

**MAYOR'S MESSAGE**

WOW! We have ten citizens from Pleasant Grove who have filed to run for election this year. Two of the applicants applied for mayor and eight applied for city council. This means we will be having a primary election to narrow the selection for the two council positions, followed by a general election in November. I am thrilled to see such interest in serving.

One of the challenges during elections is to learn about the candidates. This is the responsibility of the candidates. City Hall does not maintain or handout candidate produced information. The City only provides information about the candidates from their applications and disclosures.

Also, it is very awkward for a city employee to answer questions about candidates. When an employee says something about a candidate, that candidate or another might interpret it negatively. This could lead to perceived or real problems between the newly elected council and the employees who must support them. It can also interfere with the normal operation of the City. Employees are free to comment about candidates; however, they should use discretion and understand the ramifications to themselves.

It takes a lot of courage for a candidate to step forward and subject themselves to public scrutiny. It also costs money to get their information out to the voters. Sometimes either the candidate or their enthusiastic supporters will make uninformed promises or comments about current events and people. They may accidentally say something negative about another candidate when they meant to say something positive about their own platform. I would caution the candidates to be careful in this regard. I would also caution voters to be suspicious of those who put down others in order to raise themselves up or who make promises they can't keep. It may sound good but it may not be realistic.

Frank Mills intends to retire this January after over 30 years of service. The City Council has engaged the outside services of BYU management school to advertise screen and prepare applications for the city administrator position. My understanding is that the search will be nationwide. The short list will be presented to the council later this year for them to interview. Official announcement of the position, requirements and process are forthcoming.

Because I announced my intention to apply for the city administrator position, I have removed myself from all discussions regarding the process. I will also be resigning as mayor within the next month or so to remove any doubt as to my influencing the selection process. The council will either appoint the current mayor pro tem to fill the remainder of the mayor's vacancy (thru 2009) or interview and appoint someone until the newly elected mayor takes office in January 2010.

I have enjoyed serving the City for the past six years. I have learned a lot about the value of the employees who provide the services to our citizens. I have enjoyed participating in the many projects and accomplishments we've completed together during my term. I hope to be involved to see some of the longer term projects completed in the coming years.

So if I don't get the chance to write another article let me say thank you, Pleasant Grove! It's been a great honor and privilege. Best wishes to the candidates and to the new leadership of the City. May we grow to become Utah's City of Trees.

Mayor@PGCity.org.

**GREETINGS FROM YOUR FIRE CHIEF**

Part of President Obama's stimulus funds have found their way into the fire department in the form of four temporary employees. These four employees are not fully trained fire fighters, but are tasked with systematically going about the city and checking all the fire hydrants. As they check each hydrant, they open them and check water flows through the use of different gauges and appliances. They record data from the hydrants giving us a clearer picture of our fire fighting capabilities. You see, when we provide more BTU absorption over BTU output, we put fires out. So, knowing the amount of available water for fire fighting purposes is critical.

The fire hydrants in this city are supplied through the culinary water system, not the secondary water system. As we flow hydrants, any temporary color in the water is from sedimentation that resides within the piping being disturbed, not by the mixing of clean and dirty water. The water is still safe, it is just easier to see now because of the temporary color change. It is safe to drink and use in every other way. But, you might want to put off washing your delicate whites for a few hours to avoid the possibility of them taking on the same hue as the water. If your water is discolored, just run it for a while, and it should clear up and return to that perfectly clear mountain spring purity you have come to gulp and enjoy.

On occasion, a hydrant is found to be obstructed, not obstructed internally, but obstructed on the outside. You know, all those pretty hybrid rose bushes that you had imported from England that flower only once a decade and have thorns the size of shark's teeth. We love to see that perfect rose bud, but we don't enjoy the trauma we receive as we work with the hydrant. Some hydrants are incorporated into the landscape with the hydrant standing majestically in the center for all to see and enjoy, but others are buried within the flowers, bushes, tree, and weeds, like a child with a dirty face. If we can't see the hydrant, we don't know it's there. Please cut back your foliage to three feet around the hydrant so that it is visible and we can hook our hoses up and turn it on.

Fences . . . when it comes to fire hydrants being obstructed by a fence, we hear a few different things. "My fence was here first." and "My fence has been here for 15 years, so why is it a problem now?" We also hear - "I see your point, I'll have to move my fence." So, here is the straight poop. My fire fighters are trained to hook up the hoses and turn the hydrant on in under 60 seconds, and most can do it in under 30 seconds. If a fence or mail box, or really anything else, is within 3 feet of the hydrant, it is considered obstructed. If a hydrant is obstructed, the time to hook it up and turn it on may be several minutes rather than seconds. Our fire trucks carry water, but can only supply enough water to fight fire for 30 to 60 seconds. I can't send fire fighters in to fight the fire without having a hydrant hooked up and turned on. If we consider that fire doubles itself every 9 to 18 seconds, a small fire in the corner of a room will take over the entire house in those precious lost minutes as we work to hook to an obstructed hydrant. I guess the bottom line is, if your fence or tree or mail box or whatever, is within 3 feet of the hydrant for 2 or even 10 years, then we've been lucky - so far. I wonder how long our luck will hold out. One more thought, most hydrants are 300 to 500 feet apart. If you have an obstructed hydrant in that area, every property within that area could potentially experience the devastating untoward effects of a delayed fire attack caused by that single obstructed fire hydrant.

