

## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances." First Amendment to the United States Constitution

On February 25, 2009, the Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) ruled unanimously in favor of Pleasant Grove City vs. Summum. The 9 to 0 decision protects the City from being forced to display donated monuments under the Freedom of Speech doctrine of the First Amendment. It also allows all other cities, counties, states and the federal government to do the same.

There may yet be another challenge brought on the Establishment of Religion clause arguing that the Ten Commandments monument is of Judeo-Christian origin and thus favors Judaism and Christianity. However,

"Those musings, and similar ones in the joint opinion of Justices John Paul Stevens and Ruth Bader Ginsburg, obviously prompted Justices Antonin Scalia and Clarence Thomas to write their own opinion to dispute the point. Scalia, writing for those two, noted that "from the start, the case has been litigated in the shadow" of the Establishment Clause. But he went on to argue that "the city ought not fear that today's victory has propelled it from the Free Speech Clause frying pan into the Establishment Clause fire...[T]here are very good reasons to be confident that the park displays do not violate any part of the First Amendment.'" Excerpt from SCOTUS Opinion

If another lawsuit is brought on the Establishment of Religion clause, it is likely that Pleasant Grove will prevail for reasons similar to a Texas Ten Commandments case from 2005. Our monument is part of a historical outdoor park which honors the establishment, history and culture of the people of Pleasant Grove.

It is important to note that the City of Pleasant Grove is not attempting to circumvent the First Amendment of the Constitution. SCOTUS law was clear in 2005 in the Kentucky case that their Ten Commandments display was a violation of the Establishment of Religion clause and had to come down.

Pleasant Grove created a park to acquire and display a variety of objects that are directly related to its founding, history, culture and people. The park has been around for decades. The objects in the park have been acquired and displayed over time. The City has a policy outlining the criteria for what is acceptable. The City maintains the Park and has sole discretion over its content.

Pleasant Grove remains respectful and mindful of the public's First Amendment rights. The City also understands the Constitution and is obligated to uphold and defend it. Comments welcome.

Mayor@PGCity.Org.  
Michael W. Daniels, Mayor

## HEY EVERY BUNNY

It's time once again for the Annual Fraternal Order of the Eagles/Pleasant Grove City Easter Egg Hunt. This year's event will be on Saturday, April 11th at 10 a.m. at the Discovery Park at 1500 North 100 East (Canyon Road).

This year, the community can help support this great event by bringing donations of plastic Easter Eggs filled with individually wrapped candy, money (coins or bills) or coupons for free prizes from your business. All eggs MUST be sealed with tape to keep the contents in during the hunt. These donations can be dropped off at Pleasant Grove City Hall, 70 south 100 East as well as the Police Department at 87 East 100 South from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Donations can also be dropped off at The Eagles, 220 North 600 West every day from 12 noon to 12 midnight. All donations must be received no later than Friday, April 10, 2009 by 9 p.m.

For more information, please call Richard at 801-623-9490 or Laurie at 801-427-9226. You can also call The Eagles at 801-785-9005.

## PGHS OPEN HOUSE CELEBRATION

Wednesday, April 29, 2009

3:00 Ribbon Cutting

3:30-8:00 Open House

\*Parent Conferences in classrooms

*Thank You Citizens of Pleasant Grove!*

Sydney Hackford  
Assistant Principal

## *"Go Green for Habitat" and Help Provide Safe and Affordable Homeownership*

Habitat for Humanity of Utah County is recycling building material, appliances, furniture, aluminum cans, and paper through its new "Go Green for Habitat" Program. The local Habitat affiliate also has a vehicle donation program, called Cars for Homes, where community members can donate cars, trucks, boats, or RVs to the housing organization and receive a tax benefit. Recycling and vehicle proceeds help to provide safe and affordable homeownership for hardworking families in need in our community. Utah County residents can drop off their material donations and recycling items at the affiliate's ReStore Home Improvement Outlet at 626 North Freedom Blvd., Provo. For more information, look online at [www.habitatuc.org](http://www.habitatuc.org) or call (801) 373-7867. To donate a vehicle, please call 1-877-277-4344.

