

MAYOR BRUCE CALL

This new year, 2010, brings with it a host of changes for the city of Pleasant Grove, but with those changes come innumerable opportunities. January finds us with a new mayor, two new city council members, a new city administrator, and soon, a new city finance director. You might think that all these changes at once would be daunting, or at least challenging. But without exception, every citizen, every employee, every elected official I've talked to has expressed nothing but optimism and excitement for the future.

I share that optimism. I believe Pleasant Grove's future is bright. I believe we are headed in the right direction in most ways, and I am confident that things will only get better and better. This confidence is supported by actions I see take place in our community every day.

One of those actions is the recent selection of a new city administrator. Finding a replacement for our outgoing administrator, Frank Mills, was no easy task. The process began last summer with a nationwide posting for the position. We received more than 60 applications from qualified individuals, mostly from the western states. We used the services of an independent task force to whittle this number down to the top 11 candidates, which included people from Utah, Montana, Texas, and Illinois. The city council and department directors then conducted a series of interviews, bringing in some of the remaining candidates more than once. As you can imagine, when you get down to the final two or three, you are really working with the best of the best.

After a process lasting more than four months, we found the perfect candidate, and it's clear that Pleasant Grove hit a home run with the appointment of Scott Darrington as city administrator. Scott comes to us from South Ogden City, where he spent the last eight years as city manager. Prior to that, Scott was the city manager of Afton, Wyoming. He holds a Master's of Public Administration degree, is an accredited member of the International City Management Association, and sits on the board of the Utah City Management Association. Scott is a thorough professional who brings more than a decade of practical city management experience to this new position with Pleasant Grove. We are excited to have Scott working with us, and we welcome not only Scott, but also his wife, Becky, and their two daughters to our community.

The selection and appointment of an individual with the qualities of Scott Darrington is one more reason that every citizen of Pleasant Grove should look forward to the new year—and beyond—with optimism and excitement.

OPT OUT RECYCLING

Pleasant Grove City approved a Recycling Program in August, 2009 in an effort to encourage residents to participate in curbside recycling. Under the recycling program and in an effort to make it more convenient to take advantage of curbside recycling services, all customers that are currently being billed for garbage service on their Pleasant Grove City Utility Bill will automatically be signed up to receive this recycling service. Nothing is required of you if you would like to receive this service. The City will automatically sign you up to receive the service and will bill you \$5.90 per month for curbside recycling pick up every other week. During the opt out period Pleasant Grove City will ensure that all customers are aware of this service. The recycling program will not start until May or June 2010. This will give Allied Waste time to order the needed recycling bins and deliver them to the customers. If you do not want to receive curbside recycling services, you must come into City Hall (70 South 100 East) and fill out an "Opt Out" form. This must be done in writing by February 16, 2010. Emails or phone calls will not be accepted. Once in the program, you cannot opt out. If you choose to opt out initially, and later change your mind, you can opt in at any time. FOR MORE INFORMATION on this program please go to the City Webpage at plgrove.org. Pleasant Grove City would like to encourage residents to contribute to a cleaner, healthier environment by recycling.

NO DUMPING:

ORDINANCE 7:1:1 OF THE CITY CODE PROHIBITS THE DUMPING OR RAKING OF ANY ROCK, MULCH, DIRT, LEAVES ETC. ONTO THE CITY STREETS. IT LIMITS FREE PASSAGE OF PEDESTRIANS/VEHICLES AND DIRTIES BOTH THE STREETS/SIDEWALKS AND STORM DRAINS. PLEASE PLACE ALL OF THE ABOVE MATERIALS ON YOUR OWN PROPERTY. PLEASE DO NOT RAKE LEAVES INTO THE CITY STREETS AS THESE CLOG THE STORM DRAINS.

RECREATION NEWS

Playtime Toddler – Mom & Tot class - Ages 2 to 4yrs./ 1 hour class includes- tot cooking, craft projects, stories, games & activities, fieldtrips and holiday parties. Class days Still open: Mon 10 am Tues 10:30 and Thurs 10:30 Few spots open /Classes run from Jan to end of April.

