

**STATE LAWS AND BUDGETS**

Annually, the Utah State Legislature meets in general session to create laws and set the State's budget. The 2009 Session began on Monday, January 26th and ends at noon on Thursday, March 12th. The Governor then signs or vetoes the new bills. Most meetings are open to the public.

Pleasant Grove is located within Senate District 14. Much of the City is in House District 57 and part is in District 58. Our legislators are: Senator John Valentine [jvalentine@utahsenate.org](mailto:jvalentine@utahsenate.org) District 14; Representative Craig A. Frank [cfrank@utah.gov](mailto:cfrank@utah.gov) District 57; Representative Stephen E. Sandstrom [ssandstrom@utah.gov](mailto:ssandstrom@utah.gov) District 58.

The joint mayors of Utah County met with many of the legislators in January to discuss legislation being considered this year. All of the bills and schedules can be found on the Legislature's website at <http://le.utah.gov/>. Please contact your legislator with expressions of support or concern on specific agenda items that are important to you. You can also contact any legislator by email using their contact information found on the website.

The City will be watching and lobbying on several bills this year. Our support or concerns are generally consistent with the majority of Utah's cities and towns. The details of which bills and what concerns the City may have can be found at <http://www.ulctlegislative.blogspot.com/>.

With the economy in a slump, much of the legislature's attention will be focused on the State's operating budget. While the Governor suggests a budget, it is the Legislature that sets it. One major concern this year is what the Legislature will do to sales tax rates. Only 1% of the sales tax we pay is eligible to fund cities. However that 1% at the cash register translates into 28% of our city's operating budget. Our sales tax revenue is already down 3.5% this year, and is expected to decline further. Many cities are laying people off and reducing services. If the Legislature reduces sales tax rates even a fraction of a percent, it will have devastating effects on all cities in the State.

Another area we will be watching is property taxes. Property taxes account for 16% of our city's operating budget. When property values go up, cities are required to "reduce" their tax rate. As it stands now, Pleasant Grove only receives 17% of the property taxes collected by the County. The majority goes to other agencies.

In summary, sales and property taxes are the two largest funding sources for a city's operations. Combined, they represent 44% of Pleasant Grove's budget. When the formulas are changed, the cities are not able to provide existing services that citizens expect.

We appreciate the input we receive from you. It helps us know what you are concerned about. As always please continue to send your comments and questions to [Mayor@PGCity.Org](mailto:Mayor@PGCity.Org).

Michael W. Daniels, Mayor

**ACCESSORY APARTMENTS:  
ARE THEY LEGAL?**

Should a homeowner in Pleasant Grove be able to legally rent out a portion of their home as an accessory apartment? What concerns do you have regarding the ability or inability to have accessory apartments in your neighborhood?

These questions will be addressed at a public work meeting of the City Council to be held on Tuesday, February 24th at 7:00 pm, in the City Council Chambers at 86 East 100 South. Everyone interested in this issue is invited to attend. The public may also provide feedback to the above questions by either returning the mini-survey at the end of this newsletter with their utility payment, or respond to the questions online at [plgrove.org](http://plgrove.org).

After the City Council has received public input, a meeting will be scheduled to consider whether or not the City will adopt an ordinance regulating legal accessory apartments in Pleasant Grove, and which regulations should be adopted. For additional information, call Pleasant Grove Community Development at (801) 785-6057.

**ACCESSORY APARTMENT SURVEY**

*(please detach and return with utility payment or mail to Community Development, 86 East 100 South, Pleasant Grove, Utah 84062)*

1. Should a homeowner in Pleasant Grove be able to legally rent out a portion of their home as an accessory apartment?

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2. What concerns do you have regarding the ability or inability to have accessory apartments in your neighborhood?

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## PL. GROVE BUSINESS ALLIANCE

Have a business? Join the Pleasant Grove Business Alliance! Monthly member meetings are held the second Friday of each month.

Join the PGBA on Friday, February 13, 2009 at 12 noon at Showtime Utah, located at 20 South Main Street, Pleasant Grove. Mr. Josh James, CEO and Founder of Omniture, will be speaking. Meeting is free to attend. A \$9 box lunch is available for purchase. RSVP at the PGBA website, [www.pgbaut.com](http://www.pgbaut.com) or call 801-380-3179.

