

Thanksgiving Edition

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

IMPORTANT EVENTS & MATTERS

On November 4th we will elect the 44th President of the United States of America. It is vital that each of us exercise our right to vote for the head of our nation. These are turbulent times. We need strong leadership in Washington and in Utah to protect our rights. YOUR VOTE COUNTS!

On November 11th we celebrate Veterans Day, a day set aside to honor "all" who have honorably served this country in



the military during war or peace. Honor our veterans on this special day. Call a veteran and let them know you appreciate and

remember their service and their sacrifice for



On November 12th, the Supreme Court will hear Oral Arguments in Pleasant Grove City vs. Summum. This is considered a "land-

mark" decision on First Amendment rights for this year. To learn more on this case, go to the website for our

Attorneys at www.ACLJ.org.

On November 27th we celebrate the time honored tradition of Thanksgiving. This event



was first observed by the Pilgrims of the 1600s after arriving safely and gathering a bounteous harvest. Americans continue this tradition today by reuniting with family and friends. It is a great time to reach out to those who may be in need by inviting them to celebrate with you; or donating to a local charity who helps them.

What do Voting, Wars, Laws and Thanksgiving all have in common? They are part of the "Price of Freedom." They are somewhat unique to our country. They are embodied in our founding documents as Rights. They are upheld by our local and national officials. They are defended by our armed forces. They are honored and celebrated by our people. They are replicated by other nations.

Freedom isn't free. It comes at the price of apathy and selfishness. We can and will continue to enjoy our freedoms as long as we are willing to honor and defend them by our everyday actions.

As always please continue to send your comments and questions to Mayor@PGCity.Org.

Michael W. Daniels, Mayor

SECONDARY WATER

With winter approaching, it is time to start thinking about winterizing your secondary water system. The City started to drain the system towards the end of October and it is up to you, the homeowner, to make sure your system is completely drained and your valves are shut off. This will prevent broken pipes and flooding in the spring. Also, may we suggest that you aerate and put winter fertilizer on for a greener lawn next year. If you have any questions, please contact the Public Works Department. The Secondary water system is almost complete. With some work it will be done this winter.

We hope you have a wonderful holiday season.

Pleasant Grove Public Works Department 801-785-2941, Robert Kresser, Water Superintendent

PG POLICE DEPARTMENT

Pleasant Grove Police Department has a concern with close-call incidents that have been happening in the City. Lt. Clark Nielsen said that the issue, "seems to be out of control." The problem that he is referring to is motorists not yielding to pedestrians; specifically to crossing guards and children in the crosswalks. He said there has been several close calls lately, with children and vehicles. Additionally, he indicated that there was actually a custodian hit by a car recently, and the motorist didn't even stop after hitting the man! With the changing seasons and snow on the way, there will be more kids walking on roadways that don't have sidewalks. Also, it will be staying dark later in the day, and will be getting dark earlier in the afternoons as the season gets later. At any rate, he said that drivers need to be more careful and give our pedestrians a "brake." He said that extra patrols will be out watching for problems. Also, he noted that warnings will generally not be given; but citations will be.

Want a great Christmas gift idea?
400 tried and true recipes
from Pleasant Grove Residents
are now available in a Community Cookbook

\$15.00

at the Pleasant Grove Library. Come get yours today!!

DOOR TO DOOR SOLICITATION REGULATIONS

Many residents are aware of the incident that took place in American Fork this past September where a solicitor allegedly assaulted an American Fork woman in her home. The police department urges residents to exercise caution with solicitors who may be canvassing the city.

The City Council has passed an ordinance regulating solicitors which protect the rights of the residents and solicitors. Under the provisions of this ordinance, a company is required to obtain a solicitor's license from Pleasant Grove City to work in the city. Solicitors are also required to provide a recent criminal background check. Each solicitor has an ID badge to wear that is issued by the City. If a solicitor comes to your door they should display the identification badge. If the badge is not presented, the police recommend you decline to do business and call the police department (801-785-3506).

In the American Fork incident, the solicitor was not licensed. Ensuring that you see the City-issued solicitor identification before engaging in conversation will help with safety issues. To prohibit door-to-door sales at your residence, please 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.

UTAH COUNTY HEALTH DEPT.

The Utah County Health Department and Division of Substance Abuse encourages residents to dispose of old medications so they are not stolen, misused or abused. However, flushing medication down the toilet or pouring down the sink is polluting our waterways. For safe disposal methods, please go to www.CleanOutTheCabinet.org or call 801-851-7509. Local materials are available at www.UtahCountyHealth.org or www.medicationdisposal.utah.gov.

