

## A TIME FOR GRATITUDE

On November 12, 2008, the Supreme Court heard oral arguments in Pleasant Grove vs. Sumnum (07-665). The story has been picked up thousands of times by various newspapers, television, radio and internet publications around the world. The transcript of the event is 80 pages long and took approximately 1 hour of the Court's time. A PDF version of the transcripts can be found at [http://www.supremecourt.us.gov/oral\\_arguments/argument\\_transcripts/07-665.pdf](http://www.supremecourt.us.gov/oral_arguments/argument_transcripts/07-665.pdf). To read media coverage and comments, do an internet search for "Pleasant Grove Sumnum" and limit the results to the past week.

We express our gratitude to Jay Sekulow of the American Center for Law & Justice (ACLJ), who took this case pro-bono (no cost to the city). ACLJ is a non-profit organization funded through donations. A Pleasant Grove centric view point on the case can be gained by visiting their website at [www.aclj.org](http://www.aclj.org). There you can find video clips, radio broadcasts and written materials explaining the background and position the city has taken on this case.

My son texted me a message after the hearing and asked, "When will you get the results?" I indicated, "probably late spring." He asked, "Why so long?" I responded, "when you get nine people together with extremely different perspectives to make a decision on something that will affect every government entity in the United States for decades to come...a few months isn't really that much to ask." He agreed.

The battle is not over yet. Even when the Supreme Court announces their decision, there will be issues to deal with. Someone, somewhere will not like the decision and the fight will rage on. It is good to know there are people like Mr. Sekulow and the ACLJ who are willing and able to defend our rights. We need to support those who support us.

As we approach this season of celebrations, let us pause and be grateful for the liberties and freedoms we enjoy in this great country. The laws that grant us the rights we have as a majority also protect the minority. Sometimes we are in the majority. Sometimes we are in the minority. Either way, it is our Constitution and our willingness to live by it that keeps our rights in tact.

We are at war. We are experiencing turbulent economic times. There are big changes coming in our federal government next year. We've faced challenging times before. Hopefully we've learned from those experiences and can weather these times better than in the past. Together, we can

face these challenges and win.

Reach out to those around you. Help those that are less fortunate. Invite someone over to share your fire and bread. It is time to take care of each other. The sun will rise and set each day. It shines upon everyone no matter what their individual circumstances or affiliations may be. Let's be like sunshine and reach out to everyone. As always please continue to send your comments and questions to [Mayor@PGCity.Org](mailto:Mayor@PGCity.Org).

Michael W. Daniels, Mayor

*Wishing you a Safe and Merry Christmas!*



From the Fire House to your House

*THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!*

**Pleasant Grove Fire Department**

*Protecting you for over one hundred years.*

## SANTA IS COMING TO TOWN!

Celebrate the season with Pleasant Grove on Monday, December 1, 2008. Santa will be coming to town!

- 6 p.m. - Santa will drive into town
- 6:15 p.m. - the City Tree will be lit in the Downtown Park
- 6:30 p.m. - Santa will walk to the Library (downstairs)
- 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. - Santa will greet children in the downstairs (basement) of the Library

This activity is sponsored by Pleasant Grove City and Pleasant Grove Youth Court/Council

## **“CHRISTMAS IN THE GROVE”**

“Christmas in the Grove,” a joyous musical celebration of the Christmas season, will be presented on Sunday, December 7, in the Alpine Tabernacle, 110 East Main, in American Fork. The concert, featuring adult, youth, and children’s choirs comprised of members and friends of the Grove Creek Stake, begins at 8:00 p.m. Admission is free. Families and friends from all communities and of all faiths are invited to attend this 15th annual performance, which will feature favorite songs from past years. Musical ensembles will perform 15 minutes prior to the concert in a "pre-program." Everyone is invited to arrive early to enjoy the additional performances before the concert begins.

“Christmas in the Grove” makes a great family holiday activity, a wonderful opportunity to attend a lovely Christmas concert together as a family. Pleasant Grove resident Kathryn Laycock Little has served as musical director since the program's inception: “Every year we look forward to sharing the joy of the season with our friends and neighbors through music and song. Our goal is to program enough diversity and fun in the music to provide a concert the entire family can enjoy together.”

A nursery will be provided for children ages 18 months to six years old, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the downstairs overflow room of the Tabernacle. Look for the special seating area for families with young children. For more information, contact Mike Carson at 796-6293.

