

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Compromise, the Constitution, and Historic Downtown

When the colonists settled the east coast, they all agreed on one thing. They did NOT want to be subject to a king. They wanted freedom and rights. They were so united and emotional in this desire that they wrote the Declaration of Independence and much blood was shed to free themselves from England's rule.

But gaining this freedom from "rule" did NOT give them freedom from England's power over them. In fact, the oppression worsened in a financial way and the colonists were powerless to fight back.

It wasn't until the colonies convened a convention to consider the creation of a constitution that a glimmer of hope began to unfold. The vision was that these documents would unite the colonies and give them "one voice" to address the continued abuse from their mother land.

The Convention was organized and convened "many" times over the course of months and years. Many of the delegates left home and work to sacrifice and participate in the convention. Much discussion was had about representation according to population. Further discussion was had over the issue of slaves. Additional discussion was had regarding central and decentralized government and the makeup of that government. There were a host of other concerns that each person, each representative, each delegate, and each colony had and wanted included in the agreement.

The convention was made up of very strong willed and opinionated individuals. Over the course of the convention, the delegates argued. They came and left when they couldn't get their way. Multiple votes were taken. Multiple drafts were written. For a time it seemed that an agreement would never be reached as the delegates were unwilling to give up their individual positions in favor of the greater good. And all the while, England laughed and continued to strip the colonies of their financial capacity and resources.

When it became apparent that no progress was being achieved and that they were losing hope in their ultimate goal of freedom from England because of their selfishness, the delegates learned a "vital" lesson. COMPROMISE must prevail in order to unite a people around a common cause. This compromise would have to take on many forms. Large population states would have to consider the voice of small population states as equal. Power could not be consolidated in a single person or branch of government. The voice of the people would have to be achieved through proportional representation. And some issues would have to remain purely in the purview of the states, not the federal government.

It was at this point that true progress began. The ideas flowed. Every person was heard. Long hours of discussion, debate, and negotiation took place inside and outside the convention itself. And finally the 4,543 word document was adopted on September 17, 1787 and later ratified by each state. It has become the central guiding law and political culture of the United States. Forms of the Constitution have been copied by many countries around the world. (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States_Constitution)

When any elected official in any office of any branch of government in the United States takes their office, they swear an oath to defend and uphold the Constitution of the United States.

Over two centuries have passed since the adoption and ratification of the Constitution. Many attempts have been made to over turn it, by pass it, circumvent it, change it, etc. And yet it survives to this day to guide us in our efforts to live peacefully together as a nation. "We the people..."

So here we sit in the year 2008 in Pleasant Grove, Utah's City of Trees. Some homesteaded this land many generations ago. Others have put down roots during the recent decades. Still others are flocking to this city because of its history, culture, peacefulness, safety, seclusion and a myriad of other reasons.

I can't tell you how often I've heard a citizen say;

"I should have closed the gate behind me when I moved in."

"I moved here because my quarter acre had an unobstructed view of the mountains and the lake. My view should be guaranteed to be unobstructed for-

ever."

"I don't like multi-family housing because the people are all criminals. They are only temporary. They have no interest and rights in Pleasant Grove."

"We are being invaded by illegal aliens, immigrants, non-locals, and newcomers..."

"I'm a 20th generation resident so I have more rights than other property owners."

"I can't get a descent meal, buy a pair of shoes, or find some entertainment in this city."

"I like the idea, but NOT IN MY BACKYARD."

Well, I'm pretty convinced that the founding fathers of the 18th century were no different than the rest of us in the 21st century. But what would have happened if those original new comers had actually "shut the gate behind them" or took a "not in my back yard" view? I suspect Pleasant Grove wouldn't be here today.

Our city faces great challenges in 2008 and beyond. While we are making progress on bringing in "places to get a descent meal, buy a pair of shoes, or find some entertainment," we are failing to make progress on the future viability and heritage of our historic downtown. Valiant efforts have been made by those that own businesses to stay in business. Some succeed. Many do not. Great care has been taken to identify historic buildings and preserve them, but those who own them don't have the financial ability to restore them or bring them up to current building standards.

It seems ironic that the very heart of our city that desperately needs "new blood" is being filled with "embalming fluid" as if that will preserve its historical state "forever." The only thing embalming fluid does is slow the decay.

