

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

There are two common themes coming in emails lately. I thought I'd share them with everyone so you all have the same information:

ROADS: As you know, we've had a multi-year pressurized irrigation installation, followed by a rather long and difficult winter. This has left our roads in particularly poor condition. The emails started coming in the day after the final snow melt. "What are we doing?" was the common question.

The City Council approved the issuance of approximately \$5M in bonds for road repair and maintenance. This approval came two months ago. The bonds have already been sold so the funding is now available for use.

Our Public Works Director, Lynn Walker, and our 12 Historic Neighborhood Chairpersons have worked out a prioritization plan for the roads. This means that each Neighborhood has a voice in which roads get worked on; and in what order. It is a multi-year project. There will be additional bonding to continue work. Some roads will be completely repaved, while others will receive the more affordable chip-seal.

Please contact lwalker@pgcity.org if you have specific questions about your specific Neighborhood.

RECYCLING: Many citizens desire a form of recycling in our City. Recycling is good! There are many factors that go into deciding on what kind of a recycling program to offer. Cost, convenience and participation are a few of the major factors.

Pleasant Grove currently offers paper recycling collection bins in many locations throughout the City. These are located at the Jr. High, behind City Hall, the lots of grocery stores, etc. There is also a green waste recycling at two locations: Behind the landfill and behind the treatment plant on the other side of the freeway.

The request for curbside recycling is a bit more complex. The providers of the program require a mandatory participation of 100% of the residents OR a minimum 50% voluntary participation. This is a more expensive solution to the tax payers. Because of the potential increase in mandatory costs, it is likely the Council will have this item placed on the November election ballot. It affects everyone and hits the fixed income and low income groups the hardest.

OTHER: There are sundry other emails I receive each month. Most are individual in nature and subject. Many are answered with an email response by me or a staff member. Occasionally we set up meetings to address issues more interactively.

As our City continues to grow, so grows the number of concerns, questions and opportunities we face together. Your interest and involvement are always appreciated.

Thanks again for all you do as citizens to make Pleasant Grove such a great place to live. Because of you, many good things are happening. Keep your comments and questions coming to Mayor@PGCity.Org.

Michael W. Daniels, Mayor

GREETINGS FROM YOUR FIRE CHIEF

Who's your daddy?! How about those fireworks on the 4th of July?

This year we had a smaller drop area, so we had to down size the over all girth of the shells, but we added hundreds of smaller shells. I think it was a spectacular show. Those "Men in Black" fire fighters did a great job. This year, we choreographed and positioned a little more carefully in hopes of a better and more entertaining show. I think we got just what we wanted. I liked it. I hope ya'll enjoyed it too! I can't wait until next year!

A special thanks needs to go to Mayor Daniels (he set off the first one), the City Council, and the City Administration for their support. Also, a very special thanks goes to the Junior High School for allowing us to present at that location. Many felt that the Junior High School was a better venue than the High School because of the various viewing areas.

I hope everyone had a great time celebrating the 4th and the 24th. We did not receive very many fireworks related calls, injuries or fires. That's good! Thanks for being careful.

I look forward to a quiet August. For those that will be traveling - please be safe. Remember, school starts in a few weeks. Watch for those new back pack clad children afoot and en route to and from school.

This month, I have a growing safety concern. With gas prices approaching the price of an ounce of gold, many are taking to walking, biking, and small motorcycles. I feel pretty good about everyone's ability to walk. I worry, just a little, about some and their biking skills. But, I worry most about folks on those small Scooters and Mopeds. There are people riding them that have very little experience, even riding a bicycle, let alone a motorized and glorified Tote-Gote. Loving fathers are buying them for their adoring daughters because they're in vogue and all the rage. But, I worry that those pretty young things may not have a good grasp on the dangers riding a Moped presents. Consider this - if a person crashes on any motorcycle, they are most likely going to hit the ground. If we get into a crash in a car, we usually just bounce around, banging into the lush adornments inside the car. On a motor cycle, you bang into the ground. I don't just worry about the ladies, I actually worry about the guys more, they're involved more often and in more serious incidents than the girls.