## **SECONDARY WATER**

A reminder to residents to please come into City Hall and sign up for the secondary water. If you have any questions, please call 785-5045.

## **HEAT PROGRAM NOW OPEN**

Community Action Services and Food Bank is now accepting applications for the HEAT program, a program which assists low-income households in making utility payments through the winter season. A one-time payment per year will be submitted directly to utility companies for individuals who qualify. Disbursements are based on income. All Utah County residents interested in applying must call 801-373-8200 from now until the end of April for an appointment. Low-income households and those with disabilities are especially encouraged to apply. Applicants must meet income guidelines and provide all required documentation. Homebound individuals may request an Outreach worker to come to their home to assist in the application process. First-time applicants in Utah County must complete an energy education class as part of the process (energy class is waived for disabled or elderly applicants).

Please go to [www.CommunityActionUC.org](http://www.CommunityActionUC.org) for more information or call 801-373-8200.

## **IS YOUR CHILD ON MEDICAID?**

There is a new web site that has been designed especially for parents or care givers of children on Medicaid. [www.UtahCountyCHEC.com](http://www.UtahCountyCHEC.com) offers referrals for MEDICAID Dentists, Doctors and Mental Health Care as well as a Community Resource list for easy use, plus so much more. For all the details, go to [www.UtahCountyCHEC.com](http://www.UtahCountyCHEC.com).

**SIDEWALKS BLOCKED:** Please prune trees, shrubs and weeds from over the sidewalk. Children are walking to school and are being forced into the roadway and are not able to stay on the sidewalks. If you see areas of concern, either contact your neighbors or contact Community Development (785-6057). City Code requires that foliage be pruned to eight (8) feet above the sidewalk and sixteen (16) feet above the roadway.

## **WINTER VEHICLE PARKING ORDINANCE:**

Pleasant Grove City ordinance requires that between November 15 and April 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.

## **HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE**

Community Action Services and Food Bank, the local food bank for Utah, Summit and Wasatch Counties, would like to thank the community for their support. We encourage everyone to continue giving generously to those in need this holiday season by taking food to any drop-off point or by participating in local food drives. The items you donate during the Holiday Food Drive will help us adequately meet the increased need for food assistance in our community. For the month of December, we are making a special request for donations of hams or turkeys so we can provide holiday meals to those we serve. Along with food, CASFB also accepts cash donations.

Donations can be taken to any Jiffy Lube or Smith’s location, as well as the Community Action Food Bank located at 815 S. Freedom Blvd. in Provo or its affiliated food pantries. Go online to [www.communityactionuc.org](http://www.communityactionuc.org), or call us at (801)-373-8200, to find a location close to your home. All donations go directly to helping people in this community.

## **P.G. ORCHESTRA AND CHOIR**

Pleasant Grove Orchestra and Choir will be performing the "Messiah" on Dec. 5 at the Pleasant Grove High Auditorium. Choir rehearsals will begin October 12. We are going to hold solo auditions at 6:00 PM in the choir room (135) of the high school. Rehearsals for the choir will begin the same night at 7:00 PM in the same room and run every Sunday evening until the performance on December 5th. The "Messiah" will be under the direction of Jim Wilcock.

## ART CLASSES FROM PG REC

***Ninja Turtles Intro To Art*** (8 to 11 year olds) - 8 to 11 year olds will learn art from Michelangelo, Leonardo, Raphael and Donatello in this six week course. Classes will focus on each artist and will explore the various mediums and styles used by these famous artists including fresco, ceiling, and portrait paintings and well as clay sculptures and other projects. Class will be held each Tuesday from 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. at the new Community Center. Space is limited so please sign up early. Registration will be at the Community Center during open hours or on line at [www.pgrec.org](http://www.pgrec.org). For more information please contact the Recreation Department at 785-6172. These classes are being offered to the community in cooperation with the Pleasant Grove Arts Commission. Ages: 8 to 11 year olds. Fee \$45.00. Dates: January 13th – February 17th. Location: Community Center Room 5.

