

GREETINGS FROM YOUR FIRE DEPT.

Christmas is rapidly approaching. This is my favorite time of year. With this holiday comes a great transformation of home and business. Decorations adorn homes, inside and out, everywhere. We want your Christmas to be one of the best ever. To that end, we have a few safety tips for you to consider.

Christmas Safety Tips

- When choosing a live Christmas tree, pick a fresh, healthy tree.
- Follow the tree care directions given you by the seller.
- Use UL certified Christmas lights.
- Check for signs of wear and tear on each light set.
- Use caution when hanging lights around your home. When on a ladder, don't over reach.
- If your home has high or difficult areas to reach, consider hiring a professional.
- Use the proper size of extension cords and don't run them under rugs or across sharp objects.
- Don't overload electrical outlets.
- Be careful with candles! NEVER leave them unattended.
- Do not burn Christmas wrappings or Christmas trees in your fire place.
- Finally, check your smoke detector. If it is battery operated, change the batteries if they have not been changed in more than six months.

From everyone here at Pleasant Grove/Lindon Fire Department, we wish you a wonderful and safe holiday season.

Have a great holiday season!

Chief Sanderson

For more holiday fire safety information, visit:
<http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/safety/tips/holiday.shtm>

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Hotel - Convention Center Update

Alpine School District, Utah County Commission, Central Utah Water Conservancy District, North Utah County Water Conservancy District, and Pleasant Grove City have all entered into an Interlocal Agreement to "financially" support a bond to purchase the land for the Hotels and Convention Center in the Gateway. This bold move by all participants demonstrates a strong commitment to economic development and job creation for our city and for Northern Utah County. The "Agreement" brings us within days of closing the deal between the City, Dennis Baker, and John Q. Hammons on an investment of epic proportions. The bond will be completely paid for by certain taxes generated from the project itself. No other subsidies from citizens or other areas of the County are required. The Interlocal Agreement between Pleasant Grove and Lindon made this project a possibility. If all goes well, the project should break ground in the early spring of '07, or slightly earlier if weather permits.

2000 West and 700 North Update

The 700 North road from Lindon State Street to Proctor Lane is nearly complete. The 2000 West road from PG Blvd to just North of Sam White's Lane is nearly complete. The portion connecting 700 North and 2000 West will begin in the Spring and should be complete shortly thereafter. The final portion of 2000 West from Sam White's Lane to Pleasant Grove State Street is still under negotiations with property owners in the area. We hope to reach a mutually acceptable agreement and complete this section by the end of

2007. When completed, this road will provide the only complete North-South road from the Center of Alpine to State Street in Lindon.

Lifestyle Retail Center and Corporate Office Development Update

Plans for a Lifestyle Retail Center adjacent to the Hotel/Convention Center, and a Corporate Office Complex surrounding the BMW of Pleasant Grove dealership continue to move forward at a rapid pace. The progress on the Hotel/Convention Center and the 2000 West/700 North road are major influencers to the developers of these two project centers. We anticipate accelerated action on these and other projects in the Gateway area once the roads are complete and the Hotel/Convention Center project closes.

Community Recreation Facility and Regional Open Space Park Update

The donation of land by Baker for the Community Recreation Facility in the Gateway, and the recent action by the Council to create a combined Open Space Park and water detention area, has sparked many questions for affected land owners in the vicinity. We want to ensure everyone that the City will negotiate in good faith to reach a mutually agreeable resolution.

Cedar Hills and Pleasant Grove Interlocal Agreement and Boundary Update

The two cities have been in discussions for over three years on how to accommodate the needs of land owners that live in one city but need utilities from the other city. Many possible scenarios have been discussed and examined. The councils and staffs are very close to unveiling a plan for the public to review and comment on. We ask that all affected parties obtain a written copy of the plan when it becomes available later this month, and be prepared to participate in public hearings regarding the pros and cons of the proposed agreement. The current situation is untenable and should never have been allowed. It is time to help our citizens with a plan that allows them to receive services, develop their property, and get on with their lives long-term.

