

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

As I begin my second year as Mayor, I am satisfied that two-way communication between the people of Pleasant Grove and the elected officials has improved. Communication between Pleasant Grove, neighboring cities, county and state government has also increased. I have seen three key appointments among the senior staff: Marc Sanderson (Fire Chief), Ken Young (Community Development Director), and Richard Bradford (Economic Development Director). Overall, the morale within the city team is good. This has laid substantial ground work which was outlined in my December article.

In 2007 we will witness some of the fruits of this foundation work literally sprouting up out of the ground. Grand openings, ground breakings, and ribbon cuttings should become regular occurrences. Joint and cooperative efforts with other government agencies will increase. Private investment and job creation will flourish. Personal Property taxes from the City should remain in check, while other funding sources are developed.

These accomplishments sprout from the outward reaching efforts of "you" and the "City Team" in establishing the next phase of Pleasant Grove. They are part of a long-term strategy to build a viable economic base for generations to come. They demonstrate PG's actions of reaching upward to better itself and provide its own funding for the services its citizens and businesses need. They substantiate the vision of controlled growth and financial prudence.

In 2007, we will also evaluate and select three council members to serve four year terms. In large measure, the elected will decide the direction we take as a City. Let's make this year's election a meaningful one. If you've ever considered making a difference in your community, "now" is the time to prepare to campaign. If you are satisfied with those whose terms will expire, "now" is the time to support them in their re-election efforts. We had a reasonably good turn out for the last election. Let's make this one even better.

Thank you for all you do as citizens to make Pleasant Grove a pleasant place to live. Keep your communications coming. Mayor@PGCity.Org.

Mayor Michael W. Daniels

FROM THE STREETS DEPARTMENT

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.

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.

COLD WEATHER PREPAREDNESS

Most of you have noticed that we live in Utah. The fact that we have mountains that for most of the year are covered with the "Greatest Snow on Earth" should also give you a clue that it gets cold here; sometimes really cold. In fact, the state record is -69° Fahrenheit, not counting wind chill. You wouldn't want to stick your tongue on the flagpole in that kind of cold! Normally in the depths of winter we do a lot better and average between 18° and 28°F for a low. Not as bad as a lot of places. If you understand the mysteries of "Wind Chill," you know that the actual cold you feel (and the effects that it has on your body) increase due to the movement of air around you. For example if it is 15° degrees and the wind is blowing 20 miles per hour, you are actually experiencing a -2° temperature. Obviously the effects this cold has on you will be worse on exposed skin or if you are wet. This is simple basic stuff. If you are active outdoors in the winter and are fondly attached to the idea of keeping all of your fingers and toes, you've put some thought into this. You're probably thinking, "I know this already so why are you boring me with it?" It's because of one little girl.

Just before Christmas I was in Salt Lake at Temple Square for the Christmas Lights. It was snowing SOOO hard, with about a 20 miles per hour wind. Everything that wasn't waterproof was getting wet. I'm guessing we were around 0° degrees wind chill. We were bundled up for it so though we were cold, we were alright. There's a picture of us under "miserable" in the dictionary, (that's me on the right.) I was wearing 3 layers and I was still cold. We walked to the Gateway for dinner and that's when I saw the little girl. She was about 3 years old, with long brown hair which was matted to her head and covered with the wet snow. She was crying as she walked and was holding her pale, frozen gloveless hands up in the air. She was wearing a short sleeve light shirt and a little denim short skirt. She was so cold that she was shaking uncontrollably. Her family hurried along the sidewalk. I'm guessing Mom, Dad and a couple of other kids. There was not a coat among them. Dad was actually wearing a t-shirt and denim shorts so I knew immediately that he wasn't employed by the space program. They were all wet and cold and getting colder, but she is the one that stuck in my mind. I hope that she's alright. I imagine that they made it into the mall or the visitor's center and just had to thaw out for a while. They can probably look back as we all have and laugh about how dumb we were.

This isn't an article about parenting - this is about preparedness. This could easily have become a medical emergency for her or a member of her family. They obviously didn't plan on the weather conditions they would be facing. No, this wasn't a homeless family. They appeared to be average income or above. They may have been coming from the Jazz game just a block away, or like us, just out for the yearly visit to Temple Square's lights. What were they thinking?