***Learning From The Master*** (5-7 year olds) - This introduction to art for 5 -7 year olds will focus on introducing children to art and the various art forms and mediums. During the six week course participants will learn about the use of primary and secondary colors, learn about shapes and different mediums including watercolors, pencils, crayons, and more. Class will be held each Wednesday from 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. at the new Community Center. Space is limited so sign up early. Registration will be at the Community Center during open hours or on line at [www.pgrec.org](http://www.pgrec.org). For more information please contact the Recreation Department at 785-6172. These classes are being offered to the community in cooperation with the Pleasant Grove Arts Commission. Ages: 5 to 7 year olds. Fee \$45.00. Dates: January 14th – February 18th. Location: Community Center Room 5.

***The Music In Me*** (4 – 7 year olds) - This fun and upbeat 6 week class for 4 – 7 year olds will introduce children to the different elements of music including listening, movements, feelings, and rhythm. Participants will also learn about and make some basic instruments during the class. Class will be held each Thursday from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the Community Center. Space is limited so sign up early. Registration will be at the Community Center during open hours or on line at [www.pgrec.org](http://www.pgrec.org). For more information please contact the Recreation Department at 785-6172. These classes are being offered to the community in cooperation with the Pleasant Grove Arts Commission. Ages: 4 to 7 year olds. Fee \$30.00. Dates: January 15th – February 19th. Location: Community Center Room 5.

### WANT A GREAT CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEA?

400 tried and true recipes from Pleasant Grove Residents are now available in a Community Cookbook for \$15 at the Pleasant Grove Library. Come get yours today!!

## 2009 CERT TRAINING SCHEDULE

The Pleasant Grove Fire Department will be sponsoring a CERT training course on the below listed dates. Sessions will be held over four nights and one Saturday morning. All classes are held at the Pleasant Grove Police Department, 87 East 100 South. Participants must pre-register by the listed deadline. Registration fee is \$35.00 which includes a student manual and safety equipment. You may register at the Pleasant Grove Police Department Mon – Fri 9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M prior to the registration deadlines.

### Session I

April 21 – 25, 2009 (Registration deadline April 13, 2009)  
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 6:00 – 10:00 P.M.  
Saturday 9:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

### Session II

September 15 – 19, 2009 (Registration deadline September 7, 2009)  
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 6:00 – 10:00 P.M.  
Saturday 9:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

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. Thank you for your interest in the Community Emergency Response Team and please mark these dates for 2009. Information on C.E.R.T. may also be found at [www.pgcity.org](http://www.pgcity.org).

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO DELIVER MEALS-ON-WHEELS IN P.G.**

Meals-on-Wheels needs volunteer drivers one day a week, for one hour, in a limited delivery radius. Volunteers give up one lunch hour, once a week to help feed hungry seniors.

Volunteer drivers are the people who actually deliver the meals to elderly, ill, frail, or disabled seniors in their homes. Volunteers use their own vehicles to deliver meals dropped off at the senior center. The individual meals are packed in hot and cold food containers on a rolling cart.

The Meals-on-Wheels volunteer routes consist of 8 to 11 meals in a four to five mile radius from the Pleasant Grove Jacobs Senior Center, 242 West 200 South, Pleasant Grove. Each route needs a minimum of 7 volunteers one for each day of the week and two substitutes. It takes about ½ hour to 1 hour to complete the delivery. Meals are delivered between 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

Please consider volunteering for one hour, once a week or as a back-up substitute.

Did you know?

- Research shows volunteers are happier healthier people.
- Beginning in 2015, one person in Utah will turn 65 years old every 23 minutes.
- The fastest growing segment of our population is age 85 and older.
- Meals-on-Wheels enable seniors to age gracefully at home.

If you are interested in volunteering to deliver Meals-on-Wheels, please contact Liz Merrell at 229-3821 or [emerrell@mountainland.org](mailto:emerrell@mountainland.org). 586 East 800 North Orem, UT 84097-4146 (801) 229-3800 Fax (801) 229-3801 [www.mountainland.org](http://www.mountainland.org)

## PLEASANT GROVE'S CITY NIGHT AT UVU BASKETBALL

The Utah Valley University Men's Basketball vs. Utah State University game is one of the most attended UVU games of the season. This one passionate game, as the rivalry is as intense as the level of play!

In honor of UVU's first year at University status, the athletic department would like to proclaim the night of December 13, 2008 as, "Pleasant Grove Night." They are inviting the entire city to come out to this game on Saturday, December 13 at 7 p.m.

Special tickets are being made available for residents, city employees and staff at discounted prices for this most sought after game. The discounted general admission price is \$3 for adults and \$1 for children. For more information, please call the city recreation department at 785-6172.