American Fork and Pleasant Grove Interlocal Agreement and Boundary Update

As many of you know, the two cities are finally beginning to touch along a common boundary in the South West corner of Pleasant Grove. This has sparked a flurry of debate, controversy, and delay in developing this area. Recently, Pleasant Grove Council took action to finalize the annexation of certain real property in the affected area. In addition, we have assured American Fork that we will continue to work with them on a development plan, interlocal agreement for services, and a cleaner updated boundary declaration. This should allow future annexations to be streamlined and meet the needs of both cities.

It has been a very "busy" and productive "first year" for me as mayor. I am enjoying the new interactions with our citizens, our neighbors, and especially the strong support of the Staff and Council. I cannot imagine how impossible it would be to undertake the magnitude and quantity of projects we have in 2006 without this support. I am looking forward to a very productive and prosperous 2007 for all of us.

May you have a most peaceful Christmas and a prosperous New Year in Utah's City of Trees.

Please send your comments via the website at <http://www.plgrove.org/feedbackm.html>, drop them by City Hall, drop them in the mailbox, or email me at Mayor@PGCity.org.

Thanks for all you do!

Michael W. Daniels

CHRISTMAS IN THE GROVE

We invite you to attend "Christmas in the Grove," a joyous musical celebration of the Christmas season featuring children's, youth, and adult choirs from the Grove Creek Stake. This is a wonderful opportunity to attend a lovely Christmas concert with your family.

"Every year we look forward to sharing the joy of the season with our neighbors and friends through music and song," explains music director Kathryn Laycock Little.

The music ranges from traditional carols to more contemporary selections, and there is always something interactive for the audience. This year, individual musicians will perform 30 minutes prior to the program, and everyone is invited to arrive early to enjoy the additional performances before the concert begins.

"Christmas in the Grove" will be presented on Sunday, December 10, in the Alpine Tabernacle, 110 East Main, in American Fork. The "pre-program" begins at 6:30 p.m., and the concert begins at 7:00 p.m. Admission is free.

PUBLIC WORKS ANNOUNCEMENT

Public Works Director Lynn Walker reminded homeowners this week that it is their responsibility to be sure that fallen leaves and other debris are cleared from gutters in front of their homes so that storm water can flow to the proper drains.

Director Walker said that with the last few storms the city workers have had a difficult time keeping up with all of the clogged storm drains. The blockage of the drains is mainly due to leaves washing down the gutters and getting stuck over the top of the storm drains so that the water cannot flow freely.

Clogged storm drains often cause water to back up and do damage to garages and basements. Director Walker urged residents to keep the leaves and other material out of the gutters and suggested that when someone sees that a storm drain is backing up that they take the time to clear the blockage away. He thanked the residents for their assistance with the problem.

AND A SNOW REMOVAL REMINDER--- It is VERY IMPORTANT that Pleasant Grove residents must park their cars on their own property and not the streets or sidewalk from November to March. This will help so that snow plows can get their job done. Cars left overnight on the streets during this period of time can be cited. Also, when shoveling your walks and driveways, be sure that you keep the snow on your property and NOT ON THE STREETS.

THANKS FOR SUPPORTING THE FOOD BANK!

Community Action Food Bank would like to thank those who generously donate cash and food throughout the year. This year, the large community food drive (supported by many local churches) will be on Saturday, December 9th. As your regional food bank, we ask for your continued support through this Holiday Season. Community Action Food Bank serves 1,500 local families each month. The number of people served is expected to rise during this winter season. Donations of non-perishable food and hygiene items may be dropped off at Community Action Food Bank Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. at 815 S. Freedom Blvd., Provo. Call Jim Thomas, Food Bank Director, at (801) 373-8200 ext. 216 for more information.

HEAT PROGRAM NOW OPEN

Community Action Services 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 heating companies for individuals who qualify. Disbursements are determined based on need. All Utah County residents interested in applying must call 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.CommunityActionProvo.org for more information or call 373-8200.

HAPPY HOLIDAY! FROM PLEASANT GROVE LIBRARY STAFF

Come enjoy fun NEW Christmas Books!

Dates the Library will be closed:

December 25 & 26 and January 1, 2007.

YEAR ROUND LIBRARY PROGRAMS

Everyone welcome, sign-ups not required, free.

Spanish/English Story Time every Friday at 10:30 am.