There's an old saying in Utah..."If you don't like the weather, wait 5 minutes". We should all know how rapidly things can change here and be prepared for it. Take a few min-

utes and stock your car with warm clothing, gloves and hats that could save your life. Put it all in an old back pack in case you need to carry it. The old stuff is fine. Trust me, if it gets bad enough that you're sneaking glances at your companions to decide who you're going to eat first, your fashion sense goes right out the window. Throw in a shovel, a couple of blankets and maybe even some MRE meals. Get the car serviced; check the coolant and wiper fluid. How is the tread on the tires? Is the cell phone charged up? Take a map, know your route, and think in advance about where you would go to get help. Don't get complacent around town. You're far more likely to run into trouble in the area where you drive most or spend the most time. We have talked about 72 hr. Kits before. Remember to update them for the season with weather appropriate clothing. Have them accessible, and don't forget the most basic item to include, common sense.

You're probably thinking this is a strange subject for a Police article. You would understand if you ever had to go searching for a lost little kid in the cold or helped a family who was stranded in a cold car for hours before help came.

The Boy Scouts got it right when they said "Be Prepared". They meant that as a motto for life, every day.

Captain Cody Cullimore
Pleasant Grove Police Department

PL. GROVE BUSINESS ALLIANCE

The Pleasant Grove Business Alliance meets on the second Friday of each month at 7: 45 am at the Sportsman's Lions Club, 600 E. Center St., Pleasant Grove, UT. These meetings give business owners the opportunity to network, meet with city officials, and to share business ideas. Each month a topic of interest to business owners will be presented by a guest speaker. The meeting dates of the first quarter of 2007 are: Friday, January 12 - John Beck and Fui Vakapuna on "Teamwork and Execution -- How to get the job done"; Friday, February 9, and Friday, March 9.

Membership in the PGBA is open to representatives of business, service and government entities legally operating within the City of Pleasant Grove. This includes any person or business that has a business license for Pleasant Grove. We hope you will join with us.

The purpose of the PGBA is to "support business owners of Pleasant Grove by providing a network to keep members informed, solve problems, assist in recruiting businesses, and help create and implement a business vision for Pleasant Grove City."

There are a total of 15 members on the Board of Directors. Jennifer Wright serves as the Executive Director. The officers for 2007 are: President Deanne Taylor, Vice-President Mike Chamberlain, Secretary Melissa Finch and Treasurer Richard Bradford.

Please visit our website at www.pgbusinessalliance.com. Let us know if you would like to become more involved in the future of the Pleasant Grove Business Alliance.

HOT NEWS FROM THE FIRE DEPT.

At this time of year, we all turn a little introspective. We look at where we are now in relation to where we were a year ago. We all hope we are a little better now than we were back then.

As your Fire Chief, I do the same thing. I look back and see a great fire department with wonderful and skilled people. It is my desire to continue to develop these great people. Further, I hope to move the Fire Department forward, preparing for the future service demands within our response area.

Here are a few things we have accomplished this past year:

- We have completed some reconstruction projects in the fire station, making it a little more homey and comfortable for the fire/rescue personnel. These projects included a new training room, a new kitchen, and living quarters. Special thanks goes to the Mayor, Council and City Administration for their support.

- We are continuing in our commitment to provide 24 hour paramedic coverage for Pleasant Grove and Lindon. During the day, full time fire staff works with paid part time personnel, responding from the Pleasant Grove Fire station to emergency service calls. Now at night, after regular business hours, two paid part time people, a paramedic and an Emergency Medical Technician with advanced training, responds to fire and emergency medical calls from the fire station.

- I have added two staff positions to fire administration. This timely addition of two people to the organization with assignments in Fire Department Operations, and Fire Prevention are two of the most necessary and important positions in the fire department. They are key positions, and are integral and essential as we move forward and strive to provide quality services to a rapidly growing and developing community.

As your Fire Chief, I am dedicated to providing you with the most professional and best pre-hospital medical and fire emergency services in the most fiscally responsible way. Look for us in and about the community, sporting our new look, with new uniforms that represent the men and women of your fire department as the professionals they are.

I wish you all a Happy New Year and success in your endeavors.

Thank you!

Chief Marc Sanderson
Pleasant Grove/Lindon Fire Department

WATER DEPARTMENT

We have had a lot of frozen meters this year. Most of these are in new construction where the meter lid and ring is left off the meter box or is not backfilled around it. We need you help in this area. If you see a lid off, please call the Water Department at 785-2941.

Robert Kresser, Water Superintendent

C.E.R.T TRAINING SCHEDULE 2007

We are excited about the tremendous interest there has been in the Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) during the past couple of years. There has been such a good response to the training that we now have over 125 CERT trained members and 16 team leaders in Pleasant Grove.

Due to the re-organization of the fire department under Chief Sanderson, there is now one team of Fire/EMS personnel that work together on the same shift who are CERT trainers. This will allow us to utilize these trainers for CERT refresher training more often throughout the year for those who have previously gone through the CERT training. It will also provide an opportunity to train more closely with the CERT Team Leaders so they can in turn train their respective team members.