Playtime Kids – No mom’s required(Must be Potty trained) Ages 3 ½ to 5 yrs 1 ½ hour Class includes all of the above Plus Gym Time. We have a couple of spots left for Wed 10:30 class. Goes from Jan to end of April.

After School Chess Club - Classes are held on Thursdays for 1 hour from 4 to 5 pm –Beginning and Advanced Can sign up for 1 or all 8 weeks- session 3 started Jan 21 and goes to Mar 11- there are still openings

Toddler Gym – Mom & Tot Gym Activities – Toddlers will have fun playing and exercising. Class is 1 hour on Wed at 10:30 each session is 6 weeks. Can pro -rate class if sign up late. Next session – Jan 6 to Feb 10

Valentines Cooking – Saturday ,Feb 6 from 10 to Noon we will be cooking : Chocolate Chip Cookie Bouquet, ,” I choo-Choose you”- train cup cakes, Candy valentines and make a charm bracelet.

Chef Class - 4 week cooking class for Kids ages 7 and up / March 4 to March 25 see flyer for meals we will be cooking.

Build a party- Let us help you build a party. Party fee Includes 12 children plus the birthday child, room, Balloons, party bags, 3 games and 1 worker or try one of our themed party packages. Cost depends on type of party and theme.

Women’s Spring Volleyball - Registration begins February 1 – March 15. Season Begins: March 23. League Play: Tuesdays 8 League Games w/ 2 matches per night. Double Elimination Tournament End of Season. Fee: \$225

Little Hoopsters Clinic (Kinder-1st Grade) – This clinic is an introduction to basketball. Each week basic skills of basketball will be taught. Registration: February 1 – 20. Clinic Dates: March 6, 13, 20, & 27. Pleasant Grove Resident Fee: \$25 (includes t-shirt). Non Resident Fee: \$37.50 (includes t-shirt)

Jr. High Age Dance - February 12th Cupid Stag Stomp - Cost: \$4.00 Sunday Dress or \$5.00 Casual Dress. Time: 7:00 to 9:30p.m. SCHOOL DRESS CODE REQUIRED!

JAZZ PLAYER APPEARANCE - Pleasant Grove High School Gym, Tuesday, February 2, 2010, 6:00 PM

*We will not know who is coming until he walks in the door. Hosted by: Pleasant Grove Recreation

Jazz Fun Shot Competition (Note - 5th Graders on up). Saturday, February 6th starting at 6:00 pm for all divisions. Fun shot is played by one individual. Each competitor will have one minute to score as many baskets as possible from any of the 5 different shooting spots identified on the game court. Each spot is worth a different point value ranging from 2 to 5 points. The player with the highest score in each division will advance to the area competition. Area winners will then advance to the final competition held at the Energy Solutions Arena. Come and show your stuff! NO REGISTRATION FEE!!!

Youth UBBA Baseball & Girls Softball Registration begins March 1st

MENS SLOW PITCH SOFTBALL - Registration for the Men’s softball league will begin Monday, February 1, 2010 and will go until all slots are filled. You can register online at www.plgrove.org or you can come into the Pleasant Grove Community Center at 547 S. Locust Avenue. 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 30th. Registration will NOT be accepted without money. NO EXCEPTIONS! League Fee: \$550. Game Format: Double Headers. Number of Teams: 16 teams (8 Lower Division Teams and 8 Upper Division). Number of Games: 16 games (includes a double elimination tournament). Game Days: Tuesday/Thursday at Shannon Fields. Season Begins: Tuesday, April 13th. Mandatory Coaches Meeting: March 30th @ 6:00pm PG Community Center (547 S. Locust Ave.). Game Times: 6:15, 7:15, 8:15, & 9:15. For fees and Registration Info. Call Pleasant Grove Community Center – 801-785-6172 or pick up Flyer at center -547 S Locust Ave

Please remember to remove snow and ice from the sidewalks:

The City ordinance states the following about snow/ice removal: “It is unlawful for any owner, tenant or occupant, or the agent of any owner of any property abutting or adjoining any public sidewalk within the city to fail to clean and remove all snow, ice, weeds, litter and obstructions from such public sidewalks” (Ord. 7-1-13). Keeping the snow/ice removed from the sidewalks creates free passage for all pedestrians walking on the sidewalks.