In anticipation of greener days, the PGBA announces their annual golf tournament. Gather your teams and schedule Thursday, June 4, 2009 for the Alliance Golf Tournament at Fox Hollow Golf Course. Register early to secure your spot. The fee is \$400 per team of four players. This includes green fees, cart, lunch, drinks and snacks. Money and registration will be due May 20, 2009. Visit [www.pgabut.com](http://www.pgabut.com) for more information and to download a registration form. Open registration to all businesses and/or citizens.

## CENSUS JOBS

Make money. . . Make a Difference with a job you can be proud of! Work on the 2010 Census. Temporary part and full time jobs, Paid training, Authorized mileage reimbursement, Work locally, Flexible hours, Competitive pay, Assignments last 5 to 10 weeks. This is through the U.S. Census Bureau. Call our toll free number: 1-866-861-2010

Help your community have a successful 2010 Census

## HEAT PROGRAM NOW OPEN

Community Action Services and Food Bank 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 utility companies for individuals who qualify. Disbursements are based on income. All Utah County residents interested in applying must call 801-373-8200 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.CommunityActionUC.org](http://www.CommunityActionUC.org) for more information or call 801-373-8200.

## WINTER VEHICLE PARKING ORDINANCE:

Pleasant Grove City ordinance requires that between November 15, and April 15, no vehicles can be parked on the roadway for snow removal. Please remove cars from the roadway, so as to not impede the snow removal. Please remind your family and neighbors of this ordinance. The 48 hour parking does not apply in the Winter months.

**SIDEWALK CLEANING: Pleasant Grove City ordinance requires that each homeowner clear the snow from the sidewalks in front of each of their homes. This needs to be done as soon after each snowstorm as possible.**

## FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

**City Objective:** One of Pleasant Grove City Public Works' main objectives is to provide a plan for the safe movement of emergency equipment, vehicle traffic and pedestrians through the City. A snow removal plan has been developed to assist with this objective in order to maintain streets in hazardous weather conditions.

Pleasant Grove uses the following priorities to establish the urgency of snow removal within the city:

1. All main arterials considered to be the minimum network which must be kept open to provide a transportation system connecting police/fire stations and rescue squad units.
2. All remaining arterials, selected collectors, bus routes and around schools.
3. All other selected collectors completing the network covering the major traffic volume streets and selected troubled areas such as intersections, and hills.
4. All remaining streets, such as residential and local streets.
5. Cul-de-sacs last. If cars are parked in a cul-de-sac, that cul-de-sac will not be plowed.

### *Resident Responsibilities*

***"Safety is everyone's responsibility."***

Residents are required by ordinance to keep parked vehicles off the roads between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. each year from November 1st through March 15th. Swerving snow plows in and out of parked cars is dangerous, and the operators cannot make adequate passes on the streets. In addition, the City asks that there be no placing, dumping or pushing of snow into the streets or right-of-ways from the adjacent properties. Clear your sidewalks especially after the snow plows have finished plowing to the curb. Salt and/or sand all icy areas both on the sidewalks, driveways, steps and pathways.

Try to assist your elderly and handicapped neighbors with their snow removal. When income allows, hire help. If you have a fire hydrant in your yard you are responsible to keep it free of snow and anything that may hinder emergency personal from using it.

### *Q's and A's*

- Q. Where I came from, the city plowed all the streets. Why not here?
- A. As mentioned earlier, all the streets are plowed in a priority. When the main arterial streets are plowed for better transportation, then the residential ones are completed. Sometimes' the snow continues to fall, much of the city's time is spent on the arterial streets. However, the residential streets will be handled as soon as possible, thereafter.
- Q. Why not plow, to the center?
- A. Piling snow in the center of a street can become a dangerous situation. Traffic is restricted. The freezing and thawing adds to pavement deterioration. Sight is obstructed and residents have problems entering and exiting their driveways.

## RECREATION INFORMATION

**Little Hoopsters Clinic** (Kinder-1st Grade) – This clinic is an introduction to basketball. Each week basic skills of basketball will be taught.

Registration: February 2 – 20  
Clinic Dates: March 7, 14, 21, & 28  
Pleasant Grove Resident Fee: \$22 (includes t-shirt)  
Non Resident Fee: \$33 (includes t-shirt)

**Jr. High Age Dance** - February 13th 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!**

Don't Forget ---- **Youth UBBA Baseball/& Girls Softball**  
Registration begins March 2nd.