Consider yourself invisible as you ride and please be careful. We have had several very significant and devastating calls secondary to two wheeled - motorized human propellants. We care too much for you to see you injured.

Please be safe!

Marc Sanderson, Fire Chief

CERT TRAINING & INFO ON NEW WEB SITE FOR RESIDENTS

The Pleasant Grove Police/Fire Department will be sponsoring a C.E.R.T. (Community Emergency Response Team) training program. The Fall 2008 CERT session will begin on Wednesday, Sept 10th 6:00 to 10:00 p.m; Thursday, Sept 11th, 6:00 - 10:00 p.m; Friday Sept 12th, 6:00 - 10:00 p.m and Saturday Sept 13th, 9:00 a.m - 3:00 p.m. Classes will be held at the Pleasant Grove Public Safety Building, 87 East 100 South, Pleasant Grove, UT. The following topics will be taught over the three day training sessions: (1.) Disaster Preparedness; (2.) Disaster Fire Suppression; (3.) Disaster Medical Operations. Part I; (4.) Disaster Medical Operations Part II; (5.) Light Search & Rescue; (6.) Disaster Psychology and Team Organization; (7.) Disaster Training Exercise You will be required to attend all four scheduled sessions and complete all seven modules in order to complete the C.E.R.T certification.

The C.E.R.T. program is two-fold. It is designed to prepare for and respond to the needs of yourself, your family and your neighbors in a catastrophic disaster situation and will also act as an extension of emergency services in such an event. The C.E.R.T. training is an excellent program and we are excited to offer it to our citizens.

Registration forms are available at the Pleasant Grove Police Department at 87 East 100 South. Please fill it out and return it along with the \$35.00 registration fee before Sept 2, 2008 to the Pleasant Grove Department of Public Safety. Also, please make checks payable to Pleasant Grove Police Department.

If you have any questions, please contact one of the people listed below:

Sherri Atwood - Communications Administrator/ C.E.R.T. Program Manager, 785-3506 or Marc Sanderson - Fire Chief /C.E.R.T. Program Manager 785-3506

Crime In Your Neighborhood?

Have there been times that you have wanted to know or needed to know what criminal activity was taking place in your neighborhood? Well, thanks to technology, that information will be readily available to you.

Pleasant Grove Police Department announces the following website that is being made available to the citizens of Pleasant Grove. The website is www.crimereports.com.

This program has been endorsed by the Utah Attorney General, Mark L. Shurtleff, and has been implemented to provide timely information to citizens within the communities of Utah. It facilitates a communication and crime watch partnership between law enforcement agencies and the citizens they serve with the purpose of helping law enforcement communicate directly with the public using high impact maps and current crime information.

As your local law enforcement agency in Pleasant Grove, we feel that access to the www.crimereports.com website can be a valuable tool in identifying where crime is occurring in our community. It will prove particularly valuable to those in the community who want to stay informed about what is going on in their neighborhoods; with the hope that they will work with us to address these issues.

This program is currently available via the internet by typing in www.crimereports.com. The Home Page is user friendly and will allow various types of searches to include types of crimes, location of crime in relationship to a specific address and a time frame for your search.

Pleasant Grove is a marvelous place to live, whether you are a youngster growing up, a teenager learning what it takes to find your place in society, a parent busily engaged in rearing a family, or a senior citizen enjoying the 'Golden Years'. There really is, 'no place like home.' However, there are steps that can and should be taken to preserve the lifestyle we enjoy. One of those steps is to know what is going on around you. It is our hope that this newly introduced tool will assist you in being aware and involved in ensuring that together we can keep our community the type of place we want to call home.