PUBLIC WORKS

As February winds down, we will find ourselves outside cleaning up from the aftermath of snow storms that have crossed the path to our fair city. As the snow turns to rain, please be mindful of what lives down stream in the path of our storm water. Storm water (the water in the gutter) flows down to Utah Lake through various pipes and open ditches. The aquatic life along open ditches and in the lake itself can be damaged through our careless behavior. More importantly, this same contaminated storm water soaks through the ground and into the aquifers that supply some of the wells that Pleasant Grove City uses for our drinking water. It is important that each of us keep the litter, oil and fuel or other chemicals cleaned up in our yards and in and around our homes out of the street and gutter and the area in front of our homes. Remember, what comes around goes around, so please help us keep our water clean.

John Goodman, Street/Storm Water Supt.

PLEASANT GROVE BUSINESS ALLIANCE

Entrepreneurial Corner

Join the Pleasant Grove Business Alliance each month for our Monthly Member Meeting. February's meeting will be one you won't want to miss! Please join us Friday, February 12, 2010, 12:00 p.m. at the Pleasant Grove Community Center. The PGBA presents Mr. Doug Winkleman, Assistant District Manager of H&R Block. He will be speaking on "Tax Tips for Businesses: Ways to Save You Money Throughout the Year." Meetings are free to attend. All employees of local businesses and interested citizens may attend. A \$10 lunch, provided by EJ Catering, is available for purchase. Please RSVP by the Thursday before each meeting by calling the PGBA at 801-380-3179. For more information, visit the Pleasant Grove Business Alliance website at www.pgbaut.com.

The Pleasant Grove Business Alliance is a member driven organization designed to assist local businesses through networking, education and partnership with city officials. Come join us, learn the latest business trends and network with local business professionals.

NEW CITY ADMINISTRATOR--

Scott Darrington and is the new City Administrator at Pleasant Grove City. His wife's name is Becky and his two daughters are Aubree (5) and Sydney (3).

He said he feels familiar with Utah County, as he attended school at BYU in which he earned a Bachelor's Degree in Recreation Management and a Masters of Public Administration. His first job was as the Town Administrator in Afton, Wyoming. He said it's a small town in western Wyoming that most people have probably driven through if they've been to Jackson Hole. He said they were there for 3 years and had a great experience. It was bittersweet when we left to work in Utah at South Ogden City. He said they were sad to leave but excited for the future.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT NEWS

Building permits are required to construct, enlarge, alter, repair, move, demolish or change any building occupancy. A building permit is required when the electrical, plumbing, mechanical or gas systems are altered, modified or extended. Some examples of work that a building permit would be required for are; building a shed that is >120 sq. ft. in size, finishing a basement, remodeling or adding an addition to a home, retaining walls >4ft measured from the bottom of the footing, fences >6 ft. in height, swimming pools and pool house for equipment, signs for businesses, porches, decks, furnace or water heater replacement, water softener install, air conditioner install, upgrade electrical meter and cut foundation for walk out basement. If you are planning a project and are unclear as to whether or not a permit is required, call community development office @ 801-785-6057 and we will be happy to assist you. Any work done that does not need a permit is still required to meet the building code requirements for safety and zoning setbacks. If work is done without a permit and you are caught you can be subject to double the building permit fee.

CENTRAL UTAH GARDENS

Conserving Water Through Education

Are you interested in free gardening classes? Free summer activities for your kids? How about a free evening concert that you can attend with your whole family? Central Utah Gardens offers all this and more! The gardens opened in 2007 and are a part of Central Utah Water Conservancy District. The purpose of the gardens is to show homeowners how to have beautiful, colorful landscapes while saving water at the same time. The great news is, there are so many plants that you already know and love that are actually water-efficient: iris, lavender, Shasta daisies, poppies, coral bells, coneflower, and many more! The gardens are a public resource on water-efficient landscaping. We have classes that cover topics such as landscape design, vegetable gardening, composting, weed control, and more.