**MENS SLOW PITCH SOFTBALL** - Registration for the Men's softball league will begin Monday, February 2, 2009 and will go until all slots are filled. Registration will only be accepted at the Pleasant Grove Recreation department on a first come first serve basis. Remember if you had a team last year, it does not guarantee you a spot for this season. Fees are required at time of registration. If full payment cannot be made, half of the fees (\$275) can be paid at registration and the remainder will have to be paid at the coaches meeting on March 31st. Registration will NOT be accepted without money. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

League Fee: \$550  
Number of Teams: 16 teams  
(8 Lower Division Teams and 8 Upper Division)  
Game Days: Tuesday/Thursday at Shannon Fields  
Season Begins: Tuesday, April 21st  
Mandatory Coaches Meeting: March 31 @ 6:00pm New  
Community Center (547 S. Locust Ave.)  
Game Times: 6:00, 7:00, 8:00 & 9:00

**\*NEW\* YOUTH LACROSSE** (3rd – 6th Grade) - Come learn and play one of the fastest growing sports in Utah. Games will be played throughout Utah County.

Registration: February 16th – March 23rd  
Season Begins: May 23rd  
Pleasant Grove Resident Fee: \$55  
(Includes team jersey, and rental equipment)  
Non Resident Fee: \$82.50  
(Includes team jersey, and rental equipment)

**\*MORE INFO TO COME. WATCH FOR A SCHOOL FLYER!**

## GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

A Grief Support Group will be offered by the University of Utah for 8 weeks from January 14 to March 4, 2009 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the University of Utah Parkway Health Center at 145 West University Parkway in Orem. Two types of adult grief support groups will be offered. These will be for the adjustment to the death of a loved one (traditional) and for survivors after the death of a loved one due to suicide. These bereavement support groups are lead by health care professionals holding Masters or Doctoral Degrees in Social Work or Psychiatric Nursing or Licensed Professional Counseling. There is a \$50 fee for materials. Please call 585-9522 for more information.

## GREETINGS FROM YOUR FIRE CHIEF

On January 19th, the fire department enjoyed the annual kick off dinner. We have found that trying to have a department party around Christmas time is just too challenging. So, we have a kick off dinner in January. This year's party was very successful.

As I looked about the room, filled with so many of our firefighters and EMTs and their spouses, I was inspired by their dedication and willingness to serve.

During this party, several awards are presented to individuals that had provided services over and above what is expected.

This year, two individuals were presented with Outstanding Service Awards. Scott Ash a full time fire fighter and past Fire Fighter Association president, received an award. Linda Chipman, a Dispatcher, received the award for her many years as lead dispatcher.

I presented one of our full-time fire captains with the Fire Chief Recognition Award for his work as a course coordinator/director for the fire fighter I & II class that was held last spring. This class trains fire fighters and readies them for the state certification test. This class is very detailed and time consuming. Captain Corey Cluff did an excellent job as the course coordinator.

Two of our long time members retired. Each of them received the Distinguished Service Award. Each of them were also were presented with a flag that had flown over the fire station. At the end of the retirement ceremony, dispatch broadcasts the "last alarm". This final step is very touching as the dispatcher relays a message, over the air, of thankfulness for their years of service to the community. Shirlee Best and her daughter Heathyr Best will be missed and we wish them luck in their future endeavors.

Finally, the fire fighter association presented me with a very nice tribute and a custom painted authentic reproduction leather fire bucket.

I am grateful for the support I enjoy in my position as Fire Chief. I am honored to be associated with these skilled and dedicated fire fighters, paramedics and EMTs.

Please be safe,

Marc Sanderson, Fire Chief

**FIRE HYDRANTS: PLEASE DIG SNOW FROM AROUND FIRE HYDRANTS, IF YOU HAVE ONE IN YOUR YARD OR NEIGHBORHOOD. IN THE EVENT OF A FIRE, IT WILL MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT TO LOCATE THEM.**

## PLEASANT GROVE POLICE DEPT.

The Pleasant Grove Police Department is pleased to announce the creation of a new and exciting way for you, the citizens of Pleasant Grove, to help the Police Department in addressing public safety concerns and enhance our partnership with you by giving you a way to become more actively involved in the daily operations of the department.

