



MAYOR'S MESSAGE

This is an election year for Pleasant Grove City! Every two years, the citizens elect and/or re-elect half of the City Council. Each elected person serves for four years. This staggering of elected officials allows citizens to regularly adjust the Council. In 2009, you will be electing a mayor and two city council members.

Why write about an election in March? There are two reasons. First, anyone interested in being a candidate will need to submit their applications in June. They will want to carefully consider the qualifications, responsibilities and time commitments before making their decision to run. Second, I am not running for re-election. This may influence people to run for mayor.

Let's get the personal stuff out of the way. I have served for a total of six years on the City Council (two years as a council member and four years as mayor) and have loved "most" of it. This service has come at a sacrifice for my family. Also, I feel the city is in good condition and headed in a good direction. I would like someone with fresh ideas and new stamina to build on that foundation just like I benefited from the foundation established by prior mayors.

For those considering throwing your hat in the ring, here is some advice:

- 1) It takes a team: You must be able to work with fellow elected team members, appointed officials, other cities, counties, the state and federal government, citizens, land owners, business owners, lobbyists and volunteers. There are many others.
- 2) You don't have all the answers: You must surrender your ego, invite professional opinion and live by the majority rule. The people who work for the city are professionals. The Council and the citizens will give you the majority rule. This is not a dictatorship.
- 3) Get involved: You must engage in your duties and responsibilities from day one. You and your family must be willing to change your evenings, weekends and even your vacations to be where you need to be at the time you need to be there. It's easier if you involve the family and make it a shared experience.
- 4) Create happiness for others: The people you meet may resemble your neighbors on Sunday, but they are not in the same mood when they visit you. Typically, there is a problem and they want you to solve it. Look for ways to make all parties winners. This may mean compromise and negotiation.
- 5) Carry extra skin: Watch out for compliments and watch out for criticism. Even if they are sincere and legitimate, you can get derailed if you let either get to you. Most of what people say about you is based on what someone else said about you. Even if you are quoted, you may be misquoted. Be grateful if something good is said at all.

It's easy to find fault with others as justification for your own election. It's much better to state your own accomplishments without coming across as arrogant or condescending.

I enjoy receiving your comments, input, feedback and suggestions at Mayor@PGCity.Org. Please seriously consider running for public service or supporting those that serve you.

Michael W. Daniels, Mayor

BEAUTIFICATION/SHADE TREE COMMISSION

Garden tasks for March

Hooray! It's March! Even if it's early, it's still spring. By the time you read this, it is likely that your bulbs have started peeking through the ground, the forsythia buds will be swelling and it's tempting to get your garden underway. Be careful! The average frost-free date in our area is Mother's Day.

There is plenty to do, however. You can--

- Top dress garden beds with compost or rotted manure.
- Mulch pathways and beds to inhibit weeds.
- Clean debris from garden beds and lawns, including dead grass, leaves, and twigs. This can be added to the compost pile.
- Prune dormant fruit trees. Prune back diseased wood, water sprouts (suckers) and crossing limbs. Don't prune back fruiting spurs unless you are intentionally thinning them out.
- Last chance for dormant oil sprays of fruit trees. Fruit trees like apples and pears benefit from dormant oil sprays which help to control (by smothering) sucking insects like aphids, scale, spider mites, thrips to name a few. Don't apply after any buds have broken because dormant oil sprays are more concentrated than summer oil sprays and can burn new growth.
- Mid-month, start warm weather vegetables like eggplant, tomatoes, peppers indoors.
- Plant peas when soil temperature (not air temperature) is at or above 40 degrees.
- Resist the urge to work the soil too soon. Remember to check the soil by taking a handful of soil and molding it into a ball in your hand and then drop it to the soil bed from 2 feet above. If it breaks apart your soil is dry enough to work. If you work our heavy clay soil when it is too wet, you will form adobe bricks. Let it dry out.