It is time for the residents of Pleasant Grove to come together and COMPROMISE over the past, present, and future of our Historic Downtown. It is CLEAR that many in our community have strong emotions about what should and shouldn't be allowed in downtown. It is also clear that issues of proportionate representation, balance of powers, and financial viability all need to be considered. But in the end it is "COMPROMISE" that will revitalize, rejuvenate, and preserve our crown jewel.

As a Mayor and Council we have organized a Downtown Advisory Board. It is made up of 13 people who are in someway connected to the downtown. The Board is tasked with the following: review the General & Master Plans as they relate to Downtown, review the R/UDAT report, review the 2020 Plan and come up with a compromise Historic Downtown Master Plan that meets the needs of the majority of our 32,000+ residents. This is a monumental task that will be viewed with much scrutiny by all stakeholders in our city. These volunteers will need the support, encouragement and input from every person who lives, works, owns property and/or conducts business in Pleasant Grove. Ultimately, the report and recommendation from the Advisory Board will come to staff, Planning Commission, and City Council for review, public comment, and adoption (or rework).

While "Time is of the Essence," the process cannot be forced to an artificial deadline. But just like the Constitutional Convention, the Board knows it cannot take forever.

We are placing great trust in the members of this Board to do what is right for "all" of Pleasant Grove. They will have to set aside their individual bias, personal agenda, and even be willing to give up some things they alone feel are vital in order to achieve the greater good. They will have to learn to COMPROMISE.

I call on the citizens of our city to give them your full support as they take on this assignment. Give them your input, participate in their sub-committees, and make your voice heard. This is the future of our identity, the preservation of our history, and the legacy we will leave for our posterity. We have "one chance" to get this right. Let's get behind this effort and make a lasting difference that "all" will be proud of.

Your input, comments, and suggestions are always invited and welcomed. Please contact me at Mayor@PGcity.Org.

SCOUTING FOR FOOD

Don't forget the annual Scouting for Food drive March 29! Boy Scouts will deliver bags to homes the week before the drive. Please fill these bags with nutritious, non-perishable food and hygiene items. Leave the filled bags outside your door Saturday morning before 9 a.m. for scouts to pick up. Items especially needed include meat and vegetable cans, laundry soap, toilet paper and diapers. All donations will be given to Community Action Food Bank, which serves Utah, Wasatch and Summit counties.

Please help us feed the 2,000 families who come to our food pantries each month.

Additional donations will be accepted at Community Action Services and Food Bank, 815 S. Freedom Blvd. in Provo. Call Jim Thomas at 801-592-7832 for more information.

Janae Hollenback, Food Bank Communications
Community Action Services and Food Bank
www.FoodBanksOfUtah.org • 801-373-8200

"RESTORE" FOR ALL RESIDENTS

Habitat for Humanity recently opened a ReStore Home Improvement Outlet at 626 North Freedom Blvd., in Provo where we sell donated new and used construction materials, appliances, and furniture to the public. The store proceeds are then used help to fund local Habitat construction. Tax deductible donations are also being sought and are welcomed during store hours – Monday through Friday from 10-6 and Saturday from 9-3. Call (801) 373-7867 for more information.

SNOW REMOVAL: It is the responsibility for each resident to remove the snow from sidewalks in front of their homes.

ALLIED TRASH 2008 SCHEDULE

Allied Holiday Schedule
New Years Day Jan. 1
Memorial Day May 26
Fourth of July July 4
Pioneer Day July 24
Labor Day Sept. 1
Thanksgiving Nov. 27
Christmas Dec. 25

IF HOLIDAY IS ON A MON. TUES. OR WED. GARBAGE PICKUP WILL BE A DAY LATER. OTHERWISE GARBAGE PICKUP WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY.

UTAH VALLEY SKYLINE BARBERSHOP CHORUS

The Utah Valley Skyline Barbershop Chorus presents "Comedy Tonight" featuring District Champion Quartet, "The Summit", and the women's barbershop group "The Extension Chords". There will be two shows on Saturday the 12th of April; one at 3 p.m. and the second at 7 p.m. at Pleasant Grove Jr. High. Tickets are \$8.00 each or \$20.00 per immediate family. If they bring the letter to the shows to get tickets they receive \$2.00 off the individual price. No discount on the family price. Advanced tickets can be ordered from Owen Richardson @ 434-9228. There will be door prizes and all ages are welcome.

LIBRARY NEWS

****New Web Cam at the Library!** Charles Edwards of VFW post 4918 gave a web-cam to the Pleasant Grove Library so that members of the community who have family deployed with the military can use it to communicate. Many families may not have computers at home, and if they do have home access, they may not have a Web cam. Just ask at the front desk to use this new feature!