Twilight Tales every Wednesday at 7:00 pm.

Young Adult Book Group Thursday at 7:00 pm.

R.E.A.D Book Group for Adults will meet December 14, 2006 at 10:00 am.

Etta Thomson will present "The Christmas Experience". Etta will share some of her favorite Christmas stories, poems, thoughts and books.

Winter Program registration will start December 18th, at 10:00 am.

This is for regular Story/Activity Time, Wee Read, and Music & Movement.

Classes will begin January 8th, 2007 and continue until February 15th.

Program flyers may be found at the front desk or you may check on the website.

Story/Activity Time "Winter A B C s"

Story Time is for children three to six years old. There will be six weeks of stories, songs, finger plays, and crafts based on different Alphabet themes. We will be exploring the ABCs through winter!

Classes will be held Tuesday or Wednesday at 10:00 am, 11:00 am, or 1:00 pm.

Registration fee is \$5.00 with a current library card. Story time runs approximately 40 minutes.

Wee Read

This class is for little ones-eighteen months to three years. Each child must have an adult lap to accompany them. Registration is a must because of limited space. This is a FREE program. Class is held on Thursday at 10:00 am, 11:00am, and 12:00 pm.

Music & Movement

This class features rhythm, chanting, singing and movement and class fills quickly so early sign up is encouraged. This class is designed for children 3 -6 years old. Three year olds need to be potty trained and be 3 years old by July 1, 2006 to enroll. Class size will be limited to 12 students. This class is approximately 35 minutes, and the session is 6 weeks. The class is \$5.00, with a current library card. Class is held on Mondays at 10:00 am, 11:00 am, 1:00 pm, and 2:00 pm.

*note: No class on January 15th.

After School Activity Special

Children ages 6 to 12 enjoy this fun-filled activity at 4:30 p.m. on one Thursday each month. These classes are FREE, but you must sign up and obtain tickets to allow the library to plan for this event. Tickets will be available two weeks before the event at the front desk.

January 18, 2007, 4:30 pm

Theme: "Swashbucklers & Mateys a High Sea Adventure."

JOHN HANCOCK SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

John Hancock Charter School is accepting intent to enroll forms for the 2007-08 school year. You may complete this form at www.johnhancocks.org or by filling it out in person at 125 N. 100 East, Pleasant Grove, UT 84062. All intent to enroll forms must be completed by December 19, 2006. The lottery for vacant positions will be held in January 2007.

THE OLD BELL SCHOOL DUP MUSEUM

Even though we are closed for the winter (except for special tours), please don't forget that the Museum is here. The Museum is getting a new hat in the form of shingles. It is being applied by Warburton Inc. and financed by the Pleasant Grove Historical Preservation Society, the Utah State Historical Society and the City of Pleasant Grove. We at the Museum and members of the Community are most grateful because when the Museum has a leaking roof, it has melting walls which then come tumbling down! Don't forget your History, come visit in June. Merry Christmas to you all!

Museum Director, Beth Edvalson

SKYLINE CHORUS

Utah Valley Skyline Chorus presents; Christmas Music Barbershop Style. We will be doing old favorites and a few you will come to love as we do. The shows are 7 PM on the 8th and 9th of December in the Pleasant Grove Library's little theatre. Admission will be \$5.00 per person or \$15.00 per family The Choruses up north charge twice that much. There are 105 seats each night. If we get a turn away crowd on Friday we may have a Saturday afternoon matinee. Please, come celebrate Christmas with us!

JACOB'S SENIOR CENTER

Are you cooking for one or two—and finding it boring and not worth the effort? If you are over 60, come and join us at the Jacob's Senior Center five days a week (not on holidays) for lunch, conversation and fellowship. We have card games, computers, pool, quilting and exercise equipment to use as you choose. Just make reservations one day ahead of your planned visit by calling 785-2818. If you lack transportation, we can also help with that. Monthly menus are available and you can order salads if you have dietary restrictions. Come join us for a relaxed enjoyable dining experience. People over 60 are asked to make a \$2 contribution.