Sherri Atwood, Communications Administrator
Pleasant Grove Police Department

RECREATION NEWS

Movie in the Park - Anderson Park 950 E 200S - Doors Open at 8:30pm movie starts close to dark Friday, August 1- Chicken Little / Sept 5 - The Game Plan

Registration is now going on for these classes: Play time toddler ages 2 to 4 years - mom and tot class. Projects include: tot cooking and craft projects, Stories, games and activities /Play time Kids - 3 1/2 to 5years - no mom required must be potty trained. Projects include: Tot cooking, craft projects, stories, games and Tot gym / Toddler Gym- 18m to 4years - Mom and tot. Gym themed Activities class. Call Community center for more detailed information and prices.

Chef Class - 4 week cooking class for kids ages 7 and up Learn to cook a meal from start to finish / cost is \$45 or Register by Sept. 4 and get \$5 off /Non Resident \$62.50 For food out line pick up flyer at the Community center.

New Fitness Classes - We start classes at 6 am, and the evening Classes start at 6:00 pm. Types of classes Offered: Pilates, Spin and tone, Kick Boxing, Yoga, Step, Boot camp, Jump and crunch. Look for a more detailed Schedule of classes offered at the New Community Center.

Look for these up coming Activities-in September: Birthday Party packages / Scrapbook classes/ Scout Merit badge classes and our new Community S.A.F.E. Fair on Sept.27, 2008.

PROGRAM REGISTRATION BEGINNING IN AUGUST:

Youth Volleyball

3rd - 6th Grade; Registration: Aug. 1 - 28; Play Begins: September 15; Fees: Resident \$30 / Non Resident \$45

7th - 9th Grade; Registration: Aug. 1 - 28; Play Begins: September 10 (tryout); Fees: Resident \$35 / Non Resident \$52.50

Flag Football

3rd - 4th Grade; Registration: Aug. 1 - 28; Play Begins: Mid September; Fees: Resident \$32 / Non Resident \$48

5th & 6th Grade; Registration: Aug. 1 - 28; Play Begins: Mid September; Fees: Resident \$37 / Non Resident \$55.50

Jr Viking Cheer

3rd & 4th / 5th & 5th Grades; Registration: Aug. 1 - Sept. 3; Play Begins: September 9; Fees: Resident \$37 / Non Resident \$55.50

2nd Grade Basketball

2nd Grade Boys & Girls; Registration: Aug. 1 - 28; Play Begins: September 20; Fees: Resident \$28 / Non Resident \$42

Jr. High Age Dance -Back to School Stomp - Friday, August 22th from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. Cost: With ID \$3.00, Without ID \$4.00 SCHOOL DRESS CODE REQUIRED! Parents are welcome.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

FIRE HYDRANTS: Would you please take note of the fire hydrants in your yards and neighborhoods and make sure they are free from obstructions. All fire hydrants must have a 36 inch clearance around them so the hoses can be attached, if necessary. If you see hydrants with problems, remove the obstruction or contact the Fire Department or Community Development Department.

FROM THE DUP MUSEUM

One more month to visit the Museum! Notice the hair flower creation from the hair of 5 generation of Hawleys. Men and women? On the west wall of the west room of the Museum.

--- B. Edvalson, Director

BEAUTIFICATION/SHADE TREE COMMISSION NEWS—

Did you have the chance to drive around and see last month's "Yards of the Month"? Aren't they great? This month's are:

By Historic Neighborhoods--

Big Springs-Steve & Amy Wanner 872 E 1180 N
Grove Creek-Glen & Jana Hubert 180 N 1050 E
Little Denmark-Bob & Donna Webster 770 N 100 W 785-4726
Manila-Sherry & Paul Johnson 478 W 2900 N
Monkey Town-John & Joe Hilton 495 E 300 N
Mudhole- Deverl & Joan Byington 1443 W 800 N
North Fields-Dave and Holly Layne, 234 W Sienna Dr.
Old Fort-Philip & Cheree Phillips 67 S 200 E
String Town--Mark and Monica Richards – 402 South 420 East
Scratch Gravel-- Gary & Linda Campbell - 75 South 700 East

Can you believe we are already to the dog days of summer? At my house, that's the time of year when the weeds start to take over many gardens because it's too darn hot to work outside for much of the day. The kids and I are up early and do weeding in the cool of the morning before the sun comes over the mountains, but school starts again in a couple of weeks and I'll lose my early morning helpers!