Special –Adult Forum- “Emily Dickinson Lexicon” • March 13, 2008 at 7:00 pm

She wrote approximately 1,789 lyric poems in the nineteenth-century American English. She composed most of the verses in her hometown of Amherst, Massachusetts, during the noon of New England's philological renaissance. Her “loved Philology” presents a close-knit diction that she crafted with allusions, ambiguity, antithesis, circumlocution, definitions, figures, idioms, kennings, metaphors, puns, symbols, and synonymy. Website for further information: <http://edl.byu.edu>

*****NEW***Terrific Tuesdays and Wonderful Wednesdays** This a drop-in storytime where Moms or caretaker can participate reading the stories to the group. All ages are welcome. Story time is every Tuesday and Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. This is a free program and no registration is required.

*****NEW*** Great Reads for Girls: A Mother Daughter Book Club** Join other girls and their mothers or other caring adult for lively discussions, activities, and fun. Girls ages 8 to 16 are encourage to join. Great Reads meets the first Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm. Come in to sign up and pick up a copy of the book. **March 6, 2008** Ida B : --and her plans to maximize fun, avoid disaster, and (possibly) save the world by Katherine Hannigan

A.S.A.P. (After School Activity Program) Learn and explore different monthly themes for children who are in elementary school. **March 27, 2008** “Rumble in the Jungle” at 4:30 pm. 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 circulation desk.

R.E.A.D. Book Group March 13, 2008 The Long Walk: The True Story of a Trek to Freedom by Salvomir Rawicz. Reviewed by Howard Carpenter.

*****NEW*** BookEnders Book Group** A new library book group has been formed. BookEnders is a new discussion and reading book group. Read the book, then meet downstairs at 7:00 pm at the library each last Thursday evening of the month to discuss it. Everyone is welcome. Come and join! Refreshments will be served. **March 27, 2008** “The Enchanted April” by Elizabeth von Arnim

Spring Programs Registration started February 19th for Music & Movement, Storytime, and Wee Read. Classes will start the week of March 3rd.

Check out the Library website for more information – www.plgrove.org/library

Pleasant Grove Cookbook The Pleasant Grove Library Foundation will be putting together a cookbook as a fundraiser for the Library. These will be sold at the 2008 Strawberry Days Festival and we are currently looking for submissions. You may submit up to 3 recipes each. Send in some of your favorite recipes to share with the citizens of Pleasant Grove. There will be a box at the library for you to drop off a copy of your recipe or you may email your recipe to: PGCookbook@gmail.com. We are excited to see what you've been cookin'!

GREETINGS FROM YOU FIRE CHIEF

Part of the joy of basking in the warmth of a small community, is the closeness of family, friends and neighbors. The down side of life in a small town is there are limits on just how big municipal officials can spend. In my dream world, my fire fighters would be driving around town in brand new apparatus, and parking them in a big, new, state-of-the-art fire station. But, revenue streams are not quite there yet. That's ok, there are adequate funds to do our job and to provide fire and medical services. There is, however, one area I will not skimp on, no matter what - and that's safety for the people that provide those services. In last year's budget, we were able to establish a replacement rotation for fire fighter protective clothing. This program replaces a few sets per year. However, I have found that we are not able to keep up with replacements and outfitting our new people. The writing on the wall says we need a bunch of new sets now, then we can work on the rotation. Knowing that our budget wouldn't support that, I assigned one of my staff to attempt to find external funding. He applied for an Assistance to Firefighters Grant available through FEMA. After months of watchful waiting, in the second week of February, we received a phone call from Senator Bennett's office, congratulating us on being an AFG grant recipient to the tune of \$199,155.00. This is a 90/10 matching grant. The grant also includes a vehicle exhaust removal system to be installed in the fire station, and a OSHA mandated washer and dryer set.

This grant award falls into my overall operations model. This model includes the use of external funding to accomplish our goals and increase our safety and efficiency without undue burdens being placed on our citizens through taxation. I have a staff member, (Dave Thomas) that continues to search out alternate funding options. Sometimes he scores big, and other times not so big, but each penny we can pick up through the various grants is a penny we, as a community, do not need to come up with.

That's enough talk about money, let's talk about something a little more interesting now. Although I haven't seen too many signs of it yet, I'm sure Spring is out there somewhere. With Spring, comes a wanderlust. But before you set out on your Spring jaunts, make sure you have a Car Survival Kit in the trunk. We don't want you to get stuck out there, but if you do, we want you to be prepared. I have listed a few items you might consider throwing in the kit.