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Habitat for Humanity of Utah County  
(801) 344-8527 • [kena@habitatuc.org](mailto:kena@habitatuc.org)

## OPTIONS TO PAY YOUR POWER BILL

In these tough times, paying your electric bill can be a challenge. We know how to help! Rocky Mountain Power has a variety of options to help those facing financial hardships. Options include working out a plan to spread payments out over a longer period, setting up Equal Pay to equalize the amount due each month, changing the payment due date to a more convenient day for you (if the current monthly due date is a problem), helping limited-income households find local energy assistance agencies and assistance in managing your overall energy use.

Times are tough. Please give Rocky Mountain Power a call at 1-888-221-7070 at the first sign that you may be having difficulty paying your electric bill. It may feel like a hard call to make, but the company has highly trained and knowledgeable people who want to help.

## FOX HOLLOW GOLF CLUB IS OPEN

The snow is finally melted and the golf course is open for play. In order to get your game in shape, Fox Hollow is offering residents of the city of Pleasant Grove the following special; if you bring a copy of your city newsletter to the pro shop you can buy one small bucket of Balls and get the second one free!

Offer good until the end of April 2009.

Watch for future specials throughout the year.

The Men and Women's golf organizations are starting in April, if you are interested in joining call the Pro Shop for information.

## P.G. DOOR TO DOOR SALES

With warmer weather coming residents of Pleasant Grove will probably notice an increase in solicitation by door-to-door solicitors. We would like to remind you that it is illegal to solicit door-to-door in Pleasant Grove without an approved Solicitor's License. Solicitors are required to apply for a city license and obtain a BCI background investigation. Each solicitor will be issued a solicitors identification badge to be carried on their person. Company information and solicitor's photo identification will be included on this badge. These requirements and procedures are set in place for the welfare and safety of all residents of Pleasant Grove City.

As a reminder, a majority of solicitors knocking on your door have not contacted the city, or followed city requirements, and will not have a solicitor's license. What can you do to protect yourself from having a stranger come to your door trying to sell something? First, you should always ask the individual, "Can I see you're Pleasant Grove City Solicitor's Badge?" If the solicitor cannot produce this badge, it is recommended that you decline to do business with them and contact the police department at 801-785-3056.

Another procedure that can be done is to post a "No Soliciting" sign at the door. Per City code, by displaying this sign which 'shall be posted on or near the main entrance door or on or near the property line adjacent to the sidewalk leading to the residence, constitutes to any solicitor that the inhabitant of the residence does not desire to receive and/or does not invite solicitors.' If such a sign is posted, it is a violation of the ordinance for any solicitor to engage or attempt to engage in door-to-door solicitation. (Chap. 3-15-17, 18)

For more questions about the City's solicitation ordinance please contact the Business Licensing Office at 801-785-5045.

**48 HOUR PARKING ON STREETS: Please be reminded of the City parking ordinance, which does not allow for more than 48 hour parking on the street. Be sure to have all cars off the street for snow removal.**

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMITS REQUIRED: All home occupation businesses are required to have permits. Please check with City Hall, for the applications and requirements.**

## CENTER STAGE YOUTH PERFORMERS

Join Center Stage Youth Performers as they jump into the Peanuts comic strip in their production of You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown. It's the perfect night at the theater for the entire family. You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown is best noted as "A typical day in the life of Charlie Brown" and it is just this. Your favorite comic strip is brought to life! We join Charlie Brown as he wakes up in the morning, eats his lunch, and stresses about Valentine's Day and baseball games. Charlie is joined by several of his classic friends: Snoopy, Sally, Lucy, Schroeder, and Linus among others of his old friends. The lessons Charlie Brown and the Peanuts gang learn are as important today as they were when they were first drawn by Charles M. Schultz. Songs such as "My Blanket and Me," "The Kite," "The Book Report," "Suppertime" and "Happiness" will surely leave you dancing in the aisles. DATES: April 21-24, 2009 TIME: 7:00 PM LOCATION: Covey Center for the Arts, 425 West Center Street, Provo COST: \$5.00-\$8.00 Tickets are on sale now. They can be purchased online at [coveycenter.org](http://coveycenter.org), by phone at 801-852-7007, or in person at the Covey Center. For more information, visit [www.cscopy.org](http://www.cscopy.org).