This UVU vs. USU game is sure to be a thrill. The school's athletic department has said they are excited to get the whole Pleasant Grove community involved.

Macey's in Pleasant Grove will be hosting a tailgate party to rally UVU on December 12 from 5 to 8 p.m.

### UTAH CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The Utah Children's Choir will present their Christmas Concert on Tuesday night, Dec. 9, at the Alpine Art Center in Alpine at 7:30 p.m. The address is 450 S. Alpine Highway. On Dec. 13 at 7:30 p.m, a Christmas Fireside will be presented at The Utah State Hospital Chapel in Provo. The UCC will also be singing at the Joseph Smith Memorial Building at 3:00 p.m. on Dec. 22.

Featured in the December 9th concert will be a work commissioned by the choir in honor of their 25th anniversary by former member Erica Glenn of Pleasant Grove. Erica is the daughter of James and Sharlee Glenn, and attended PGHS. Her piece, titled "A Child's Song of Christmas," is a lullaby about the Christ Child. Miss Glenn graduated from Arizona State University with a major in music composition. Also to be presented in the Christmas Concerts is a medley featuring the traditional English version of, "O Little Town of Bethlehem," and an arrangement of, "I Saw a Mighty Angel Fly," by Michael R. Carson. Mike Carson is a Pleasant Grove resident. We will all enjoy the poetry of Susanna Hofheins throughout the Christmas Concerts. Susanna is one of our UCC singers and the daughter of Nathan and Lisa Hofheins of Pleasant Grove.

Traditional Christmas fare such as "Deck the Halls" and "I Saw Three Ships" will be presented as well as pieces by Vivaldi and Holst. A wonderful setting of "What Sweeter Music" by Eleanor Daly will be sung by the Concert Choir. The Choristers will also do a French piece, "He Is Born."

The public is cordially invited to attend these concerts and experience the beauty of these children singing the songs of Christmas. The Utah Children's Choir continues to gain respect as one of the finest groups of its kind in the nation. For more information on the Utah Children's Choir call 785-7416 or 756-6450.

## RECREATION NEWS

**Itty Bitty Ball** (Ages 3 & 4) - Learn pre sport skills such as catching, kicking, throwing and dribbling in a fun atmosphere. Each class will focus on one sampler sport which includes: football, basketball, baseball and soccer. Parents are strongly encouraged in assisting child in class sessions learning these skills.

Registration Dates: January 2 and goes until filled.

Choose a Time: 11:00 a.m. or 12:30 p.m.

Class Dates: Feb., 3, 5, 10 and 12.

**Sub for Santa Jr. High Age Stomp** – December 12th Time: 7:00 to 9:30 pm Parents are welcome!

**Pleasant Grove Community Center Is now Registering For: 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 ½ to 5 years – 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 Activity class- Session 3 starts Nov 19 goes to Jan 14 / Note-Santa party will be Dec 19 class will be held on Friday After school Chess Club -Come and learn from one of the best chess teachers in the state. Sessions runs for 8 weeks. Start Dates: Session 2 – Nov 6 to Jan 15 Cost 36 for session or \$5 a class / Session 3 – Jan 22 to Mar 5

**Elf Cooking** – ages 5 and up / Saturday, Dec. 6 – 10 am to Noon – Christmas snakes, Maple twist bars, Hot chocolate mugs and Dipped candy canes.

**Cookie Class** – ages 5 and up / Monday, Dec 22 – 10 am to Noon – Cookie brownies, Snowman cookie cake, M&M Crinkle Cookies

**\*New – Build A Party**- Let us provide the room and help you build a party! Cost \$ varies on party theme and activities picked. To reserve and book a Party–Call the Community Center and ask for Vanessa 785-6172.

**GARBAGE CAN REMOVAL: Please remove garbage cans from the street within one day of garbage pickup. Containers are being damaged and are a safety hazard.**

### SEASON'S GREETINGS – FROM THE P.G. WATER AND SEWER:

With winter here we hope you have drained your sprinkler system and unhooked the hoses from the taps and if needed insulate the pipes and taps. We also remind you that we put all food, grease, egg shells and peelings in the trash not the garbage disposal, so that we can all enjoy the holidays that are fast approaching us.

We at the Public Works all wish you and yours a Merry Christmas and Happy new year.