If you are 21 years or older and have a serious interest in serving your neighbors, fellow citizens, and the Pleasant Grove community, then we invite you to Volunteer with our new Volunteers in Police Service Program.

Some of the things you will do as a Volunteer may include; patrolling the community in teams of two, looking for and reporting suspicious activity and crime, assisting stranded/disabled motorists, search for missing children, provide traffic control at accidents/special functions and other similar tasks to enhance the effectiveness of the patrol officers out in the community.

If this sounds fun and exciting to you then you are the person we are looking for! You can apply at the Pleasant Grove Police Department located at 87 South 100 East or call Officer Fenton @ 785-3506 for more information.

### EXPRESS BILL PAY

**PLEASE NOTE:** In regard to the article in the January City Newsletter, the Express Bill Pay option is only for Pleasant Grove residents, Manila Water is not included in the electronic bill pay option. ALSO—Manila Water is easily identified by the yellow envelopes.

#### **ANNOUNCING THE EASIEST WAY TO PAY YOUR BILL**

Pleasant Grove City's new online bill pay option saves you time and gives you more flexibility in how you pay your bill. If you have an internet connection as well as an email address, you can now pay your bill online. It's fast, easy, and you no longer have to write a check each month or find a stamp when it's time to send in your payment.

If you are ready to get started with the convenience of online bill payment, here is what to do:

1. Go to [www.expressbillpay.com](http://www.expressbillpay.com). The City has partnered with express Bill Pay to provide you with online bill payment service.
2. Click on "New to express bill pay," and complete the short registration form, including email address and password.
3. After you login, click on "add new ebills" and follow the instructions to add your bill.
4. Once your bill is added to your account, you can view and pay your bill online, or setup a recurring auto payment schedule.

If you have any other questions, please call City Hall at 785-5045.

### LIBRARY NEWS

*We need your help!!*

As citizens of Pleasant Grove you can help us plan the future of the City Library by logging on to [pgcitylibrary.blogspot.com](http://pgcitylibrary.blogspot.com) and taking a short survey. We need your thoughts and ideas!

## UTAH CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The Utah Children's Choir is very busy learning new music for this second semester. We have many exciting events, celebrating our twenty-fifth anniversary that is being planned for this season! Miss Asay is still having auditions for new members. If you are between the ages of 8-16 and are interested call 756-6450 to set up an appointment or to receive more information. The audition is for placement in one of three choirs. You need to have a little song to sing.

During the month of February, the choir is sponsoring a fundraiser for the Utah Flash basketball game on February 21st. Discount tickets are selling for \$15.00. If you are interested please call 785-7416 or the above number.

Looking ahead, the Concert Choir is looking forward to their spring festival, with five other children's choirs coming to Libby Gardner Hall on March 20-21. Our Family Concert will be March 30. The UCC will join forces with the Timpanogos Chorale to perform John Rutter's Mass of the Children April 3 and 11th. Our huge gala 25th anniversary concert will be held May 2 at the Covey Center for the Arts in Provo. An Alumni Choir will join us for this concert! If you are alumni of the Utah Children's Choir please contact our office at the phone numbers listed in this article.

## AARP DRIVER SAFETY CLASS

An AARP "Driver Safety class for those 50 and older will be taught at the Jacobs Senior Center (242 W. 200 S., Pleasant Grove) Feb 19th from 1:00 to 5:00 PM. This is a new 4 hour course. To register, call the Senior Center (785-2818). Fees for taking the class are as follows. AARP members with their membership card \$12.00. Those who don't present their card and others' \$14.00. Checks made out to AARP are preferred. Completion of the class may qualify participant for a discount on their automobile insurance.

## PG SENIORS CENTER ACTIVITIES

**AARP Drivers Training** \$10.00 Feb 19th & 20th Make appointment call 785-2818

**Tax help FREE for Seniors** every Monday Starting Feb 2 until March 30th. Make appointment call 785-2818

**Trip to Wendover** March 4th 1 day \$17.00 per person. Make reservations at 785-2818

**Trip to Laughlin** NV 5 days 4 nights \$ 179.00 per person, double occupancy Make reservations 785-2818

**ANGLE PARKING OF CARS: It is illegal to angle park cars on the street, unless designated by painted lines or signs. Please parallel park all vehicles.**