Auto Survival Kit

Store your supplies in a bag or backpack. This will make it more convenient to carry if you need to walk.

- Blankets • Bottled water • Change of clothes • Cell phone
- Fire extinguisher – multipurpose, dry chemical type
- First aid kit and manual
- Emergency signal device (light sticks, battery-type flasher, reflector, etc.)
- Flashlight with fresh batteries (“D” cell size)
- Food (nonperishable – nutrition bars, trail mix, etc.)
- Gloves • Local map and compass • Rope for towing, rescue, etc.
- Paper and pencils • Pre-moistened towelettes
- Prescription medicines • Battery-operated radio with fresh batteries
- Small mirror for signaling • Toilet tissue
- Tools (pliers, adjustable wrench, screwdriver, etc.)
- Whistle for signaling • Duct tape
- Jump Starter kit w/compressor or Jumper cables

Remember to buckle up and be safe.

Marc Sanderson, Fire Chief

RECREATION NEWS

BOYS YOUTH BASEBALL LEAGUES - Registration: March 1 - 20. A draft will be held for all new players in the Mustang thru Pony leagues, all returning players playing in same division will remain on same team. Colt participants will all be drafted on to a new team. NOTE * Utah Boys Baseball Association (UBBA) does not allow participants to play in higher divisions (i.e., Current 2nd graders cannot play in the 3rd/4th grade league and no participants playing up a grade) Participants must be in current grade specified to play in each division.

Youth Baseball Leagues Resident Non Resident Practice Begins Season

Mustang: 3rd & 4th Grade; Resident \$65 / Non Resident \$97.50 Practice Begins: Week of March 31; Season: April 28 - July

Pinto: 5th & 6th Grade; Resident \$65 / Non Resident \$97.50 Practice Begins: Week of March 31; Season: April 28 - July

Pony: 7th & 8th Grade; Resident \$85 / Non Resident \$127.50 Practice Begins: Week of March 31; Season: April 28 - July

Colt: 9th thru 12th Grade; Resident \$85 / Non Resident \$127.50 Practice Begins: Week of April 11; Season: End of May - Mid July

GIRLS SOFTBALL LEAGUES - Registration: March 1 - 26. After March 26 a late registration fee of \$5.00 will be added and registration will only be accepted on a space available basis.

Girls Softball Leagues Resident Non Resident Practice Begins Season

10 & Under: Resident \$27 / Non Resident \$40.50

Practice Begins: Mid April; Season: May 22 - Mid June

12 & Under: Resident \$45 / Non Resident \$67.50

Practice Begins: Mid April; Season: May 13 - End of June

14 & Under: Resident \$45 / Non Resident \$67.50

Practice Begins: Mid April; Season: May 12 - End of June

17 & Under: Resident: \$45 / Non Resident \$67.50

Practice Begins: Mid April; Season: May 12 - Mid June

*Don't forget online registration is available for baseball/softball registration beginning March 1st. Go to: www.pgrec.org

REGISTRATION BEGINNING IN APRIL:

April 1 - 24 T-Ball, Coach Pitch & Machine Pitch

April 1 - 21 Track Club

April 1 - Until filled – Women's & Youth Tennis, Golf Program, Soccer Camp, Volleyball Camp, Basketball Camp, Itty Bitty Ball.

NEW!! AQUAFINA MAJOR LEAGUE PITCH, HIT &

RUN COMPETITION – This is a free skills competition that provides boys and girls, ages 7 to 14, the opportunity to show their pitching, hitting and running abilities. Winners can advance through four levels of competition, including National Finals at the MLB All-Star Game. Age is determined as of July 17, 2008. Date of Local Meet: Saturday, April 26 Time: 5:00pm Place: Manila Park Ball Fields

**BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE ON THE
FOUNDATION OF THE PAST
UTAH COUNTY FAIR MOVES TO SP. FORK**

The Utah County Fair will open at the Spanish Fork Fair Grounds August 13 and close August 16.

The Utah County Fair Committee is pleased with the amenities offered at the Spanish Fork Fairgrounds, and plans to produce a fair to remember. There is plenty of parking and things to do and see every day at the County Fair.

The Utah County Fair officially opens 4 p.m. on August 13, and the excitement will continue until the final fireworks show August 16.