ANNUAL SCOUTING FOR FOOD TRADITION CONTINUES MARCH 28

Utah's Boy Scouts will continue their tradition of service on March 28 as they collect food for their local food banks. They will deliver bags the week before and will pick up food that morning as early as 8 a.m. The food collected in Utah, Summit and Wasatch Counties will go to the Community Action Food Bank and will serve people who live in these counties – your neighbors. Right now, over 2,000 families a month are seeking assistance from the agency. If you are in able to give, please join with our scouts to make a big difference for a family. Find out more at foodbanksofUtah.org.

LION'S CLUB EYE SCREENING

January 20-28, 2009, Pleasant Grove Lions Club conducted photo eye screening for children, ages three to five, at the Funshine Early Learning Center, which is sponsored by Pleasant Grove City. A total of 220 students were screened, with 22 students being referred for further follow up by their personal optometrists or pediatricians. Lions members donated 20 ½ hours to the photo screen project.

Parent volunteers donated 28 volunteer hours for the project. Parents helped fill out forms and shuffled children between to the classroom and conference room. Some parents helped read to the children waiting. Parents and volunteers were very happy to have The Lions give this service. They couldn't believe such a simple technique could provide so much information to an optometrist. The director plans on us returning next year to screen the children at the center.

The Lions Club would like to express special thanks to the local optometrists and staff for helping with this valuable service to the community.

CEMETERY NEWS

Pleasant Grove City Cemetery has recently gone to a new computerized mapping and records program from Gateway Mapping Inc. called Spatial Generations. They also operate the "Names In Stone" website.

Names In Stone is a unique online website designed to help researchers find and document cemetery maps and records. The maps show each grave location and information, and allows people to visualize loved ones, and their family plots.

Most cemetery websites only post an alphabetical list of burials for their cemetery. Names In Stone allows people to search an alphabetical listing of multiple cemeteries, view, and print out the actual grave location from an interactive map.

This website confirms to us the value of cemeteries as a source of history and a source for answers. This is what Names In Stone is all about. Preserving cemetery information, and making it available, so questions can be answered, and loved ones remembered.

Visit www.namesinstone.com.

ANNUAL ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION

The annual Arbor Day celebration will be held on Saturday, April 25, 2009 at the new Manila Creek Park on 3300 North. It will begin at 8 a.m. Everyone is invited to come and take part in what has become an annual fun tradition of planting trees that will shade the parks in the City. Of note, this will be the 13th year that Pleasant Grove City has been designated a, "Tree USA," recipient. Over the past few years, hundreds of trees have been planted not only in the brand new parks, but in the older parks, as well. Those that bring their families have been heard telling their children that over the years, they will be able to watch the trees grow and provide cool shade for their future families. This year, the holes for the trees will be pre-dug, and the trees will be ready to be planted and back-filled. Please come and serve the community by helping the Pleasant Grove Beautification/Shade Tree Commission again plant trees in our own, "Utah City of Trees."

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.

WINTER VEHICLE PARKING ORDINANCE: Pleasant Grove City ordinance requires that between November 1, and March 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. During the remainder of the year, there is a 48 hour limit for on street parking.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE ITEMS

Utah County residents with household hazardous waste items such as old gasoline, paint, and fluorescent light bulbs will be offered to dispose of these items safely at a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day Saturday, March 28th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The collection will take place in the Novell Parking Lot in Provo -- residents can enter from 1860 South. For details, please call 801-225-8538 (north) or 801-489-3027 (south).

CHILDREN'S HEALTH FAIR

"Never, NEVER forget your shots!"

DESCRIPTION: With the theme, "Never, NEVER forget your Shots", the Utah County Health Department (UCHD) will be sponsoring a children's health fair on April 16 from 10am to 3pm for children up to age five. Activities will include bicycle and helmet giveaways, educational materials, and games and activities for kids. Parents, care givers, preschools and day-care groups are encouraged to attend. The event is free to the public and will take place at the UCHD at 151 S. University Ave. in Provo. For more information, please call 851-7025 [or visit www.UtahCountyHealth.org].