There are still lots of things for you to be doing this month. By the end of the month, you will almost assuredly be able to look towards the mountains and see flashes of red, orange and yellow as nighttime temperatures dip and we turn towards fall; but daytime temperatures are still high.

Watering is especially important this month. Drip irrigation is best for your flowers and veggies, as is watering early in the morning. Watering in the heat of the day causes a lot of water waste from evaporation and watering late at night can lead to plant disease as they stay wet too long. Again, it's better to water more deeply, less frequently than to water all the time.

August is a great month for harvesting the fruits (and veggies!) of our labors. Harvest from your garden at the peak of perfection and revel in the taste sensation – small zucchini, perfect peppers and of course who can resist a homegrown tomato? If you are going to preserve your produce, be sure to follow USDA guidelines. You can get your canning questions answered by calling the county extension service at 851-8460; or, check out the National Center for Home Food Preservation website at <http://www.uga.edu/nchfp/>.

Speaking of harvesting, remember to enter your best selections at the county fair, to be held at the Spanish Fork fairgrounds. The day to take everything down is August 11 and details can be found by going to www.utahcountyfair.com.

Finally, you can start your fall garden when you get this newsletter. Some things that do well now and into the fall are beets, carrots, green onions, kohlrabi, lettuce, onions (harvest next spring), peas, radishes, spinach and turnips.

PICNIC AT THE PARK & BUSINESS EXPO

The Pleasant Grove Business Alliance (PGBA) invites residents to join us for a "Picnic in the Park".

Time: Friday, August 8, 2008 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Place: The Downtown Park (200 South Main)

Event: Picnic at the Park & Business Expo

Join us for free food, entertainment and information about the products and services the many local businesses provide. Learn more about the PGBA and this fun event at <http://owa.edwardjones.com/exchweb/bin/redir.asp?URL=http://www.pgbaut.com/> or email info@pgbaut.com. Sponsored by Edward Jones Investments and ShowtimeUtah.com

SENIOR NEWS

The Jacobs' Senior Center would like to announce that Elna Burgener has recently been named as the Director of the Senior Center. Elna brings many years of experience and dedication to the Jacob's Senior Center. Sharon Bowers a long time resident of Pleasant Grove has been named as the Assistant Director. The Jacob's Senior Center is looking forward to some new and exciting programs--so please stay tuned.

Lunch is served at the Center Monday through Friday at 12:00 noon for a small donation. You must call the Center the day before to sign up for lunch at 785-2818.

Other activities include: Bingo every Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. We also have an exercise area with treadmills and other machines, a pool table and there is usually a card game or two going on.

Monthly potluck dinners are also held one evening each month. These dinners include great company and entertainment.

There is also blood pressure and blood sugar monitoring monthly. Please call for day and time. A Podiatrist (foot doctor) also stops by every other month.

Come join us, or for more information call 785-2818. Feel free to stop by. The Center is located at 242 West 200 South, which is just west of the post office.

FROM PUBLIC WORKS

It has come to our attention that not everyone is aware of the swing check regulations. If you have the capability to hook to the secondary and the culinary water system, you are required by law to have an RP Backflow device. This device helps to prevent the backflow of Secondary Water into our drinking water. In accordance with State code R309-105-12 section 4, This device must be tested by a state certified tester, within 10 days of installation and each year after that. He will then mail those results to the state as well as the city. A list of certified testers can be found on the Division of Drinking waters website and can also be found by contacting the state at 801-536-4200. In the case of a backflow mishap and contamination you will be required to show current certification. If by chance that current certification cannot be shown the fine is Substantial. We would also ask that if you have one of these Backflow devices that you contact the city so that each year we could send a notice to you, the citizen, that it is time for the yearly inspection. This will allow us to maintain a cleaner water system and a safer city for everyone.