For more information, visit our website: www.centralutahgardens.org to see a list of classes (begin in March), events, concerts and kid activities for 2010. The gardens are located at 355 W. University Parkway in Orem. Come visit us in the spring! Extended garden hours begin May 1st—Mon.-Sat. 8 a.m.- 8 p.m. Call 801.226.7136 with additional questions.

Free Classes at Central Utah Gardens

355 W. University Parkway, Orem

Central Utah Gardens is a landscape demonstration garden provided by Central Utah Water Conservancy District. The purpose of the gardens is to show homeowners how to have beautiful, colorful landscapes without using a lot of water. We also have a series of free gardening classes!

Gardening Classes:

- Landscape Design 1: Thursday, March 11, 6:30 p.m.
- Raised bed Vegetable Gardening: Saturday, March 27, 11:00 a.m.
- Compost: What You've Been Missing: Thursday, April 8, 6:30 p.m.
- Drip Irrigation, How To: Thursday, April 15, 6:30 p.m.
- Landscape Design 2: Saturday, April 24, 11:00 a.m.
- Best Perennials on the Block: Thursday, May 13, 6:30 p.m.
- Low Maintenance Landscaping: Saturday, May 22, 11:00 a.m.
- Improve Your Lawn: Saturday, June 11, 11:00 a.m.
- Proper Pruning: Saturday, June 11, 9:00 a.m.
- Control Those Pesky Pests: Thursday, July 15, 6:30 p.m.
- War on Weeds: Saturday, July 31, 11:00 a.m.
- Kid's Science Classes:
- Properties of Water: Wednesday, May 26, 11:00 a.m.
- Plants: Wednesday, June 23, 11:00 a.m.
- Animals: Wednesday, July 18, 11:00 a.m.
- Water Conservation: Wednesday, August 11, 11:00 a.m.

To register for these classes and for class descriptions, visit our website: www.centralutahgardens.org

For additional questions, please call: 801.226.7136.

ALLIED WASTE SCHEDULE--

This is the new Allied Waste schedule for this year (2010).

The only holidays that will affect the garbage service for our city are Monday May 31, Memorial Day and Monday Sept. 6, Labor Day. The rest of the holidays are after our Wed. pick-up.

*May 31, Memorial Day

*Sept. 6, Labor Day

UTAH CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The Utah Children's Choir had a spectacular Christmas Season beginning with an appearance at the Grand America Hotel in Salt Lake City the day after Thanksgiving. The choir was invited to perform at their new "Grand Christmas Traditions," to go along with the lighting at Temple Square and the Gateway, etc. The hotel was all decked out in spectacular decor and lighting. Hot wassail, hot chocolate and many other goodies were served free of charge. People could bring Teddy Bears to donate to needy children. The UCC donated a big bear with their logo on it. The choir enjoyed singing there and their families enjoyed all the festivities including gingerbread villages, games, food, etc.

On December 3, the UCC performed their annual Christmas Concert at the Alpine Art Center in Alpine to a large, receptive crowd. All the choirs in the UCC program performed on this concert from the "Song of the Littlest Angel" to "Deck the Halls." The concert was conducted by UCC artistic director, Kay Asay, assisted by vocal coach Marilyn Rudolph. Heidi Rodeback and Mikelle Pyne accompanied the choir as well as flutist, Dylan Glenn from Pleasant Grove. The choir performed "A Child's Song of Christmas" written by Erica Glenn for the choir's 25th Anniversary. A CD was made of this concert, so if you are interested call Lutie at 801-785-7416.

The crowning glory of the Christmas Season was the UCC's appearance, by special invitation, with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir on their Christmas Concerts at the Conference Center in Salt Lake. The choir was one of six choirs that sang in the concerts. Natalie Cole and was featured soloist in the concerts and David McCullough also was guest performer. On Sunday, Dec. 13, the UCC sang in the "Music and the Spoken Word" broadcast. The Saturday afternoon before they did a PBS taping to be aired next year on PBS, as well as a CD and DVD to come out next Christmas with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir called "The Wonderful Gift of Christmas." The whole experience was wonderful! Our parent committees were very supportive and helpful and we thank all of them, along with all the UCC staff.