WHEN: April 16, 2007, 10am to 3pm

WHERE: Utah County Health Department, Utah County Health and Justice Building, 151 South University Avenue, Provo

CONTACT INFO: (801) 851-7025

LIBRARY NEWS

The library will be having "Food for Fines" April 1-15, Check the library link on the City website for guidelines.

R.E.A.D. Book Group: 10:00 am. Second Thursday of the month. This month will be "Little Heathens: Hard Times and High Spirits On An Iowa Farm During The Great Depression" by Mildred Armstrong Kalish. Reviewed by Eloise Fugal.

BookEnders: 7:00 pm on the last Thursday of the month. Adults. This month's book is "Book Thief" by Marcus Zusak.

Great Reads for Girls: A Mother Daughter Book Club: Girls ages 8-16 with Mom or other caring adult. This month's book is "Fairy Rebel" by Lynne Reid Banks.

A.S.A.P. After School Activity Program: Children 6 to 12 join together after school. No fee but tickets are required and available at the desk. This Month's theme is "Cosmic Crash."

These are the Spring classes, sign up today!

Music & Movement: Starts 3/2/09 Ends 4/6/09

Monday at 10am, 11am, 12pm, 1pm. Six week session.
Registration required. Fee: \$5.00. Must sign up in person.
Ages 3 1/2-6. Class limited to 12 students.

Storytime: Starts 3/3 & 3/4/09. Ends 4/7 & 4/8

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

Wee Read: Starts 3/5/09. Ends 4/9/09

Thursdays at 10am, 11am, 12am. Six week session.
Registration required. No fee. Ages 18-36 months. Learn how to encourage your baby's language development.

RECREATION

Play Time Toddler- mom and tot class ages 2 to 4years- \$25 a month + 1 time supply fee \$15 and play time kids -Play Time Kids- ages 3 1/2 to 5 years must be potty trained - \$35 month supply fee \$15(open - wed class 10:30 am -12) Activities include: tot cooking, craft projects, stories, games, holiday Parties and gym activities. NOTE – We currently have a few spots in several of the classes between now and end of April. Come join us for the rest of the program. Call the Recreation Department for more information. 785-6172.

Toddler Gym - Wed 10:30 am Mom and Tot class 2 to 4 years - Gym activities - take full session (6 weeks \$ 18 or \$3 per session)on going

EASTER COOKING & EGG HUNT - Ages 5 & up - Hop on over to the Recreation Department and register for the Easter Cooking and Egg Hunt Class. We will be making Easter Basket Cake, Egg Shaped cookie Sandwiches, Deviled Eggs and Egg Decorating (participants need to bring one dozen hard boiled eggs to class). To top the class off we will have an Easter egg hunt. Class will be held on Saturday, March 22. From 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Resident fee: \$15 / Non resident fee: \$22.50

KIDS CHEF CLASS - (Ages 7 & Up) Come join the fun and learn how to cook a meal from start to finish. Starts Thursday, March 5 - March 26 from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. Resident fee: \$45 for all 4 classes or \$12 per class and non resident fee: \$62.50 for all 4 classes or \$18 per class. For detailed class description you can pick up flyer at the Recreation Department.

After School Chess Club - Come learn from the best - Class are held on Thursday from 4 to 5pm -open enrollment/ 8 week class \$35 or \$5 a class

Also look for more information on the Scholastic Chess Tournament - Saturday May 2

We are currently taking Registration for the following enrichment classes: Summer Cooking, Park- it, Wilderness Camp, Summer Chess Club, Toddler Cooking & Toddler Gym.

Don't forget to register early to hold your spot. For more detail descriptions of classes please stop by the recreation department and pick up flyer on program.

FREE ESL CLASSES (ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE)

You are invited to learn English! Offered will be beginning, intermediate and advanced classes. The classes will start on Tuesday, March 3, and will run to May 19, 2009 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Free child care will be provided. Classes will be held at Pleasant Grove Jr. High at 810 North 100 East in the downstairs lunch room entrance. For more information, please contact Coral Hicks at 801-785-3496.