Thanks again for your cooperation in the matter. We look forward to hearing from you soon,

Pleasant Grove Water Department, 785-2941

CENTER STAGE YOUTH PERFORMERS

Pleasant Grove City's Arts Commission's Center Stage Youth Performers is currently enrolling students for two musical theater groups: Broadway Bound and the Performance Company. We invite you to join us as we explore the magic of theater. REGISTRATION: To register for either group, visit www.csyp.org. Participant numbers are limited and will be filled in the order in which they are received. For more information, contact Emily Varney at 801-785-1977.

BROADWAY BOUND: Ages: 6-9 years old. Registration begins: July 1. Classes begin: Sept. 4, continues through Feb. 2009. Fee: \$50/month, \$40 non-refundable materials fee (includes a t-shirt and rehearsal CD)

PERFORMANCE COMPANY: Ages: 7-18 years old. Registration begins: July 1. Classes begin: Sept. 3, continues through Apr. 2009. Fee: \$50/month, \$50 non-refundable materials fee

LIBRARY NEWS

The Library will be closed for inventory the week of August 11-16

Registration for Fall classes will start August 18th, for Music & Movement, Story Time, and Wee Read. With classes beginning the week of September 8th.

Check out the website for more information about these classes. www.plgrove.org/library

Great Reads for Girls: A Mother Daughter Book Club September 3rd at 7:00 pm. The book is "Stargirl" by Jerry Spinelli. Books will be available to check out August 1st.

R.E.A.D and BookEnders will start in September with the City Read Book "Peace Like A River".

The Friends of the Library are sponsoring a 5K, "Beat Beethoven" race in conjunction with the Heritage Festival on Saturday, Sept 13, 2008. The object is to finish the race before Beethoven's 5th symphony--which lasts about 32 minutes. The race begins at 8:00 AM at the new Recreation Center at 547 S Locust, Register before September 5, and the cost will be: adults, \$15 and children, \$10. You may pick up registration forms at the new Recreation Center or online at www.runnercard.com. Go to this website to see more events and look for the 2008 "Beat Beethoven" 5K

A silent action on 4 quilts is being held during the month of August. The quilts are on display at the Library. Bidding closes August 30, 2008 at 6:00 pm. The winning bids will be announced at the Heritage Festival on September 13, 2008.

Thank you for your recipes! The community cookbooks will be available at the Heritage Festival for \$15 each. Come and buy a cookbook filled with tried-and-true recipes!

The proceeds from all of these three events will go towards purchasing an electronic marquee that will benefit the Library and the community.

If you have any questions, please call me at 796-8541 or 367-9836, Carla Erb, Library Board Chair

Brandon Mull to speak at the Pleasant Grove Library for the first "City-Wide Read"

Mr. Mull, author of the New York Times best-selling Fablehaven series, will be speaking at the Pleasant Grove Library on Thursday, September 18, 2008 at 7 p.m. Mull is a local author who uses his imagination to entertain and inspire young and old.

The book for Pleasant Grove's first City-Wide Read is Peace Like a River by Leif Enger. Peace Like a River is a best-selling and award winning novel, as well as soon-to-be a major motion picture. It is an engrossing story about a father raising his three children in 1960's Minnesota. Copies of Peace Like a River will be available at the library on August 1, 2008. There will be a discussion about the book held on September 25, with Dr. Karl Sederholm leading the conversation. Dr. Sederholm is a BYU Professor of Humanities.