We are excited about these prospects and feel that it is important to the CERT program and the community that team leaders train closely with the fire department on a more regular basis. For this reason the First Quarter of 2007 will be scheduled for refresher training for CERT Team Leaders. Additional refresher training will be scheduled for CERT team members during the Second and Third Quarters of 2007.

Those who are interested in taking the CERT training for the first time will be scheduled during the second, third and fourth quarters of 2007. A schedule of the training sessions for first time CERT training will be posted after the first quarter of 2007.

There has been some excellent CERT training happening over the past six years and we look forward to the new and more effective training schedule that will be happening for 2007. Watch for further training schedules in the Pleasant Grove Newsletter and on the pgcity.org website. Best Wishes for a prosperous and successful year in 2007.

“You won’t win if you don’t begin!”

~ Robert Schuller ~

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.

RECREATION:

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 – until filled.

Choose a Time: 11:00 a.m. or 1:00 p.m.

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

Pleasant Grove/Lindon Resident Fee: \$18 (includes t-shirt)

Non Resident Fee: \$27 (includes t-shirt)

Little Hoopsters Clinic (Kinder-1st Grade) – This clinic is an introduction to basketball. Each week basic skills of basketball will be taught.

Registration: February 1 – 28

Clinic Dates: March 10, 17, 31 and April 14

Pleasant Grove/Lindon Resident Fee: \$20 (includes t-shirt)

Non Resident Fee: \$30 (includes t-shirt)

Toddler Class - Few spots open on Monday at 12:30 and Tues at 9:00/ \$15 supply fee Resident – Non resident \$22.50 due at reg./ class runs from Jan to May/ Class tuition is Resident \$25 –non resident 37.50 / adult must attend with child. We do toddler cooking, craft projects, games, songs, parties and field-trips. If interested call Pleasant grove recreation for more information

Toddler Gym – 6 week class / Themed Play and exercise activities/ Adult attends with child / cost is Resident \$18 and Non Resident \$27 / Ages 2-4yrs / Classes are on Thursdays 10:30 to 11:30 / from Jan 4 to Feb 8

Chef Class -4 week cooking class / Cost : Resident \$45 and Non Resident \$ 62.50 /They will learn to cook a meal from start to finish. Starts Jan 9 and runs every Tues from 4 to 5:30 pm last class Jan 30th / ages 7and up / Some projects are: Chicken Quesadilla, Homemade Bread, Chicken Parmesan, Cup Cakes etc. more info call Pleasant grove city.

Valentines Cooking- Cost Resident \$15 and non Resident \$22.50 / Sat, Feb 10 from 10 am to noon/ Ages 5 and up/ We will be making: Love Bug Cup Cakes, Candy Suckers, Heart Shape Oreo Cookies, and a Friendship Bracelet / Reg. by Feb 3.

FROM THE DUP MUSEUM

Our Greeting banner on the door of the Museum each Christmas Season is a bit different because in one of the Pioneer Histories I read that they didn't shout out "Merry Christmas" as a greeting but they did shout to every one "JOY TO YOU ALL"! There was no reason given but there doesn't have to be a reason to shout "JOY TO YOU ALL", and a third time I say "JOY TO YOU ALL".

B. Edvalson-Director

LIBRARY

NEW EXCITING CHANGES IN THE LIBRARY'S COMPUTER SYSTEM WILL BE COMING AT THE END OF JANUARY—LOOK FOR A MORE DYNAMIC AND FLEXIBLE SYSTEM FILLED WITH ONLINE ADVANTAGES. A COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE WILL BE SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY. THE LIBRARY WILL PRESENT COMMUNITY FORUMS WITH ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTION.

THESE CHANGES ARE MADE POSSIBLE THROUGH A LSTA GRANT THAT WAS AWARDED IN THE SPRING OF THIS YEAR FROM UTAH STATE LIBRARY!

THE LIBRARY IS VERY EXCITED TO BE ABLE TO OFFER THIS NEW SERVICE!

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 January 11, 2007 at 10:00 am. These Is My Words by Nancy Turner reviewed by Yara Wilson. This book is based on the real-life experiences of the author's great-grandmother. It tells of one woman's struggles with life and love in frontier Arizona during the late 1800s. The story is told in diary form and was written over the course of 20 years. It is a heartwarming and charming love story that is full of adventure and the pioneer spirit.

WINTER PROGRAMS REGISTRATION CONTINUES FOR

Story/Activity Time and Wee Read. 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 the 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 ages 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 noon.

Music & Movement

This class has been filled because of popularity.

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."