**PARKING VEHICLES ON FRONT LANDSCAPING AREA OF RESIDENCE: City Code does not allow for parking of vehicles on the front landscape portion of residences. This includes cars, trucks, boats, trailers, sheds, etc.**

## GREETINGS FROM YOUR FIRE CHIEF

As development plans for the Grove area continue, we expect more and more multi-story buildings to be constructed in the city. High rise buildings present the fire department with some unique problems as we consider fire control and occupant rescue. Because of these and other considerations, a 100 foot ladder truck was ordered a few months back.

The first week of March found me and a few of my staff in the community of Appleton, Wisconsin. Appleton is the city in which the ladder truck manufacturer is located.

During our stay, we toured the facility and became acquainted with the diverse and extensive system used to build the thousands of custom fire apparatus built and delivered to fire departments every where.

Our job, on this visit, was to scrutinize the 150 pages of specifications that combine into a functional and operational fire apparatus. We spent the week pouring over every detail from paint schemes to pump sizes and dash board layouts.

We are completely convinced that this truck will be a source of pride along with being just what we need at this time.

Now that we are finished with the details, the truck will head for the design teams where every detail will be planned and prepared for construction. The fabrication of the components will follow. Come August, we'll have a ladder truck that will be the envy of every other fire department in the county and completely unique to Pleasant Grove Fire Department.

With our aging fleet of fire apparatus, this new truck will be a necessary and welcome addition.

Please be safe,  
Marc Sanderson, Fire Chief

## RECREATION NEWS

T-BALL, COACH PITCH & MACHINE PITCH  
REGISTRATION APRIL 1 - 24

**T-ball:** Ages 4 & 5 yr olds. Games on Tues./Thurs. Season: June 2 to July 2 Res. Fee: \$22 Non Res. \$33

**Coach Pitch:** Ages 6 & 7 yr olds. Games on Mon./Wed. Season: June 1 to July 1 Res. Fee \$22 Non Res. \$33

**Machine Pitch:** 8 Year olds (only). Games on Tues./Thurs. Season: June 2 to July 2 Res. Fee: \$27 Non Res. \$40.50

**Machine Pitch:** 9 & 10 year olds. Games on Mon./Wed. Season: June 2 to July 1 or 8 Res. Fee: \$32 Non Res. \$48

**Itty Bitty Ball:** Ages 3 & 4 yr olds - Registration April 1 - Until filled Program Dates: June 9, 11, 16, 18 Res. Fee \$ 20 Non Res \$30

**Track Club (7 - 14 Yr Olds)** - Train in various areas of track and field. Practices will be held on Monday and or Wednesday with some meets being held on Tuesday/Thursday. Practice times will begin at 5:00 pm and go until 6:00 pm at Pleasant Grove High School Track. Beginning in June practice times will change to 8:00am. Registration Dates: April 1 - 20 Begins: April 20 to End of June. Res. Fee: \$44 Non Res. Fee: \$66 (Includes T-shirt & shorts)

**Women's Tennis** - This is an instructional league. Participants will come for eight 1 1/2 hr lessons 2 times per week. Registration: April 1 - until filled. Res. Fee: \$42 Non Res Fee: \$63 7-8:30am Monday/Wednesday or 7-8:30am Tuesday/Thursday Session 1 - June 1 - 24 Session 2 - July 6 to July 30 7-8:30am Monday/Wednesday , 7-8:30am Tuesday/Thursday.

**Youth Tennis (7 Yrs Old & Up)** - This is an instructional league. Participants will come for eight 1 hour lessons twice a week for 4 weeks. Registration: April 1 - until filled. Res. Fee: \$32 Non Res. Fee: \$48 Choose a class from the following sessions.

Session 1	Session 1	Session 2	Session 2
6/1 - 6/24	6/2 - 6/25	7/6 - 7/29	7/7 - 7/30
M/W	T/Th	M/W	T/Th
8:30 am (11-18)	8:30 am (11-18)	8:30 am (11-18)	8:30 am (11 - 18)
9:30am (7-10)	9:30 am (7-10)	9:30am (7-10)	9:30 am (7-10)
10:30 am (7-18)	10:30 (7-18)	10:30am (7-18)	10:30 (7-18)

**Summer Soccer Camp (6 - 12 yr olds)** - This camp will teach the fundamental skills of soccer using fun games and exercises. Registration includes a soccer ball and t-shirt. Registration: April 1 - until filled. Session I and Session II will offer the following options:

Session I - June 1 - 4
8:00 to 10:00 am Intermediate (Ages 8-12) Res. Fee: \$42 Non Res. Fee: \$63
8:30 to 10:00 am Beginning (Ages 6-7) Res. Fee: \$37 Non Res. Fee: \$55.50
10:30 - 12:00pm Beginning (Ages 6-10) Res. Fee: \$37 Non Res. Fee: \$55.50
Session II June 8 - 11
8:00 to 10:00 am Intermediate (Ages 8-12) Res. Fee: \$42 Non Res. Fee: \$63
8:30 to 10:00 am Beginning (Ages 6-7) Res. Fee: \$37 Non Res. Fee: \$55.50
10:30 to 12:00pm Beginning (Ages 6-10) Res. Fee: \$37 Non Res. Fee: \$55.50

**Volleyball Camp (7 yrs & older)** - Come and improve your knowledge and skills in the game of volleyball. This camp is designed for beginners as well as intermediate players. Participants will spend 4 days learning and refining their volleyball skills and fundamentals. Registration includes a camp t-shirt. Registration: April 1 - until filled. Camp Days: Mon-Thurs. Camp Dates: July 13 - 16 Sessions available:

9:00 - 10:30 Ages 7-10 Res. Fee \$27 Non Res. Fee: \$40.50

11:00 - 1:00 Ages 11 & Older Res. Fee \$32 Non Res. Fee: \$48

**Basketball Camp (1st Grade - 6th Grade)** - Participants will receive instruction in all areas of the game. This camp is designed for beginners and intermediate. Come spend 4 days with us learning and refining your basketball skills. Registration fee includes a camp t-shirt.

Registration: April 1 - until filled. Camp Days: Mon-Thurs. Camp Dates: July 20 - July 23

Sessions available:

9:00 - 10:30 1st & 2nd Grade Res. Fee \$22 Non Res. Fee: \$33

1100 - 1230 3rd & 4th Grade Res. Fee \$22 Non Res. Fee: \$33

1:00 - 3:00 5th & 6th Grade Res. Fee \$27 Non Res. Fee: \$40.50

**Youth Golf (7 Yrs Old & Up)** - This program is for beginning & intermediate/advance players. Classes will be held on Tuesdays with each class taking up to 30 participants. Registration: April 1 - until filled. Season: Month of June Res. Fee: \$30/\$60/\$80 Non Res. Fee: \$45/\$90/\$120

## LIBRARY NEWS

Pleasant Grove City Library will sponsor a Food for Fines Drive to support the local needs in the community. From April 1-15 anyone with fines may bring items to the library in lieu of those fines. The library will reduce overdue fines by \$1.00 for each non-perishable item brought to the circulation desk and contributed to the Utah Food Bank. The library will reduce overdue fines by \$2.00 and \$4.00 for specific items. Please visit the library or the library website for that list and more details. Food for Fines does not apply to billed accounts and cannot be used to pay for lost or damaged items.

## ARBOR DAY

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."

## ARTS COMMISSION

The Pleasant Grove Arts Commission is seeking volunteers to help with a variety of programs. Discover the rewards of serving your community by offering your hands, skills, knowledge, great ideas, talents and most of all, your willing heart. Lily Tomlin said, "I always wondered why somebody didn't do something about that. Then I realized I was somebody". Get involved! For more information, please visit the library to pick up an application, or download it from our website at <http://www.pgcity.org/pgarts>. You may also contact Wendy Vincent at [utahwendy@gmail.com](mailto:utahwendy@gmail.com) for more information.

**GUTTER CLEAN UP: NOW IS A GOOD TIME TO  
MAKE SURE YOUR GUTTERS AND STORM DRAINS  
ARE CLEANED TO PREVENT FLOODING.**

## STRAWBERRY DAYS FREE CONCERT

Strawberry Days Concert will be held June 16, 2009, starting at 7:30 p.m. in Veterans Park. The concert will feature "Flashback Brothers," with free strawberries and cream! The Flashback Brothers will take you back to the days when bands played for dances and events. They are a group of seasoned musicians who grew up playing and dancing to live music. You will hear classic rock hits from the 50's, 60's, 70's and 80's; this group is a guaranteed crowd pleaser.

## LIONS CLUB

Pleasant Grove Lions Club will be conducting free photo screenings for children ages one to five years old. Wednesday, April 22 and Thursday, April 23 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Pleasant Grove Lions -Sportsmen building, 600 East Center Street, Pleasant Grove. No appointment is necessary. An adult must accompany the child and a permission slip needs to be signed.