PG PLAYERS

Pleasant Grove Players will be holding auditions for their upcoming production of the Noel Coward comedy, "Blithe Spirit." Howard and Kathryn Little will be directing. Auditions will be held Wednesday and Thursday, August 20 and 21 from 7:00pm - 9:00pm in the Keith Christeson Theater on the first floor of the PG Library (30 E. Center). Auditions will consist of cold readings from the script. No appointment is needed.

"Blithe Spirit" tells the story of novelist Charles Condomine, who invites into his placid country home an eccentric lady medium in order to learn the language of the occult. Little does Charles or his lovely second wife, Ruth, dream that the séance staged by the medium will summon back Charles' first wife, now "passed over" for seven years. But the lady from beyond, still handsome and still mischievous, appears and torments Charles by reminding him of their life together. She plots ways to reunite them with hilarious and haunting results!

Needed are 2 adult men and 5 adult women ages 20-60. Performance Dates are October 10 - 27 (on Friday, Saturday and Monday evenings). There will also be Saturday matinees on October 18 and 25. Please call Howard Little at 836-8103 for more information.

DANISH THEME FOR THIS YEAR'S HERITAGE FESTIVAL

In Addition to the traditional events, The Heritage Festival on Saturday Sept. 13, 2008, will this year have a Danish theme to honor Pleasant Grove's large group of early Danish settlers. Next year we will honor Sweden. PG's other settling nations will be featured in future years.

Some of the Danish activities that are under consideration:

- Little Denmark neighborhood will wave Danish flags
- The official flag ceremony will this year add rising of the Danish Flag.
- Introduction of Pleasant Grove's first **Sister City** - which happens to be Denmark's oldest city from 700 AD - RIBE, Jylland. This town has one of Scandinavia's best Viking Museums and sites, and a famous, annual Viking festival.
- Performance by young Danish folk dancing group
- The Library will that day feature the famous Danish storyteller, Hans Christian Andersen, and offer fun activities around his fairy tales.
- Danish dessert in the park
- Old Danish games

Additional Danish ideas from citizens will be considered. Contact Pia Jensen 785-7644 ringheimjensen@yahoo.com -, or Cindy Boyd 836-8064

Other Heritage Festival Activities to look forward to

- Historic tours from 12 - 1 PM. A small bus with a guide will drive you around
- For the sporty citizens: a 5-K run or walk
- Quilt display
- Booths with homemade - home grown products
- Children's choir performance

There will be a wonderful breakfast from 8 to 10 a.m. put on by the Lion's Club. A flag raising ceremony will be held during the breakfast. The Arts Commission will hold their very popular "Quick Draw" event during the festival. A melodrama is also planned. Young people can participate with brick making, etc. There is also pioneer games planned for the youth in the community. All ages will enjoy the crafts booths that will be at the festival.

In the evening, the very popular "Hog Heaven" BBQ contest and dinner will be again sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Pleasant Grove. If you have any questions about this activity, please call Mr. Mike Gordon at 785-4615.

UTAH CHILDREN'S CHOIR TO HOLD CHOIR CAMP

The Utah Children's Choir will hold its annual choir camp in Pleasant Grove in the downstairs of the library August 4, 5, and 6th. The hours will run from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Children between the ages of eight and sixteen will receive instruction in vocal skills, singing games, and part singing. They will also be able to participate in crafts and swimming. There are three different levels where the children will be divided according to ability and age.

This camp is available to anyone in the above age brackets mentioned who loves to sing and want to learn more about it. You do not have to previously be a member of the Utah Children's Choir.

The fee for the choir camp is \$65 for the three days. The children will need to bring a sack lunch each day.

This will be a banner year for the UCC because they will be celebrating their 25th anniversary! Many exciting activities are planned as well as special concerts. The UCC Alumni will also take an active part in this year's festivities.

If you are interested in signing up for the camp or would like more information, please call Kay Asay at 756-6450 or the UCC office at 785-7416.