ESL CLASE GRATIS (ESL: INGLES COMO SEGUNDO IDIOMA)

Uds. Son invitados a aprender ingles Principio Intermedio Superior clases. Marzo 3, Martes a Mayo 19, 7:00-8:30 p.m. Cuidado de lost Ninos disponible y gratis. Pleasant Grove Junior High School, 810 North 100 East. Entren por la puerta del comedor de la planta baja)

GREETINGS FROM YOUR FIRE CHIEF,

A few weeks back, a call came into the dispatch center - a dog had fallen through the thin ice in the middle of a pond. The caller was concerned because there were young children in the area trying to rescue the dog. If those children, all caught up with good intentions, were to venture out onto the ice in an effort to facilitate a dog rescue, they too could become victims if the ice could not support their weight.

Human nature leads most of us to believe that things are better than they are, and in times of difficulty and even danger, things will get better, not worse. That same human nature tells us bad things don't happen to me or you. We often believe that because things have turned out OK in the past, they will turn out OK this time too.

The truth is, even though you have reached into a running garbage disposal to retrieve that always present fork without ever injuring your hand, doesn't mean you'll always be successful. You'll know that I reached too deep into the disposal when my news letters beg n t lo k l ke t is.

For many years, fire service organizations have stressed that going back into a burning building will very likely end badly. No matter how many times it has been said, it is nearly impossible to keep a father from braving the flames to save a child. The same goes for entering cold or icy water for the same purpose. I don't want to loose anyone, not the victim or the would-be rescuer. So, here it is again as difficult as it may be -

Do not play around or enter cold or freezing water, and do not attempt cold water rescues without proper training and equipment.

As we stood on the shore and looked out at the broken ice, we could see the exact spot where the dog had fallen in. It was obvious that he had struggled valiantly. As I looked, I realized, this is a rescue we, as a fire department, are not prepared for. We are very capable, but we were not ready for this ... no equipment, no training.

Well, I have fixed that! We are now equipped for rapid ice and cold water rescues within our response area. Training is underway and almost complete, even as you read this news letter. Time is of the essence in these types of rescues, we're ready!

Please teach your children the dangers of cold and freezing waters. Your firefighters are ready, but I would prefer to avoid the need altogether.

By-the-way, the dog was able to escape, cold but unharmed.

Please be safe,
Marc Sanderson, Fire Chief

**REMOVAL OF SNOW, ICE AND OBSTRUCTIONS
FROM SIDEWALKS: PLEASANT GROVE CITY
ORDINANCE REQUIRES THAT THE OWNER, TEN-
ANT OR OCCUPANT OF ANY PROPERTY CLEAN
THE SNOW, ICE WEEDS, LITTER AND OBSTRUC-
TIONS FROM PUBLIC SIDEWALKS ADJOINING
THEIR PROPERTY.**

WHAT IS PHOTO SCREENING?

Young children do not know that they have a vision problem. They can't tell how well they should be able to see. Most young children under the age of 5 are not capable of communicating effectively to solve the problem.

Lions Photo Screening's purpose is to identify children whose eyes may have some type of defect, which if left untreated, may lead to a life-time of vision problems or blindness. Photo Screening can detect improperly aligned eyes, cataracts, near sightedness, far-sightedness, drooping eyelid, astigmatism, and other amblyopic(dull vision) factors. Some far and near sightedness is normal in young children. Photo screen is not a diagnostic tool, so the Lions advise the parents to have the child seen by an eye doctor to get proper diagnosis and treatment as may be needed.

Lions screen only children from ages 1 through 5. The child sits on a chair, looks at a camera, and two pictures are taken. There is no physical contact with the child. The pictures are taken to a local optometrist to read. If further diagnosis is needed, the parents are contacted.

If you are interested in scheduling a photo screening for your pre-school in April, call Darlene at 785-2669.