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.

MESSIAH CONCERT

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.

LIBRARY NEWS

R.E.A.D. Book Group: 10:00 am. Second Thursday of the month. This month will be "Poetry Favorites With a Touch of Drama & Art".presented by Etta McQuade.

BookEnders: 7:00 pm on the last Thursday of the month. Adults. BookEnders is a new discussion and reading book group. This month's book is "Wednesday Wars" by Gary Schmidt.

Special Workshop: "Designing Your Life Vision Workshop" Nov. 5, 12, &19 - 7-9pm. Discover the themes of your heart and the colors and patterns of your dreams. Bring a blank spiral notebook/journal, pen, & a favorite magazine. Presented by Karen W. Pool. This is a free workshop. Register at the front desk.

Great Reads for Girls: A Mother Daughter Book Club. Girls ages 8-16 with Mom or other caring adult. Join us for lively discussions, activities, friendship and fun! Sign up and Pick up a "Great Reads" booklist at the front desk. This month's book is "Christmas Oranges" as retold by Linda Bethers.

Since there in no **Children Book Week in November**. There is a second Fall Classes of Music & Movement, Story Times, and Wee Read. Check on line or call for registrations These classes will end December 1st -5th.

iTeens for Teens!: ****NEW TIME & DAY****

4:30 pm on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday. The Teen Book group is for 7th grade and up. Games, crafts, book reviews. Also hear about many other great books from other teen readers! November 18th will be Young Adult Writer's. Bring your stories, poems and what ever you are working on with you.

A.S.A.P. After School Activity Program. Children 6 to 12 join together after school. No fee but tickets are required and available at the desk 2 weeks before event. This Month's theme is "Beehive Bash." November 20th at 4:30pm.

MARK YOUR CALENDER- Mrs. Santa Claus is coming! Mrs Santa will be telling stories at Twilight Tales at the Pleasant Grove Library, Wednesday, December 3rd, at 7:00 pm. This family tradition has been part of the library for over a decade. Come and enjoy this event and start the holiday season with new and favorite stories of Christmas.

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. Firsttime 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 for more information or call 801-373-8200.

PG RECREATION

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 – $3\frac{1}{2}$ 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 / Register by Nov 3

Pie class – ages 5 and up – adults welcome too / Tuseday Nov 25 – 4:00pm to 5:30 – Apple bar pie, Coconut cream and Lemonade pie

 $Elf \ cooking$ – 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 Scapbooking Sleepover – Friday and Saturday Nov 7&8 From 4:00pm Friday to 9:00 pm Saturday –Big screen Movies, Dinner and brunch, drawings, Vendors and a Pajama Contest. Cost \$23 both days Or \$15 for 1 day

*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

New Fitness Classes – We start classes at 6 am and Our evening Classes start at 6:00 pm. Types of classes Offered: Pilates, Spin and tone, Kick Boxing, Yoga, Step, Boot camp, Jump and crunch. Look for a more detailed Schedule of classes offered at the New Community Center.

Look for these up coming Activities-in September: Birthday Party packages / Scrapbook classes Scout Merit badge classes and our new Community S.A.F.E. Fair – Sept.27

For all Classes and Tournaments Register at the New Pleasant Grove Community Center 547 S Locust Ave. or call 785-6172

Jr. Jazz Basketball Registration begins November 1 – 20 Registration also available on line at: pgrec.org

3rd- 4th Grade Girls January 10 - February 28 \$33/\$49.50
5th- 6th Grade Girls January 5 - February 23 \$38/\$57
7th- 8th Grade Girls December 1 - End of February \$48/\$72
9th- 12th Grade Girls January 5 - First part of March \$48/\$72
3rd Grade Boys January 5 - February 23 \$33/\$49.50
4th / 5th Grade Boys January 5 - February 23 \$38/\$57
6th Grade Boys December 1 - End of February \$43/\$64.50
7th - 8th Grade Boys December 1 - End of February \$48/\$72
9-10/11- 12 Grade Boys December 1 - Mid February \$63/\$94.50

3rd Annual Pleasant Grove Recreation Basketball Turkey Shoot - Come show off your stuff and a chance to win a holiday turkey for Thanksgiving. Saturday, November 22nd starting at 3:00 pm at the New Pleasant Grove Community 547 South Locust Avenue. If you can shoot a basketball your in! COST- A can food donation that will be delivered to the Utah Food Bank Pleasant Grove Recreation Ski & Snowboard School 2009 - Join us for another great year on the slopes! Pleasant Grove Recreation sponsors this program in conjunction with Sundance Ski Resort. This is a five week program and includes round trip bus transportation from Pleasant Grove Community Center and a 2 hour lesson and lift ticket each time.