The entire family will find entertainment and fun. A traditional county Fair, Utah County's offers Open Class and 4-H exhibits, equine events, stock judging, a back hoe rodeo, demolition derby, traditional carnival, children's interactive exhibit, Antique Machinery, food booths, Ranch Rodeo, and entertainment tent.

CROSSING GUARD NEEDED

Pleasant Grove Police Department is accepting applications for a school crossing guard for 1800 N. 100 E. Applications may be picked up and submitted at Police Dept., 87 E. 100 S., Pleasant Grove, UT., 84062. Position open until filled. Contact, Lt. Nielsen, 801-785-3506. EOE.

PARKING ON STREETS: Overnight parking is not allowed on any city street between November 15 to April 15, for snow removal. Vehicles can be cited or towed.

**PLEASANT GROVE PLAYERS TO
PRESENT "ON GOLDEN POND"**

The Pleasant Grove Players will present performances of the comedy-drama, "On Golden Pond," by Ernest Thompson on March 7 - 24 (Friday, Saturday & Monday evenings as well as Saturday matinees on March 15 and 22) in the Keith Christeson Little Theater on the first floor of the PG City Library, 30 E. Center St. The evening show will begin at 7:30 p.m. The Saturday matinees will begin at 3:00 p.m.

Howard and Kathryn Little are directing this production.

Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$6 for students and seniors. A family ticket is also available for \$25 (immediate family members only). Individual tickets are \$1 less for matinees. Family tickets are \$20 for matinees. Tickets can be purchased at the door. Tickets may also be purchased in advance through City Hall. Advance tickets can be purchased in person at the city offices (70 S 100 E, Pleasant Grove) or by calling (801) 785-5045.

For more information, contact Verdon Walker at 785-0222.

RESIDENT'S COUPON

"On Golden Pond"

In appreciation of PG City's Support of PG Players

Bring in this Coupon and receive

\$2 OFF PER TICKET

March 7 - 24 (Fri, Sat & Mon Evenings) • 7:30PM

March 15 & 22 (Sat Afternoons) • 3:00PM

Keith Christeson Little Theater • PG City Library, 30 E. Center

REMOVE GARBAGE CANS FROM STREET:
Please remove garbage cans from streets. City code requires they be removed from the street as soon as possible, after they are emptied.

PUBLIC HEARING

State Street Environmental Study

March 19, 2008, 4:30 - 6:30 PM

Mount Mahogany Elementary

602 N 200 W, Pleasant Grove, Utah

There will not be a formal presentation. Please stop by anytime between 4:30 PM and 6:30 PM to view the displays and visit with the project team members. (If you are unable to attend the open house you can still submit comments via email, letter, project hotline, or the project website.)

Contact information: Project Hotline 801.763.5280, www.udot.utah.gov/statestreetes, statestreetes@horrocks.com

BUILDING PERMITS: Just a reminder that any building larger than 120 square feet requires a building permit. For information, contact Pleasant Grove Community Development, 86 East 100 South, or call at 785-6057.

PLEASANT GROVE BUSINESS ALLIANCE

"Where's Olaf?"

The Pleasant Grove Business Alliance is launching a fun hide-and-seek campaign with the citizens of Pleasant Grove! Olaf, the friendly Viking, will be hiding in a local business. Look for clues of his whereabouts in the Pleasant Grove Review and the PGBA Website. Once you know where to find him, visit the business to enter the drawing for a prize valued at \$100! Don't miss this exciting game!

For a list of participating businesses, clues and other information, visit the PGBA website www.pgbusinessalliance.com.

Join the Pleasant Grove Business Alliance!

The next meeting is March 14, 2008 at 12:00 PM in the Basement of the PG Library.

Mr. Ken Fakler of UVSC's Small Business Development Center and Fakler Tire's will be speaking on "Growing Your Small Business - How The Orem Small Business Development Center Can Help You!"

Visit www.pgbusinessalliance.com for more information.

JOIN US FOR THE GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING

Second Friday at 12:00 Noon

Next Meeting - Friday, March 14, 2008 12:00 Noon

Speaker: Watch for the Announcement

Location: Pleasant Grove Library Basement

South entrance (30 E. Center Street)

There is no charge to attend the meetings. You may purchase a box lunch for \$5.00. Reserve your box lunch by Noon on the Thursday before the meeting by sending an email or call 801-380-3179 .

GUTTER CLEANING: When the snow has cleared from the streets, please check your gutters and make sure they will allow the runoff to go to the storm drains.