PGBA NEWS

Concerned how the economy will affect you? Join the Pleasant Grove Business Alliance at our next Monthly Member Meeting on Friday, March 13, 2009, 12:00 pm at Showtime Utah, 20 South Main Street, Pleasant Grove. The PGBA is excited to present Dr. Kelly Matthews, Executive Vice President and Economist at Wells Fargo Bank. He is currently responsible for national, regional, local and agricultural economics for the Intermountain Region (Utah, Idaho and Wyoming). His insights will be valuable in regards to our economy. The PGBA meeting is free to attend. A \$9 box lunch is available for purchase. RSVP at the PGBA website, www.pgbaut.com or call 801-380-3179. Join us for lunch, education and free give-aways!

Start practicing your golf swing for the annual PGBA Golf Tournament! Gather your teams and schedule Thursday, June 4, 2009 for the Alliance Golf Tournament at Fox Hollow Golf Course. The cost is \$400 per team of four players. Price includes green fees, cart, lunch, drinks and snacks. Money and registration due May 1, 2009. Space is limited, so register early. Visit www.pgabut.com for more information and to download a registration form. Open registration to all businesses and/or citizens.

RESIDENT'S COUPON

"THE FOREIGNER"

In appreciation of PG City's Support of PG Players
Bring in this Coupon and receive **\$2 OFF PER TICKET**

March 13 - 30 (Fri, Sat & Mon Evenings) at 7:30 PM
March 21 & 28 (Sat Afternoons) at 3:00 PM

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

WORK FOR THE CENSUS

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.

Call our toll free number: 1-866-861-2010

Help your community have a successful 2010 Census.

FOX HOLLOW GOLF CLUB

It's time the snow is melting at Fox Hollow Golf Club! It's not too soon to be thinking about golf. If you haven't seen the new Fox Hollow Golf Club, please stop by and check out the many amenities that are offered to the residents of Pleasant Grove.

Please come and see the new clubhouse. There is also a beautiful room for meetings, weddings, and parties.

Fox Hollow Golf Club offers golf opportunities for the entire family. The Junior Golf lessons are great; introduce your children to a game for their life time! The driving range is considered one of the best in Utah. It provides a great activity for the entire family.

For those who are competitive, check out the Men and Women's golf associations. It is a great way to meet people and make new friends who share the love of golf. Watch for dates of the upcoming opening socials.

PLEASANT GROVE PLAYERS TO PRESENT "THE FOREIGNER"

The Pleasant Grove Players will present performances of the Larry Shue's hilarious comedy, "The Foreigner," on March 13 - 30 (Friday, Saturday & Monday evenings as well as Saturday matinees on March 21 and 28) in the Keith Christeson Little Theater on the first floor (downstairs) 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.

"The Foreigner" tells the story of Charlie, a pathologically shy and proper Englishman who has a fear of speaking to strangers. Charlie is brought by his friend, "Froggy" LeSeuer, a British demolitions expert to a fishing lodge in rural Georgia. When Froggy has to leave for training sessions at a nearby army base, he reassures Charlie that he won't have to talk to anyone by telling all assembled that Charlie is from an exotic foreign country and speaks no English. Soon, everyone is fussing over and confiding in Charlie, including Betty, the kindly caretaker of this lodge; Catherine, a beautiful debutante engaged to be married; Ellard, her sweet but slow brother; and David, the minister to whom Catherine is betrothed. Charlie quickly discovers that all is not what it seems at the lodge and must somehow save the day - without revealing his cover!

Kathryn Little is directing this production. The cast includes Marty Cooper as Froggy LeSeuer and Daniel Anderson as Charlie Baker. Donna Bingham plays the kindly Betty Meeks. Chad Bowler is the Reverend David M. Lee and Charlie Little is his fiancé, Catherine Simms. Dennis Purdie plays Owen Musser and Will Ingram plays Ellard Simms.

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 Luone Ingram at 801-787-6864.