Lions Photo Screening is to identify children whose eyes may have some type of defect, which if left untreated, may lead to a lifetime 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 we 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 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. Parents are contacted with the test results.

If you have questions contact Darlene at 785-2669

## UTAH COUNTY FAIR

We want to remind everyone that the Utah County Fair be held again this year at the Spanish Fork Fairgrounds from August 12 through the 15, 2009. Also, we would like to remind everyone that the time to plant vegetables for entries in the open class is coming up soon. The Fair Committee is already in the process of organizing the many great activities that have been a part of the fair for many years. Volunteers are needed for these various activities at the Fair. If interested, please contact Charla Zeeman at 801-798-3646.

**BURN WINDOW FOR 2009:** The burn window for this year is Saturday, March 14 thru Sunday, April 12, 2009. This allows for burning of tree pruning and other woody items, but not garbage and construction waste products. The fires must be out by dusk and water must be available for fire control. You must call the Burn Line at 801-374-2876 before the fire is started to check and see if it is a burn day. It is recommended that yard waste be taken to the Green Waste for recycling, rather than burning.

## CITY CLEAN UP

The cities clean up dates are Saturday, April 18 through Sunday, April 26 from 8 am to 8 pm.

No tires, hazardous material, cement or dirt allowed. Please enter the rodeo grounds off 700 South, where there will be dumpsters for the project.

PLEASANT GROVE CITY

~ COUPON ~

NORTH POINT SOLID WASTE

GOOD FOR UP TO 500 LBS.

P.G. RESIDENTS ONLY

GOOD THROUGH 2009

## PG ORCHESTRA

The Pleasant Grove Orchestra will present its annual Young Artist's Concert on Wednesday, April 29 at 7:00 p.m. in the Pleasant Grove High School auditorium (700 E 200 S). The concert will include eight talented youth from across the state who will be performing concertos with the orchestra. The orchestra will be under the direction of Dr. Burke Sorenson. Admission is free to the public through generous sponsorship from such sources as Pleasant Grove City, the Pleasant Grove Arts Commission and corporate and private donors. This project is also supported by the Utah Arts Council, with funding from the State of Utah and the National Endowment for the Arts, which believes that a great nation deserves great art.

**BUILDING PERMIT REQUIRED FOR ACCESSORY BUILDINGS:** Please remember to obtain building permits for all accessory buildings larger than 120 square feet in size. Also, before building any accessory building, check with Community Development for the proper setbacks, so you don't have to move your buildings after they are constructed or installed.

## UTAH CHILDREN'S CHOIR 25TH ANNIVERSARY SEASON IS BUSY

The Utah Children's Choir has been extremely busy during March and April, and will also be for May. They just finished sponsoring a festival at Libby Gardner Hall at the University of Utah on March 20-21. Iris Lamanna, a well-known children's choir conductor from California, was the guest conductor. Five children's choirs from Utah attended the event, and loved being able to sing such beautiful music together. A piece was commissioned by the UCC from Nathan Hofheins from Pleasant Grove to use for this festival. The choir presented their Family Concert on March 30 in the Old City Hall in American Fork. Other members in the families of the choir participated in this concert as well as the UCC.

On April 2 and 3 the UCC will be singing with the Timpanogos Chorale presenting John Rutter's Mass of the Children. This is a sacred work for adult choir, children's choir, soloists, and orchestra. The April 2 Concert is in the Tabernacle in American Fork at 7:30 p.m. The April 3 performance is in the Provo Tabernacle at 7:30 p.m. There is no admission charge. Please come and enjoy this beautiful Easter-time work. You will find it memorable as we have. May 2 is our big gala 25th Anniversary Concert at the Covey Center for the Arts in Provo at 7:30 p.m. It will feature all our choirs as well as an Alumni Choir. The Utah Children's Choir has been organized for 25 years and hundreds of young singers have sung in this program. You are our community and we want you there at our gala Concert. We have been working on this concert for a year, getting ready for a big celebration! Admission for this concert is \$12 for the main floor, \$9 for the mezzanine, and \$6 for the balcony. A reception will follow the concert.

Auditions for the next season will be held on May 9 from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon at the Pleasant Grove Sr. Center. Call Kay Asay for an appointment or more information at 801-756-6450.