The director, Kay Asay is currently holding auditions for new members through the month of January. If you are interested please call 801-756-6450 for an appointment or more information.

SENIOR NEWS

Bingo on Tuesdays @ 10:30 A.M.
Movies on Thursdays @ 1:00 P.M.
Health Clinics Feb. 1st, 3rd, and 17th
Potluck Dinner Feb 19th 5:30 P.M.0123
Dinner served each day a 12:00 Noon
Watch Timpanogos Times for Daily Menu

Feb 1st Senior Self Defense class 11:00 A.M.
Monthly Potluck Dinner changed to Feb 12th 5:30 P.M.

LIBRARY NEWS

R.E.A.D. Book Group: 10:00 am. Thursday February 11th. Everyone who is interested is invited. This month will be "The School of Essential Ingredients" reviewed by Diane Marsh.

BookEnders: 7:00 pm on the last Wednesday of the month. BookEnders is a adult discussion and reading book group. This month's book is "The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society" by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows.

ITeens: 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 4:30 pm. The Teen Book group is for those in 7th grade and up. Games, crafts, book reviews. Also hear about many other great books from other teen readers!

Terrific Tuesdays & Wonderful Wednesdays Drop-In Storytime - Tues. & Wed 9am. All Ages. Stories, rhymes, songs, and fun for everyone. Fun filled 20 minutes of stories & songs.

Twilight Tales: 7:00 pm Tuesday. Every Tuesday for the whole Family. This is a story time year round program.

Spanish Storytime: 10:30am Friday. Spanish and non-Spanish speakers invited. Join us for a bilingual English/Spanish storytime adventure.

A.S.A.P. (After School Activity Program) Thursday, February 18th at 4:30 pm. Children 6 to 12 join together after school. No fee but tickets are required and available at the desk 2 weeks before event. February's theme: "We're going to a Train Depot!"

Great Reads for Girls: A Mother Daughter Book Club: February 10th at 7:00 pm.

Girls ages 8-16 with Mom or other caring adult. Join us for lively discussions, activities, friendship and fun! Pick up a "Great Reads" booklist at the front desk. This month's book is "The King's Equal" by Katherine Paterson.

REGISTRATION FOR SPRING CLASSES FEBRUARY 16TH
Classes start February 22nd.

Music & Movement: Starts 2/22/10 Ends 3/29/10. Monday at 10am, 11am, 12pm. Six week session. Registration required. Fee: \$5.00. Must sign up in person. Ages 3 1/2-6.

Storytime: Starts 2/23 & 2/24/10 Ends 3/30 & 3/31/10. Tuesday & Wednesday at 10am, 11am, 1pm. Ages 3-6. This a 6 week session of stories, rhymes, songs, crafts, and fun. Registration required. Fee: \$5.00. Theme is "Once Upon a Time...Fairy Tales."

Wee Read: Starts 2/25/10 Ends 4/1/10. Thursdays at 10am, 11am, 12pm. Six week session. Registration required. No fee. Ages 18-36 months. Learn how to encourage your baby's language development.

FREE ESL CLASSES

(English as a Second Language)continues

You are invited to learn English! Beginning , intermediate and advanced classes available. The classes run from September to May. The hours are from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Free child care is provided. Classes held at Pleasant Grove Junior High School at 810 North 100 East in Pleasant Grove. Please enter through the downstairs gym entrance on the northwest door area.

ESL CLASE GRATIS

(ESL: INGLES COMO Segunda Idioma) Continuar

Uds. Son invitdos a aprender ingles Principio, Intermedio & Superior Clases. Septiembre a Mayo, 7-8:30 p.m.

Cuidado do los Ninos disponible y gratis
Pleasant Grove Junior High School, 810 North 100 East (Entren por la puerta norocaste por gimnasio)