UTAH CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The Utah Children's Choir is busy preparing for our Christmas Season. The concerts are to be held on December 9 at the Utah State Hospital Chapel in Provo, 1300 E. Center St. and on December 12 at the Alpine Arts Center, 450 S. Alpine Hwy in Alpine. Both concerts begin at 7:30 p.m.

RECREATION NEWS

Pie Class - "Let your kids help with the Holiday cooking....."

We will be making: Heavenly Peach Pie, Chocolate Banana Pie, and Easy Pumpkin Pie **Participants need to bring 3 pie pans & 2 cans regular peaches (Not the filling)

Date: Tues, Nov. 21 • Time: 4 to 5:30 pm.

Age: 5 and up • Place: P.G rec. / Pre-school rm.

Cost: Pleasant Grove / Lindon \$15 / "Sorry" - no discounts /Non Resident \$22.50 / **Registration Due By Nov 14

Elf Cooking - "Cook up some Gifts for the holidays!"

We will be making: Candy Cane Stick Vase, Peanut Clusters, "Cheesy" Basket, Tea Breads (Poppy & Hawaiian) each child needs to bring 2 empty soup cans.

Date: Sat, Dec. 2 • Time: 10 to NOON

Ages: 5 and up • Place: P.G rec. / Pre-school rm.

Cost: Pleasant Grove / Lindon \$15 / "Sorry" - no discounts /Non Resident \$22.50 / **Registration Due By Nov 25

Cookie Class - "Come do some Holiday baking with us!"

We will be making: Window Cookies, M&M Candy Trail Mix, Christmas Tree Cookies and Swirl Cookies.

Date: Wed., Dec 21 • Time: 10 am to Noon

Age: 5 and up • Place: P.G rec. / Pre-school rm.

Cost: Pleasant Grove / Lindon \$15 / \$12 additional child /Non Resident \$22.50 / \$18 additional child/ Registration Due by Dec 14

** There are a few openings in the *Toddler Class* - Ages 2 to 4 yrs/ Mom and Tot Class- Class times open Mon 12:30 & Tue 9:00 and 10:30 for more information call Pleasant Grove Recreation 785-9318

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 1:00 p.m.

Class Dates: Feb., 13, 15, 22 & 27.

Aerobics Class

Monday/Wednesday/Friday 9:30 – 10:30 A.M. Fee: \$1.50 per class or \$15 for a monthly pass which includes use of the weight room.

Sub for Santa Jr. High Age Stomp

December 15th Time: 7:00 to 9:30 pm Parents are welcome!

Pleasant Grove City Recreation is currently accepting applications for an enrichment class supervisor, adult sports supervisors, Adult & Youth Referee and Scorekeepers

PLEASANT GROVE BUSINESS ALLIANCE

The Pleasant Grove Business Alliance invites all businesses of Pleasant Grove to the next exciting PGBA Meeting!

Keynote Speakers for January are: BYU FOOTBALL PLAYERS John Beck and Fui Vakapuna – "Teamwork and Execution – How to get the job done."

January's 90-minute meeting features networking with other business owners and city directors. We will recognize businesses within Pleasant Grove and hear a report from the Economic Development Director Richard Bradford.

Date: January 12, 2007

Time: Networking 7:45 AM; 8:00 AM Start

Place: Sportsman's Lion Club Lodge

600 East Center Street, Pleasant Grove

RSVP: 801-796-6331

pgbusinessalliance@msn.com

KIWANIS CLUB

The Pleasant Grove Kiwanis Club has a busy month planned for December. Working with the Headstart Pre-School, the Kiwanis Club has supplied free books to all the homes of the pre-school students.

Additionally, the club is also working in providing basic needs for babies at local hospitals. With a \$1,000 donation from the Pleasant Grove Macey's and the American Fork Wal-Mart, the Club is offering help to needy babies.

On December 9, 2006, the Club is also providing an opportunity for community help by accepting both good and financial contributions from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Kiwanis members will be at the Macey's in Pleasant Grove and the American Fork Wal-Mart to accept contributions.

If you have any questions, please contact Kiwanis Member Van Bulkley at 785-5980.

VOLUNTEERING BOOSTS YOUR HEALTH

Fight Flu Season by Volunteering

OREM, Utah—Volunteering is good for you. Research confirms volunteers derive social, physical and mental benefits from personal contact with others.

