

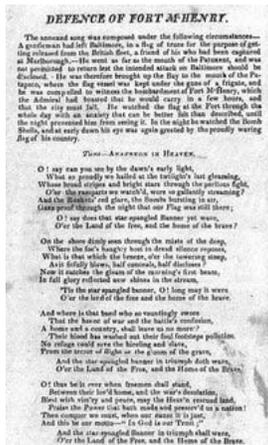


MAYOR'S MESSAGE

The story behind our National Anthem, "The Star Spangled Banner" and the original named "Defence of Fort McHenry" by Francis Scott Key.

Aboard the ship the next day, Key wrote a poem on the back of a letter he had kept in his pocket. At twilight on 16 September, he and Skinner were released in Baltimore. He finished the poem at the Indian Queen Hotel, where he was staying, and he entitled it "Defence of Fort McHenry."

Key gave the poem to his brother-in-law, Judge Joseph H. Nicholson. Nicholson saw that the words fit the popular melody "To Anacreon in Heaven", an old British drinking song from the mid-1760s, composed in London by John Stafford Smith. Nicholson took the poem to a printer in Baltimore, who anonymously printed broadside copies of it — the song's first known printing — on September 17; of these, two known copies survive.



Above on the left is Francis Scott Key's original manuscript copy of his "Star-Spangled Banner" poem. It is now on display at the Maryland Historical Society. On September 20, both the "Baltimore Patriot" and "The American" printed the song, with the note "Tune: Anacreon in Heaven". The song quickly became popular, with seventeen newspapers from Georgia to New Hampshire printing it. Soon after, Thomas Carr of the Carr Music Store in Baltimore published the words and music together under the title "The Star-Spangled Banner", although it was originally called "Defence of Fort McHenry." The song's popularity increased, and its first public performance took place in October, when Baltimore actor Ferdinand Durang sang it at Captain McCauley's tavern.

The song gained popularity throughout the nineteenth century and bands played it during public events, such as July 4 celebrations. On July 27, 1889, Secretary of the Navy Benjamin F. Tracy signed General Order #374, making "The Star-Spangled Banner" the official tune to be played at the raising of the flag.

The Star-Spangled Banner

O! say can you see by the dawn's early light
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming,
Whose broad stripes and bright stars through the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming,
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there,
Oh, say does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

On the shore, dimly seen through the mists of the deep,
Where the foe's haughty host in dread silence reposes,
What is that which the breeze, o'er the towering steep,
As it fitfully blows, half conceals, half discloses?
Now it catches the gleam of the morning's first beam,
In full glory reflected now shines in the stream:
'Tis the star-spangled banner! Oh long may it wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!

And where is that band who so vauntingly swore
That the havoc of war and the battle's confusion,
A home and a country should leave us no more!
Their blood has washed out their foul footsteps' pollution.
No refuge could save the hireling and slave
From the terror of flight, or the gloom of the grave:
And the star-spangled banner in triumph doth wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!

O! thus be it ever, when freemen shall stand
Between their loved home and the war's desolation!
Blest with victory and peace, may the heav'n rescued land
Praise the Power that hath made and preserved us a nation.
Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just,
And this be our motto: 'In God is our trust.'
And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!

The Pledge of Allegiance

"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

We wish to thank the many hundreds of volunteers who made this year's Strawberry Days a great success.

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. Daniel, Mayor

BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION NEWS

It's finally started to feel like summer. What a crazy weather year! The Beautification committee has chosen a yard from each neighborhood and awarded them "Yard of the Month" to honor their hard work. Be sure to drive by for some inspiring ideas.

JUNE 2008 Yards of the Month

Battle Creek- Paul & LaDell Burgon 635 S. Mohawk Ave.
Big Springs- Shawn Faux 187 E 1640 N
Grove Creek-Kent & Shellie Monson 814 E 700 N
Little Denmark-Kyle & Carisa Hoops 64 W 100 N
Manila- Wade & Kaylee Fox 3905 N 900 W
Monkey Town-Rebecca Palmer 975 E 100 N
Mudhole-Laura & Clint Chamberlain 732 W 600 N
North Fields-Trevor & Kim Hatfield 818 W 1100 N
Old Fort- Bill Mayfield 395 E. 100 S
Scratch Gravel- Lorene McIntosh
String Town- Kathy & Wattie Watkins 906 S 500 E

Yard and garden tasks for July can be summed up in about 2 words: weeds and water. Keep up on the weeding and don't let them go to seed, or you'll get lots more years of pulling that particular weed. Water is especially important. It's much better for your lawn and your vegetable garden to water less frequently but more deeply. Drip irrigation can really be beneficial to your veggies and flower beds and is water-wise as well.