New This Year! Space is limited to 60 Snowboarders and 60 Skiers. Snowboarders must be 9 years old to participate and Skiers must be 8 years old to participate, no exceptions will be made. Due to parking limitations at the resort Sundance requests that all participants ride the bus. Registration: November 1 – December 1 Pleasant Grove Residents Only. December 1 – All others until filled. Space is limited so please sign up early. Program Dates: January 10, 24 February 7, 28 and March 14. Lessons, Lift Ticket & Bus - (5 Saturdays) \$290. Lessons & Bus - (Already have season pass) \$220

GREETINGS FROM YOUR FIRE CHIEF

It is common for me to be in the depths of a conversation and have someone in the group abate the subject and ask me a question about the fire department. So, in an imaginary forum, akin to the political town meetings we have all been exposed to during the recent political races, allow me to take a few questions from the audience.

Tell us about yourself, your family and your background. I am a born and bred Pleasant Groveian. My parents and their parents are life long residents. My father was even mayor of Pleasant Grove a few years back. I have three brothers and one sister. I'm the eldest child. I am married to a wonderful and beautiful gal, the former Jessica Bullock, of Pleasant Grove. We have four boys, Hayden (14), Holden (12), and the twins - Logan, and Landon (10), and two female dogs to help offset the hormonal imbalance within the household. I began, as a police officer, right here in ol' P.G. Then, I worked a few years with Orem Police. It was during this time I found my true calling in life, the fire/medical service. I worked as a paramedic/fire fighter with Orem Fire for a few years and worked for Pleasant Grove Fire at the same time. After the chief at the time, Mark Hales, moved on to greener pastures, I endured the rigorous and challenging selection process that brought me to this point, Fire Chief, Pleasant Grove Fire Department. As the fire chief, I don't get a chance to get my hands dirty very often. So, I get my "fix" working as a part-time flight medic for IHC's LifeFlight hel-

What is your number one priority in the fire department? This is simple. My number one priority is to ensure that each of our fire fighters and EMS personnel return home safely. This is a dangerous and hazardous business. On the other hand, my number one service priority is to provide emergency services commensurate with the needs of this great community.

What is your greatest accomplishment so far? Full-time staffing! Placing full-time fire fighters in the station 24/7, allows for a very rapid and timely response to emergencies. And, to put the icing on the cake, we were able to secure a federal grant to offset the costs.

Why does a fire truck respond with the ambulance? Our people work as a team. Within the fire station, there is no division between fire fighters and emergency medical personnel. Fire fighters are medically trained and certified and visa versa. We are one big happy "one call, that's all" team. Some members of the team are assigned to the ambulance or other medical rig, and others are assigned to the fire engine. Regardless of the trucks that respond, it's the team that does the work, the trucks are just the transportation.

Many people find it difficult to know when to call the fire department. How does a person know when and for what reason to make the call? Its easy to call when you see flames blowing out of the widows of a building or when there is a big messy car crash in front of you. But, other times may be more difficult. Here is the bottom line. We are a friendly and helpful bunch! If you are uncomfortable with an emergency situation - call! We know this business and we're good at it. If you're just not sure - call. We don't mind, besides, it's our job and we love it.

Does the fire department charge for services? No, there is no charge for fire related services. But yes, there is a charge for medical emergencies. The charges vary and are most often covered by insurance. If your insurance requires you to be transported to a designated facility - no problem, we'll be glad to take you there.

Does the fire department teach CPR classes or conduct other classes? We do not conduct CPR or first aid classes on a regular basis. We do participate, with the police department, in conducting CERT classes. CERT is a nationwide effort to prepare civilians, in different neighborhoods, for natural disasters through training in basic emergency management. This class is taught a few times a year, and is advertised on the city web site.

These questions represent a good cross section of the most common questions posed to me. You may have other questions. If you do, please hunt me down at our next social gathering, belly up to whatever conversation group I'm in, change the subject, and hit me with your best shot.

AWAKE UTAH LAKE

Utah Lake Draft Vision And Master Plan To Be Presented To Public

After months of planning and public input, the Utah Lake Commission, a group comprised of local government officials and state agency leaders, is ready to present the guiding document for how future decisions regarding Utah Lake will be made. The Commission will hold two public open houses in December to share the draft vision and master plan for the lake, entitled Awake Utah Lake. The purpose of the open houses is to provide the public with an opportunity to learn firsthand about the newly proposed vision and master plan and provide comments. The open houses, which are the same, will be held from 5 to 7 pm on Wednesday, December 3 at Willowcreek Middle School, 2275 W. 300 North, Lehi, Utah, and Thursday, December 4 at the Utah Lake State Park, 4400 W. Center Street, Provo, Utah.