David McClelland, PhD, a psychologist at Boston University, found that just watching a movie about Mother Teresa raised levels of immunoglobulin, an immune system component thought to protect against colds and influenza. McClelland believes those immunities are also elevated by volunteering.

People, who give time to volunteer activities, are happier and healthier. Medical studies reveal that people who volunteer have a heightened sense of well being, according to author Allan Luks in *The Healing Power of Doing Good*.

"Volunteers not only feel healthier, but they also have a greater sense of calmness, relaxation, and weight control, as well as less insomnia, a healthier cardiovascular system, and a speedier recovery from surgery," Luks states.

Volunteer opportunities are now available for seniors, age 55 and over, in Utah County through the Mountainland Association of Governments Orem office.

Volunteers can select from over 75 different non-profit organizations registered with the Retired Senior Volunteer Program, RSVP. RSVP is a free national service group providing no-cost liability insurance to its members while serving or attending volunteer activities.

A "helper's high" or overall sense of well being is reported by 95 per cent of the volunteers in a study conducted by Bottom Line Health, a publication on wellness strategies from the world's leading health experts. "Even people with arthritis, headaches, back pain and other chronic conditions report significant pain and discomfort relief while helping others," the study concluded.

Phyllis Moen, PhD, a Cornell University sociologist, found in a study from 1956 through 1986, that women in multiple roles, including volunteering, had better health and longevity.

Volunteering may also help fight the flu season. For more information on senior volunteer opportunities call (801) 229-3810 or visit www.mountainland.org/RSVP.

LION'S CLUB

The Lion's Club schedule for December, 2006

December 2: Breakfast at 8 a.m.

December 16: Dinner meeting at 7 p.m.—This is the annual Christmas Party Potluck—Bring your favorite Christmas Dishes!

P.G. SPIRIT OF SERVICE AWARD

GENERAL OVERVIEW

Objectives

1. Recognize those youth of Pleasant Grove who are performing extraordinary acts of service with an official award from the city that they may use to showcase their efforts on resumes, college applications and scholarship opportunities.
2. Through recognition and positive attention, other youth will be encouraged to provide more and more service inside and outside of the community.
3. Keep program simple, universal and inspirational.

Need:

The youth of our city are among the best and brightest in the world. The character and qualities they acquire through school, church and community are scarce in the world today. We have youth that are doing extraordinary amounts of service. Though it may be considered "the norm" for our community, we need to recognize them in a way that people outside of our community can understand. Many of our youth perform service through school programs, scouting and church affiliations and individual efforts. What we need to do now is recognize them. As we recognize them from the city level, the youth will feel a positive sense of accomplishment. At the same time, colleges, businesses and other notable organizations will be able to associate their greatness with a city-based award.

Award:

The award will be called "The Pleasant Grove Spirit of Service Award" or some other appropriate name. The award can be as simple as a certificate. Better yet, it could be a plaque of some kind if we can find a sponsor to contribute the funds.

Motivation:

In our experience, we have found that youth are motivated by the "FOUR R's":

1. Recognition – feel good in front of peers, parents and leaders
 2. Reward – what's in it for me, tangible and possessive
 3. Results – how does it make me better, short/long-term benefits
 4. Responsibility – prove I can do it, I am ready for life
- This award appeals to these four motivational factors of youth.

Qualifications/Eligibility

All youth who render 100 hours or more of service inside and outside of our community between the ages of 14 and 18. The service hours must be voluntary but may be part of another established program. The only service hours that will not count towards this award are those done in conjunction with an Eagle Scout Award. Hours would be tracked by the youth and verified by parents, leaders, coaches, teachers, organizations, etc... The deadline for submitting hours each year would be December 10th. Applications would then be reviewed and approved by December 31st. Youth may hand in the applications at any time during the year for review but December 10th will act as the cut off date for each year.

Recognition Event:

Once a year, all youth who have completed the requirements and have been approved by the city will be recognized at a community event. The event will be held towards the middle of January with the first event in January of 1007. The Mayor will personally present the award at the event. Based on sponsorships, the type of awards and possible dinner will be determined in the future.

