BUILDING BRIDGES THROUGH CULTURAL UNDERSANDING

As Miss Pleasant Grove 2007-2008, I will be competing in the Miss Utah pageant this July. For the past year I have been working on my service platform entitled Building Bridges through Cultural Understanding. As a main focus of my platform, I am working diligently to bring a program called Challenge Day to Pleasant Grove junior high and high schools. This program helps break down barriers caused by stereotypes and prejudices among teenagers. The program will allow for three groups of 100 students to participate for a full day. The program's cost is \$12,000, which includes \$3,200 per day plus travel expenses for the Challenge Day counselors.

I have gained the support of Pleasant Grove Mayor Mike Daniels and Lindon City Mayor Jim Dain, as well as the principals and counselors at each school. I have also aligned myself with United Way of Utah County and Pleasant Grove's Fraternal Order of the Eagles service organization.

As I gather support from our community, I would like to ask for your support. A donation would be most appreciated and will help to strengthen the youth in our community. This experience will truly be a lasting one for all involved as it helps to build bridges through understanding.

You can donate by sending your check, made payable to:

United Way / Challenge Day Utah
c/o Whitney Merrifield
135 N. 500 E.
Lindon, UT 84042

Or, to pay online, please go to my website at www.makeaculturalconnection.com. While you are online, please take a moment to view the two-minute Teen Files video clip.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely, Whitney Merrifield
Miss Pleasant Grove 2007-2008
ChallengeDayUtah@gmail.com • 801.616.0132

STRAWBERRY DAYS ART SHOWS

Strawberry Days Fine Art show, Quilt show and Children's Art contest will take place during the celebration. Please pick up information and applications at the Library or email show director Tori Merrill. torimerrill@gmail.com

UVU LIBRARY SHOWCASE

Utah Valley University (UVU) will be hosting the UVU Library Showcase to introduce the public to the new library from 1:00 to 6:30 PM on June 30th. The UVU Library Showcase is open to the public and will feature events to interest students, UVSC employees, and community members of all ages. 15,000 to 20,000 people are expected to attend the celebration and experience what the new library has to offer.

SUMMER PERFORMING ARTS WORKSHOPS

Center Stage Youth Performers invites youth ages 4-18 to participate in its performing arts summer workshops.

Participants can spend time training in acting, musical theater, vocal performance, dance, or puppetry.

These workshops provide youth an opportunity to develop their talent, self-esteem and imagination in a fun, safe and stimulating environment.

Class times, dates, teachers, and prices vary. Class sizes are limited, so register early. The first workshop begins June 3, 2008.

For more information, visit www.csyp.org or contact Emily at 801-785-1977.

About Center Stage Youth Performers

Center Stage Youth Performers (CSYP) is a part of the Pleasant Grove Arts Commission and provides an educational forum for children to learn musical theater skills. CSYP offers instruction in acting, vocal performance, dance, and technical theater.

CONCERTS IN THE PARK

June 1Pleasant Grove Orchestra
June 8Utah Children's Choir
June 15Bluegrass Thunder
June 22Kenny Favero
June 29Buzztones
July 6Skyline Chorus
July 13Phoenix Rising
July 20Harold Newman
July 27Seventh String
Aug. 3OneAccord
Aug. 10Jerri Warnick
Aug. 17Funeral Potato Review

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

As a parent, chances are your daily schedule is full leaving you to wish there were a few more hours in the day. Sometimes it is difficult to find the time to accomplish everything, especially when it comes to immunizing children on time. Did you know the Health Department offers extended hours for immunizations?

The extended hours immunization clinics are available Monday - Wednesday every week and the 1st Thursday of each month. Appointments are required and available by calling 851-7019.

- American Fork Clinic 851-7025: 120 N 1220 E #10; Monday 10am-7pm
- Payson Clinic 851-7025: 439 West Utah Avenue; Tuesday 5pm-7pm
- Provo Clinic 851-7044: 151 South University Avenue; Wednesday 8am-7pm
- Saratoga Springs IHC Clinic 851-7025: 250 E State Rd 73; 1st Thursday of each month 2:30pm-4:30pm

The Health Department also accepts several insurances such as Select Health, PEHP, Altius, United Healthcare, and Medicare and Medicaid.

No insurance? No problem! The Health Department also offers state-funded vaccines at a lower cost for those who are un-insured or under-insured. The charge is \$12 per vaccine administered. For details, please call 851-7019

Remember, it's wise to immunize! For more information visit www.UtahCountyHealth.org or www.immun-wize.org.

RECREATION NEWS

***NEW- WOMEN'S COOKING CLUB** –1 hour class fee is \$ 10 per class- Pick up a Schedule of Classes to Register for at the Rec. Center

***FREE FAMILY DAY HIKE AND BREAKFAST** – Sat June 7th From 8:30 to 9:30am at Kiwanis Park – This years theme is “ Survivor Kwanis” Hike to the falls and survive the Challenges a long the way. The 405th C.A. Battalion – Army Reserve will have their Rock wall as one of our events. Call and let us know how many will be attending from your family and we will enter your family name in a drawing for prizes that will be given out at our event.