- * Snapdragons should be pinched back after blooming to promote a second flush of growth.
- * Cutting flowers is best done with sharp shears or a knife which will help avoid injury to the growing plant. A slanting cut will expose a larger absorbing surface to water and will prevent the base of the stem from resting on the bottom of the vase. Carry a bucket of water to the garden for collecting flowers, rather than a cutting basket.
- * Check the soil moisture of container grown vegetables and flowers daily. As the temperature rises, some plants may need water twice a day.
- * Divide and transplant bearded iris.
- * Tall flowers should be staked to prevent damage by wind. Use stakes which are large enough to support the plant but are not too conspicuous. Use soft twine or twist ties to secure.
- * A brown or grayish cast over a lawn can be caused by a dull or improperly adjusted mower blades that shred grass rather than cut it. Make sure your blades are sharp and raise their height for best results.
- * A garden needs one inch of rain or water each week. Early morning is the best time to water. Evening watering is less desirable because plant leaves that remain wet through the night are more susceptible to fungus diseases. Mulch plants to reduce water losses and improve yields.
- * For fall harvest of lettuce, radish, carrots, beets, turnips, kale and spinach, sow seeds in late July to early August.
- * Continue to make successive plantings of crops like beans and sweet corn to provide a continuous harvest until fall. A small garden will produce a large quantity of vegetables if replanting is done throughout the summer.
- * Stake, cage or otherwise support tomato plants if you have not done so already.
- * Remove suckers between the main stem and branches of those same tomatoes. It encourages bushier growth. While you're at it, pinch back tops of plants that have become leggy.
- * Water tomatoes from below to prevent fungal infections. Cultivate and remove weeds from base of plants.
- * Continue attracting insect eating birds to the garden area by providing them with a fresh water source.
- * If you are leaving on vacation, ask a neighbor or friend to do minimal maintenance on your garden. Even if you have a sprinkler system and a timer, it's a good idea to have someone make sure it's working properly as well as lightly deadheading and trimming to keep your garden looking neat. Also, an unkempt garden with flyers on the door is a sign that nobody's home...a sure temptation to thieves.

Happy gardening!

Holly Richardson

4th of July Fireworks Show

Presented by

Pleasant Grove Fire Department

When: Friday, July 4th, 2008

at Dusk (around 9:40 pm)

Where: Pl. Grove Junior High School
(Note the change in location)

Thousands of fireworks!!!

RECREATION NEWS:

The Pleasant Grove Recreation Department is pleased to announce that the Veteran's Memorial Swimming Pool has a state of the art Ultra Violet Systems installed at the pool. The systems were installed the first week in June. These systems will help, along with the current chlorine systems, to kill any bacteria or germs that can cause Recreation Water Illnesses that were prevalent last summer. As the pool staff strives to maintain the water in a safe and sanitary condition, it is up to you as swimmers to do your part to help us out. The following is our six "PLEASE's" to you to help us to have a safe and enjoyable summer:

- **PLEASE** don't swim when you have diarrhea. This is especially important for kids in diapers. You can spread germs in the water and make other people sick.
 - **PLEASE** don't swallow the pool water. In fact, avoid getting water your mouth.
 - **PLEASE** practice good hygiene. Take a shower before swimming and wash your hands after using the toilet or changing diapers. Germs on your body end up in the water.
 - **PLEASE** take your kids on bathroom breaks or change diapers often. Waiting to hear "I have to go" may mean that it's too late.
 - **PLEASE** change diapers in a bathroom and not at poolside. Germs can spread to surfaces and objects in and around the pool and spread illness.
 - **PLEASE** wash your child thoroughly (especially the rear end) with soap and water before swimming. Everyone has invisible amounts of fecal matter on their bottoms that end up in the pool.
- **FALL PROGRAMS WILL BE IN THE NEW CENTER!****
- Registering For Fall 2008-2009 Playtime Toddlers (2yrs to 4 yrs) and Playtime Kids (3 1/2 yrs to 5 years) Registering for "Park IT" session 3 & 4 / ages 5yrs to 11 yrs. Great summer camp for kids. Classes go Monday to Thursday from 10 am to 2:00 pm
 - Registering for Summer Toddler Gym session 2- class starts July 2/ 10:30 to 11:30am / Ages 2 to 4yrs
 - Free movie in the Park - July 11- Gates Open at 8:30pm and movie starts at Dark. We will be showing: Alvin and the Chipmunks.