City Funds and Sponsors

The intent is to run the program without asking the city for any financial assistance. Business sponsors can be obtained to help pay for the awards and the recognition event. All other hours will be volunteer hours provided by the director of the program and the youth council. Currently the two youth mayors are spear heading the initiative from the youth council side. One of the core objectives is to keep the program simple enough that it achieves its purpose without being a financial burden. Website work may be the only city sponsored work we would need.

Primary Logistics:

The application form will be acquired through a link on the city's website or picked up at the city offices until the link can be completed. The application will act as a tracking form for service hours provided. It will also act as the sign-off sheet for parents, leaders, teachers, coaches.... The application would also include a summary sheet for the youth to explain the types of service provided, the benefits derived and any special experiences. The application would then be handed in to a city representative at the city's main reception desk and then forwarded to the youth mayors for processing. The Youth City Council will then review and approve all applicants and send a reply to applicant of acceptance and awarding procedure.

Community Awareness:

A short informational write-up in the monthly newsletter will briefly describe

the program, its objectives and requirements. Then a website address and contact number will be given for those who wish to find out more. Until the website is up, applications will be available at the city offices. We will also work with the school and other youth organizations around the city to inform the youth and parents. Upon presenting the awards, we will contact the local newspapers and news stations for press releases and short news clips that will highlight the youth and the community. After one year of recognition, citizens and interested parties will become aware of the program and its success.

Benefits:

1. Youth receive positive reinforcement for their selfish efforts
2. Youth can use award to differentiate themselves in a competitive world
3. Youth have a chance to interact with the Mayor
4. City establishes better relationship with quality youth
- 5 City receives press and attention surrounding positive actions by youth

Organization of Program

Website

The website will be simple and contain the following:

Basic description of program; Criteria for service hours; Downloadable application; Contact Information; Pictures (Eventually); Success Stories (Eventually); Service opportunities; The program will need the assistance of the city website manager to create and maintain site.

Forms/Applications

The application and tracking forms will be completed and available in the city offices no later than November 1, 2006. As soon as the website link is finished, the forms will be available there.

City Approval

Approval from the Mayor and any other city organizations need be acquired as soon as possible.

Getting the word out

This is the most important step right now. Because we would like our seniors this year to be able to use this award on college and scholarship applications due on February 1, 2007, we would like to have a write up done for the November newsletter. The two youth mayors, are will do help with the write up or it can be done using this packet. A follow up message may need to appear in the December newsletter as well. The two youth mayors, Travis and Michael Heder, are planning to announce the ward in an assembly in early November at the high school.

Sponsors

We currently have one sponsor who is will to pay for the awards. We are currently looking for a sponsor for the dinner. We don't anticipate it being a problem finding one with the amount of community and local press they will receive.

Awards for honoraries

Based on the amount of youth receiving the award and the final sponsor dollars, the award will be anything from a nice certificate to a plaque. We feel that how it is presented is just as important as what is presented.

Awards Night

We are proposing an awards night the around the middle of January. The date will be determined by the facility we are in need of and the Mayor's schedule.

List of service needed in community

Just after the first of the year, we would like to post some service opportunities on the website. With the press surrounding the first awards night, we feel there will be an interest from youth to get involved with the program for the following year.

PLEASANT GROVE BEAUTIFICATION/SHADE TREE COMMISSION

Tips for your winter garden

Timely Tips for Winter preparation in your Yard

- Tie up shrubs that will be damaged by heavy snow fall. "Tie" them up with chicken wire if deer are a problem.
- Drain the gas from your lawn equipment or add gas stabilizer.
- Many insects seek protected sites in which to spend the winter. Take action now and get a jump on pest management for next year's gardening season. Remove annual plant material at the end of season. Don't leave old vines, plants and debris piles. Be Sure to compost or dispose of these materials as soon as possible. Debris that is left provides a comfortable place for pests to spend the fall and winter. Rototill your garden soil in the fall. Many pests that can over-winter are destroyed when brought to the surface where they'll dry up or freeze. Prune diseased and dead limbs from shrubs and trees in late winter to early spring. Fall pruning may predispose plants to winter injury.
- Buy a gardening book to give as a Christmas present!