In an effort to consider all aspects of Utah Lake, the draft vision and master plan incorporate elements for recreation, natural resources, land use and shoreline protection, and transportation. The purpose of Awake Utah Lake is to create a vision and management plan for Utah Lake that will guide the Utah Lake Commission and its member agencies in future decisions affecting the lake.

For more information about the Awake Utah Lake process, the public open houses, or the Utah Lake Commission, visit www.utahlakecommision.org.

LINCOLN ACADEMY

Lincoln Academy, a free public school of choice for K-9th grade, will have open enrollment December 1, 2008 - February 20, 2009 for the 2009-2010 school year. For more information about Lincoln and enrollment, visit www.lincoln-academy.org. Tours of the school are available every Wednesday school is in session beginning December 1st through February 18th at 10:00 a.m. Lincoln Academy is located at 1582 West 3300 North in Pleasant Grove.

UCC PERFORMS AT SCARECROW FESTIVAL

The Utah Children's Choir has had several performances this fall.

On September 26, the UCC Parent Organization sponsored a spaghetti dinner. The dinner was a fundraiser for the new choir outfits. The choirs sang some lively pieces after dinner. Everyone had such a good time.

On October 16 the UCC sang at the annual Scarecrow Festival at Thanksgiving Point. This festival is sponsored by the West Ridge Academy, a non-profit, residential treatment center for teens-in-crisis. All proceeds benefit the Academy, providing financial aid for families who need treatment and cannot afford it. Since we are a community sponsored choir we were happy to be involved in this family activity.

The choirs are busy working on their Christmas Concerts for the upcoming Christmas season. They have several performances, the first being at the Alpine Art Center in Alpine on December 9 at 7:30 p.m. On December 13 they perform at the State Hospital Chapel in Provo at 7:30. The public is cordially invited to attend. The choir also sings for company parties or dinners at Christmas time, so if your work place needs a program let us know right away! Contact Kay Asay at 756-6450.

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

PG LIONS CLUB

The Pleasant Grove Lions Club is happy to announce the upcoming celebration of our 70th birthday. We are going to have a program and dinner at our clubhouse in Pleasant Grove, Utah on Saturday, November 15, 2008 at 6 pm. There will be good food, a great program and an opportunity to network with members of our club. President Lorrie Jonas is leading the club members in its motto "We Serve."

Pleasant Grove Lions Club was chartered on November 8, 1938. Charter members of the club were Grant Y Anderson, Ray S. Merrill, Karl Banks, H.E. Bradley, Rulon W. Brimhall, C. R. Clark. R. G. Weeks, J.R. Heidenreid, Wm C. Smith, Harold M. Wright, L. Owen Ash. H.S. Richards. Lyean I. Johnson, E. Allen Pearson, George B. Peay,, J. N. Sargent. S. A. Kirk. Vivian N. West, Wesley Jense, Lee Peterson, Junius A. West, Blaine W. Swensen, H.W. Jacobs and S. W. Hilton.

For seventy years, the Lion's Club of Pleasant Grove has served community members by sponsoring Strawberry Days activities and providing pavilions and play grounds and many other community activities..

They have provided hundreds of children and adults in need by paying for eye exams and glasses. The Lions give free eye exams to pre school children with a photo scanner as well as help in schools with eye screening In 1925, Helen Keller asked members at the International Lions convention in Ohio to become "knights of the blind" to help eliminate blindness. We also collect used eye glasses, clean them, read the prescriptions, and label them in clear plastic bags. The glasses are then delivered to individuals in developing countries by Lions and other groups on optical missions. They provide glasses for those who otherwise might not see.

Please check our website to see other activities were are involved in at pleasantgrovelionsclub.blogspot.com.

AARP "DRIVER SAFETY

An 8 hr. AARP "Driver Safety Program" class for those 50 and older will be taught at the Jacobs Senior Center (242 W. 200 S., Pleasant Grove) Nov 20th & 21st from 1:00 to 5:00 PM. each day. To register, call the Senior Center (785-2818). A fee of \$10.00 will be charged. Completion of the class may qualify participant for a discount on their automobile insurance.

WEED REMOVAL FROM YARDS: PG City Code requires that properties be free from noxious weeds. They are drying out and going to seed and also becoming fire hazards.