For more detailed information call : Pleasant Grove Recreation Center 785-6172.

Adult Female Jazz Dance Class ~ Hey moms and adults (18 and up, please), come do one of the most fun things you've ever done, while getting shape at the same time. Our Adult Jazz Dance Class mixes beginners on up in the class. The dances are created to match the skills of each dancer in the class. Don't be intimidated—you can do this. Take one hour out of your busy week to enjoy the music, dancing, getting in shape and awesome friends.

This fall will be the seventh year running for this class. For the first time, we will offer two new Thursday morning classes. From 10 to 11 a.m. the "Just For Fun" technique class will be combined for all levels. From 11 to 12 noon on Thursdays, we will hold intermediate jazz. We will also hold beginning intermediate jazz on Tuesday nights from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. and intermediate jazz from 8:45 p.m. to 9:45 p.m.

Enroll for fall now. Classes fill quickly. Classes begin Tuesday, Sept. 2, 2008. Tuition is just \$25 a month with a two-month minimum. For more information, please contact Lacy Seegmiller at 427-2115.

GREETINGS FROM YOUR FIRE CHIEF

Just a little followup from a previous news letter. Last month I talked of this wonderful community and the idea of neighbor helping neighbor. You can't put a price tag on that! However, I really never thought that I would be thrown into a scenario like the one that happened a while back. It was early in the morning and I had places to be, but I had overslept. I was rushing around trying to find my other matching sock when I received a phone call from my neighbor. It was a call for help. Now, I'm a service oriented kind of guy, so I promptly dropped what I was doing and headed straight next door. Before leaving the house though, I calmly called for fire/medical personnel to respond to give me a hand because DELIVERING A BABY IS TOO BIG OF A DEAL FOR ONE PARAMEDIC. Yea, you read that right. There I was just being the good neighbor. No big deal. To me, it was just like gathering their mail while they're away or holding the ladder while he trims that hard to reach tree branch. Really, I was the picture of calmness. Wouldn't you be? Besides, that's what neighbor do - we take care of each other. By-the-way, mom and baby are fine. (I can't wait to see that cute little 'ol fire chief grow up!)

As I sit down to write this, I am flushed with emotions. Not the huge, overwhelming emotions we experience when we first fall in love or when we see our child starring in the school play, trip over their costume on stage, but the little emotions. You know, like the ones that come and go, helter-skelter like the wind caught up in the corner of the back patio. This spring, along with the hit and miss weather, we have worked through the annual budget process and finalized them. We muddled our way through Strawberry Days, and put 20 members of the fire department through the rigors of a barrage of tests as we worked through the hiring process. And now, we have a full-time fire fighting crew in the station 24/7 with a plethora of dedicated and skilled part-time firefighters ready to respond to any and all calls for service.

So, where is all the emotion coming from? Maybe the crux of what I feel stems from being associated with so many caring and qualified people and not being able to hire them all as full-time firefighters. Or, maybe it comes from the history being made as we end a 102 years of exclusive volunteerism. Or perhaps, it is that I just smashed my finger in my desk drawer.

Now that summer is in full swing, I want to stress to everybody the need to be vigilant in looking out for children at play. Children rarely think of safety as they roust about during the care-free summer months. As adults we should always assume the role of the "lookout". Let's keep our kids safe this summer! Remember, fireworks can be dangerous, as fun as they are. Before allowing your juvenile pyromaniac's to set off on their own with matches in hand to light that \$99 box of glowing fun, take a minute and do some instructing. Teach them a few critical safety lessons and create a safe environment for the lighting of these flaming oriental entertainers. Take a minute to read the label on the box and follow the instructions.

Enjoy, but be safe!

Marc Sanderson, Fire Chief

UTAH COUNTY FAIR

Utah County Fair officials announced that the Demolition Derby tickets are available at Utah County Macey's grocery stores. The Demolition Derby is Saturday, August 16 at the Spanish Fork fairgrounds (475 S. Main St.) at 7 p.m. Additionally, there will be a free concert at 6 p.m. for ticket holders by Brandie Frampton.