***FREE-MOVIE NIGHT IN THE PARK** –Bring your Family, blankets, chairs and Join us for an outdoor Movie at Anderson Park.(950 E 200 S) Gates open at 8:30 movie starts at Dark. Movie Schedule: Fridays -June 6 – “Enchanted” / July- 11 – Alvin and the Chipmunks / Aug 1 –Chicken Little / Sept. 5 – The Game Plan

GREETINGS FROM YOUR FIRE CHIEF

A few weeks ago, I was up early and out of the house on my morning jog. I could see a shallow fog clinging to the low lands, a residual of the previous night's rain. It was one of those mornings where the temperature and the humidity meet in the middle, dew point was making our very own earth bound clouds thither and yon in the fields below. The sun had not yet hooked his nose to the mountain ridge line, summarily destroying the mystique and surreal valley setting below. As I shuffled down the still darkened but yet wet road, lights were beginning to shine from room windows in homes along the way. Occasionally, a car would drive by, pushing me off to the side of the street and I would watch it as the tail lights would fade into the distance. As the city awakened with the increasing light, I even passed a few other die hard runners dodging the puddles left by the night's storm.

As I passed one of the older homes in the area, my mind began to chase a line of thinking that took me back to the early days of Pleasant Grove. I imagined a small fort sitting in the middle of what would become main street. Smoke winding its way skyward marked small single settlements about the valley. I could see a morning just like this one in those early days. The sky - deep blue with fair-weather cumulus clouds sitting atop the surrounding mountains, leaving a clear sky that reminded me of one of those perfect pictures you see on a computer screen in an office supply store. The slow growth of the city over the years has yielded a family community with a lineage that often finds anchor to the past. A legacy of neighbor helping neighbor stands as strong today as it did then. For over one hundred years, it is this spirit that has compelled men and women to jump from the warmth of their beds in the wee hours of the morning and answer the siren's song to help meet the emergent needs of this great community.

I am honored to be part of this proud legacy of service and to be part of a new beginning. On June 28th Pleasant Grove Fire Department will begin full-time fire and paramedic level emergency medical services. The beginning of a rich service oriented future that will in no doubt be historic in its significance.

These historic events require a few changes. So, look for us in our new PGFD fire-service- traditional-black protective clothing, “Men In Black” if you will. (Purchased with federal grant monies provided to update our battered and aging gear.) Also, you may notice other subtle uniform changes as we embark on building new traditions and the establishment of a new legacy.

Thank you for your continued support.

Marc Sanderson
Fire Chief, MIB



Strawberry Days 2008 Events



<i>Sun., June 15</i>	Concert in the Park (East side Community Center)7:30 p.m. <i>Bluegrass Thunder</i>
<i>Mon., June 16</i>	Free Family Swim (Veterans' Memorial Pool)6:00 p.m.
<i>Tues., June 17</i>	Concert (Soccer Field, East of Veterans' Memorial Pool)7:30 to 8:30 p.m. <i>Mama's Boys</i>
<i>Wed., June 18</i>	Baby Contest (Royal Victorian Rose Garden)10:00 a.m. Fifth & Sixth Grade Relay Race (PGJHS Track)3:00 p.m. Children's Parade (All children are invited to participate)5:00 p.m. Children's Art Show & Contest Awards Ceremony (Library Basement)6:00 p.m. Pre-Rodeo Entertainment Mutton Bustin' (Rodeo Grounds)7:30 p.m. PRCA Rodeo (Rodeo Grounds)8:00 p.m. City of Fun Carnival (Downtown Park)6:00 to 10:00 p.m.
<i>Thur., June 19</i>	D.U.P. Tours (Pioneer Museum)1:00 - 5:00 p.m. Pre-Rodeo Entertainment Mutton Bustin' (Rodeo Grounds)7:30 p.m. PRCA Rodeo (Rodeo Grounds)8:00 p.m. City of Fun Carnival (Downtown Park)Noon to 10:00 p.m.
<i>Fri., June 20</i>	Huck Finn Day (Battlecreek Park)9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon D.U.P. Tours (Pioneer Museum)1:00 - 5:00 p.m. Fine Art & Children's Art Show (Recreation Center)12:00 noon - 8:00 p.m. Pie Eating Contest (Community Center, North East End)6:00 p.m. Pre-Rodeo Entertainment Mutton Bustin' (Rodeo Grounds)7:30 p.m. PRCA Rodeo (Rodeo Grounds)8:00 p.m. City of Fun Carnival (Downtown Park)Noon to 10:00 p.m.
<i>Sat., June 21</i>	Men's Doubles Tennis Tournament (Manila Park)7:00 a.m. 5K Walk/Run (For info. call the Community Center at 785-6172)7:00 a.m. Mammoth Parade (Along 200 S., Main St., West Center St.)10:00 a.m. D.U.P. Tours (Pioneer Museum)12:00 noon - 5:00 p.m. Fine Art & Children's Art Show (Recreation Center)Noon - 3:00 p.m. Quilt Show (Recreation Center)Noon - 3:00 p.m. Pre-Rodeo Entertainment Mutton Bustin' (Rodeo Grounds)7:30 p.m. PRCA Rodeo (Rodeo Grounds)*8:00 p.m. City of Fun Carnival (Downtown Park)Noon to 10:00 p.m.
<i>Sun., June 22</i>	Concert in the Park (East side of Community Center)7:30 p.m. <i>Kenny Favero</i>