Utah County Fair runs from August 13 to 16, 2008. Admittance to the Fair is free. The parking entrance is at the rear of the fairgrounds. For more information, go to www.co.utah.ut.us/Dept/County/Fair

LIBRARY NEWS

Look what's happening at Pleasant Grove Library!

NORTH UTAH COUNTY LIBRARY COOPERATIVE ~ The cities of American Fork, Pleasant Grove, Lehi and Eagle Mountain have agreed to participate in a reciprocal borrowing system. This agreement will allow borrowers holding a valid library card at any of the cooperating libraries to check out materials from all four libraries, effective July 1, 2008.

Each cardholder is encouraged to check their city's library online catalog, if the item is not available, the citizen then would check the other libraries' catalogs, take the their own library card to the selected library, check out the item, and then return the item to the correct lending library within the loan period.

After many months of preparation and delays, April Harrison, Pleasant Grove Library Director, and the other librarians are excited to offer this service.

HAPPY 20 YEARS AT THE PRESENT LIBRARY BUILDING!

The Pleasant Grove Library Staff and Board of Trustees would like to invite all citizens to celebrate 20 years of service in the present library building. The BIRTHDAY BASH will be held at the DOWNTOWN PARK on JULY 28, 2008 from 6:00 pm -8:00 pm. There will be games to play, displays and LOTS OF ICE CREAM AND BIRTHDAY CAKE! COME JOIN US FOR FREE FOOD AND FUN!

LIBRARY BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED ~ The Pleasant Grove Library Board is now accepting applications to serve for a term as a Library Trustee. Applications can be picked up at the library. If you are enthusiastic supporter of the library and its mission and have a few hours each month---This a wonderful opportunity to volunteer and make a difference in the community.

MORE PLAYAWAYS ADDED TO THE COLLECTION! A grant from the Utah State Library to the Pleasant Grove Library has made it possible for the Pleasant Grove Library to add several new titles to the Playaway collection. The library had many children's titles and is adding more titles that adults will enjoy.

Playaways are the simplest way to listen to an audio book on the go. Playaways are smaller than most wallets and come with an audio book already stored on them. Simply plug in our favorite headphones or ear buds and listen to your audio book anywhere—lounging on the couch, walking, gardening, and exercising. With an inexpensive FM transmitter, you can even listen to your Playaway in the car. Another idea is that every one in the car could have their own book to listen to while you travel.

Some special features of the Playaway include: you may adjust the speed of the narrator's voice; it works with most headphones, speakers, and car adapters; it remembers where you stop.

Come in an check out the latest addition to YOUR library.

WATCH OUT THE LIBRARY BUILDING HAS AN INFESTATION OF BUGS—SUMMER READING BUGS AND CHILDREN

~ The library is buzzing with children reading, creating, photographing, and having fun as everyone is trying to "Catch the Reading Bug" at the Pleasant Grove Library! The popular program will culminate with performances by MAXED OUT PUPPETRY.

The puppets will perform July 29, 30, and 31st at 11:00 am and 12:00 noon. Prizes for completing Summer Reading Goals will be available July 28-August 1 at the library.

Keep reading!

CONCERTS IN THE PARK

July 6 Skyline Chorus
July 13 Phoenix Rising
July 20 Harold Newman
July 27 Seventh String

CODE ENFORCEMENT

YARD SALE SIGNS: Before posting Yard Sale signs, contact Community Development for sign permits. There is no charge for the permits; however, citations can be issued for illegally posted signs. We also create a list of yard sale locations, so buyers can know where your sale is located.

SHEDS AND ACCESSORY BUILDINGS: Please remember that any shed or accessory building needs to have proper side and rear yard setbacks. Any building larger than 120 square feet in size needs to have a building permit. If you have questions, please call Community Development at 785-6057.

48 HOUR PARKING ON STREET: City Ordinance allows for vehicles to be parked on the street for up to 48 hours. Unregistered/unlicensed vehicles cannot be parked on the street at any time. Trailers, boats, and motor homes are included in this ordinance. If you need assistance in disposing of junk or unwanted vehicles, contact Community Development for assistance.

HOUSE NUMBERS: Please check your home and make sure you have visible house numbers attached to your home. This is required by city code and is invaluable in locating your home, in the event of an emergency. This is for the safety of your family.

WEED REMOVAL: Please keep your yards and vacant lots free from weeds and trash. These create fire hazards and also prevent the spread of the seeds to neighboring yards. City ordinance requires us to maintain our landscaping and to beautify our neighborhoods and community.

Merrill Finlayson
Pleasant Grove City
Zoning Code Enforcement
801-785-6057

CENTRO HISPANO LITC

The Centro Hispano LITC is a nonprofit organization that provides free consultations, assistance, and representation to low-income taxpayers who have controversies with the IRS. Our services are free and are handled with the strictest confidentiality. We are located in Provo and are one of the only two such clinics in the state. Our primary focus is to serve the taxpayers of Utah County.

We desire to serve all taxpayers in our county who might be in need of our services.

Patty Smith, Director
LITC-Centro Hispano
819 S. Freedom Blvd.
Provo, UT 84601

UTAH COUNTY HEALTH DEPT. NEWS

The Women's Cancer Screening Clinic offers education and screening for women ages 40-64 years old regarding their cancer risk and to encourage prevention through regular examinations. Bilingual nurses and Spanish materials are also available for your convenience. Please call or stop by for more information and eligibility guidelines (151 S. University Avenue, Provo. Phone: 801-851-7031). Or visit www.UtahCountyHealth.org and click on "Family Health Services (Nursing)."

La Clínica de la Mujer para la Detección de Cáncer ofrece servicios a mujeres de 40 a 64 años. El objetivo de la clínica es educar a las mujeres acerca de los distintos riesgos de cáncer existentes, y motivar la prevención por medio de exámenes regulares. Toda la información está disponible en Inglés y Español. Contamos con enfermeras bilingües para su mayor comodidad. Llámenos o visítenos para mayor información y para ver si califica para nuestro programa (151 S. University Avenue, Provo. Tel.: 801.851.7031).

ENTREPRENEUR'S CORNER

By the Pleasant Grove Business Alliance
By Richard Bradford, Economic Development

The May general membership meeting of the Pleasant Grove Business Alliance was something to write home about. Costume Craze's business model was presented by CEO Kate Maloney and it was fascinating.

Fascinating for two reasons: their model will work for virtually any product, and their story provided additional proof that the Glory Days of creating profitable "Mom & Pop" start-ups are still upon us.

Seven years ago Kate Maloney and her mother and brother became interested in developing a software package that would assist online businesses with website "optimization." For three years they poured every dime into selling their new product, but it just didn't seem to catch on. They took out a second mortgage and poured that into intensifying their selling efforts.

When those funds were running low, Kate's brother had a "crazy" idea. He would find a product somewhere, build an online store to sell it, and then use the family's software to "optimize" the store's website. That way, the family could point to that little business model as an example of how using their software (along with other SEO techniques) could put an internet retail store in the "Top 10" results of a relevant search in every major search engine."

The product he chose was 150 Monk robes (don't ask). They sold like hotcakes. He ordered 500 Jedi robes... poof, they're gone. "Wow, let's build an inventory of a dozen costume products on the site" said a family member. And Costume Craze was born!

The next step was to put 1,000 items online. Kate still remembers the first day they got 22 orders. They were still operating as a home-based business. Everybody had inventory stacked to the ceilings in their bedrooms.

They needed to rent some space. Six banks turned them down for a loan. The founders were living off of credit cards (not recommended as a long term business model). Finally they got an SBA loan and rented a small warehouse. At one point the warehouse was full and they had 23 containers stored in their parking lot.

Recently they purchased 56,000 square feet at 350 W Center Street, with plans to add more. They have 40-employees and shipped 8,600 packages one recent day.

They don't plan a retail outlet, but you can visit them at www.costumecraze.com.

Here are a few Company aphorisms: Hollywood drives our business. There is no box. Big profits come from selling accessories, and their motto: "Wherever there is a problem, there is an opportunity." And, the challenge for every business start-up is cash flow.

If you liked this story, and would like to hear more like it, be sure and attend the monthly general membership meetings of the Pleasant Grove Business Alliance. They are always the 2nd Friday from noon until 1:10 in the community center on the lower level of the Pleasant Grove Library. Please RSVP by emailing info@pgbaut.com

FROM THE DUP MUSEUM

The Museum is now open on Thursdays and Saturdays from 1 to 5 pm through August.

When you come to the Museum, pay attention to #8 Case in the West Room.

On the Top Shelf, is a picture of the three witnesses to the Book of Mormon.

It was given to the public by:

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~ B. Edvalson