We appreciate your willingness to help yourself and your neighbors by clearing all obstructions from around the hydrant on or near your property. Three feet is the magic number. If we have three feet, we're golden and you're safer.

Be safe.

Marc Sanderson, Fire Chief

**SENIOR CITIZENS**

- Tuesdays at 10:30am . . . . .Free Bingo
- Wednesdays at 1:00pm . . . . .Shopping
- Thursdays at 1:00pm . . . . .Free Movie
- Fridays at 11:00 - 11:30am . . . . .Thai chi
- August 5th . . . . .Podiatrist Visit No appointment needed
- August 18th 5:30pm . . . . .Monthly Potluck Dinner
- August 19th 1pm-5pm . . . . .Driver safety class
- August 25th - 27th . . . . .trip to Tuacahn call for details

## UTAH COUNTY FAIR

Utah County Fair, August 12 through 15 at the Spanish Fork Fairgrounds. For more information go to [www.utahcountyfair.org](http://www.utahcountyfair.org)

Utah County Fair offers variety and excitement.

Celebrate at the Utah County Fair August 12 through 15 at the Spanish Fork Fairgrounds. County Fairs are the most pure of American traditions. Utah County Fair has everything a County Fair should: Live animal exhibits, food court, Fiddle Fest, constant live entertainment, car show, carnival, large equipment doing tiny tasks, antique tractors in weight pulling contests, ranch hands competing in specially events, horse shows, livestock show and Dutch Oven Cooking contest. Open class exhibits feature local cooks, crafters, canners and quilters. 4-H exhibits display creations from Utah County youth.

The Fair opens Aug. 8, at 4 p.m. and closes August 12 after the Demolition Derby.

Parking is Free. There is no admission fee to most events.

Nominal ticket prices for Demolition Derby and Carnival. Budget ticket vouchers for the Carnival may be purchased at Maceys, \$18 for a 40 ticket voucher. The voucher is redeemed at the Carnival. Demolition Derby tickets are also on sale at Maceys. Pre purchased Demolition Derby tickets are \$2 less than tickets purchased the day of the event. Demolition Derby seating is reserved seating only, no general admission available this year.

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## FOX HOLLOW GOLF COURSE

Fox Hollow is offering another opportunity for families, each month we offer an outdoor movie shown on the driving range. The cost is \$5.00 a family. The snack bar is also open if you want to purchase treats. Call the Pro Shop at 801-756-3594 for the date and which movie will be offered the month of August.

We hope to see you out playing golf this month. Call for your tee times 801-756-3594,

SUMMER HOURS: 6:00 A.M. to Dark 7 Days a week. Call 801-756-3594 for a tee time. RANGE HOURS: Monday through Saturday 6:00 A.M. Sunday 6:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

## LIBRARY NEWS

Registration for fall classes will begin August 17th with classes starting the week of September 8th.

Don't forget Twilight Tales every Tuesday at 7:00 pm, Terrific Tuesdays at 9:00 am, Wonderful Wednesdays at 9:00 am, and Spanish Story time every Friday at 10:30 am.

This year the Pleasant Grove City Library will sponsor another city wide read. "Our City, All on the Same Page" 2009 will present THE MIRACULOUS JOURNEY OF EDWARD TULANE as the book for all in the city to read.

Readers can look forward to meeting "unlikely hero" when a china rabbit named Edward Tulane sets out to find his way home in THE MIRACULOUS JOURNEY OF EDWARD TULANE. This book will delight adults and children alike. The story is one children will enjoy listening to or reading and yet adults can find a deeper meaning as the hero is faced with many challenges and the inner changes that occur because of those obstacles.

The book will be available at the Pleasant Grove City Library September 1, 2009. Each citizen can pick up a book and then after you have read it 'pass it on' to your family and friends. Watch for fun activities and events for the entire family throughout September.

The Pleasant Grove City Library presents an evening with Gerald Lund August 29, 2009 from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM at 1070 E. Grove Creek Drive (500 North), Pleasant Grove. Mr Lund will do a 30 minute presentation at 7:00 PM on his new book "The Undaunted". A limited number of auto-graphed books will be available for purchase at the event. Registration is required for planning purposes. You can register for the event at the Library or online at [www.plgrove.org/library/](http://www.plgrove.org/library/) A \$5.00 donation is requested, but not required.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Volunteers are needed to serve as a trustee of the Pleasant Grove City Library. Requirements are attending a monthly meeting, attending events sponsored by the library, fulfilling assignments, and serving in the community. If you are interested, stop by the library and fill out a Library Board Application

## BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION NEWS YARDS OF THE MONTH

Did you have the chance to drive around and see last month's "Yards of the Month"? Aren't they great? July's are: Big Springs-Christina & Justin Andrews, 1217 N. 850 E.; Little Denmark-Lee & Crystal Edwards, 585 N 300 E; Manila-Mike & Annette Bearden, 1270 W 3586 N; Monkey Town-Paul Smith Family, 324 E 700 N; Mudhole- Jill & Merrill Finlayson, 1044 N 1300 W; North Fields-Aaron Judkins, 2033 Tuscany Way; Old Fort-Chase & Natalie Gustsman, 253 E 200 S; Scratch Gravel-Shawn Campbell, 1135 E 900 S; String Town-Mr. & Mrs. Heinz Lenhardt, 566 S 400 E; Battle Creek: The Alldredge Family - 1645 East Cherokee

Can you believe we are already to the dog days of summer? At my house, that's the time of year when the weeds start to take over our garden because it's too darn hot to work outside for much of the day. The kids and I are up early and do weeding in the cool of the morning before the sun comes over the mountains, but school starts again in a couple of weeks and I'll lose my early morning helpers!

Watering is especially important this month. Drip irrigation is best for your flowers and veggies, as is watering early in the morning. Watering in the heat of the day causes a lot of water waste from evaporation and watering late at night can lead to plant disease as they stay wet too long. Again, it's better to water more deeply, less frequently than to water all the time.

August is a great month for harvesting the fruits (and veggies!) of our labors. Harvest from your garden at the peak of perfection and revel in the taste sensation - small zucchini, perfect peppers and of course who can resist a homegrown tomato? If you are going to preserve your produce, be sure to follow USDA guidelines. You can get your canning questions answered by calling the county extension service at 851-8460 or check out the National Center for Home Food Preservation website at <http://www.uga.edu/nchfp/>.

Finally, you can start your fall garden when you get this newsletter. Some things that do well now and into the fall are beets, carrots, green onions, kohlrabi, lettuce, onions (harvest next spring), peas, radishes, spinach and turnips.

## FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPT.

We have noticed that there has been an increase of moss and algae this year in the secondary water system. We recommend checking and cleaning your filter on a regular basis. This will help keep your system running properly.

Sincerely,

Robert Kresser, Water Superintendent

## NEWS FROM ANIMAL CONTROL

Raccoons, snakes and deer, OH MY! As citizens of Pleasant Grove, we often find ourselves coming into contact with wildlife. So, you have raccoons that frequent your yard, deer grazing in your garden or a snake under the porch. What should you do? The most important thing to remember is that these animals are wild, no matter how cute or docile they may seem and therefore, you should keep your distance. These animals, if left alone, will generally leave the area on their own and are harmless. If they are cornered or approached, they may feel as though they need to defend themselves and act out accordingly. Please be aware that Pleasant Grove Animal Control officers do not always have the necessary equipment to handle certain situations concerning wildlife. We are happy to assess the situation for you and advise on the proper action that should be taken. Any non-domesticated animal is under the control of the Division of Wildlife Services. They can be reached at 801-491-5678.

There are a few different products available on the market that will deter wildlife from entering or setting up residence on your property. One of them that received good reviews for effectiveness is a granule that you simply sprinkle on the ground called "Critter Ridder." It is available at Ace Hardware and C-A-L Ranch or you can order it online and have it delivered right to your door. Animal Control does have a limited supply of live traps that can be borrowed for a refundable deposit. We do not always have traps available and sometimes we have a waiting list. Animal Control officers will not pick up any trapped animals after hours or on the weekends.

If you have an absolute pest problem with wildlife, there are pest control services available that can extract an animal that may be setting up house in your chimney or any other area of your home. Hunt's Pest Control, 801-531-8676 and Wildlife Solutions, 801-344-0055 are just a few that are available. If you live in an area known to be populated with small wildlife, our best advice to you is to cap your chimneys to keep animals from getting in them.

Animal Control can be reached at 801-785-3506. The North Utah Valley Animal Shelter is located at 182 N. 2000 W. in Lindon. Their phone number is 801-785-3442.

Let's have a safe summer for animals and humans alike.  
Sandy Sargent, Pleasant Grove Animal Control

## UTAH COUNTY HEALTH DEPT.

The UCHD is now on Twitter! Follow us at [www.Twitter.com/uchd](http://www.Twitter.com/uchd) ... or see us on FaceBook by searching Utah County Health Department

**Lance D. Madigan**  
Utah County Health Department

## CENTER STAGE YOUTH PERFORMERS

Center Stage Youth Performers is currently enrolling students for our two musical theater groups: Broadway Bound and the Performance Company. We invite you to join us as we explore the magic of theater.

### BROADWAY BOUND

Ages: 6-9 years old

Registration begins: July 1

### PERFORMANCE COMPANY

Ages: 7-18 years old

Registration begins: July 1

For more information, contact Emily Varney at 801-785-1977.

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT NEWS

**Accessory Buildings:** This is just a reminder that all accessory buildings over 120 square feet, or that cost more than \$1,000 to build, require a building permit. These permits may be acquired at the Community Development Office located at 86 E 100 S. Also, there are certain placement requirements for all accessory buildings, whether they have a building permit or not. They are the following:

- Accessory buildings cannot be placed in the front yard setback.
- Accessory buildings must be 6 feet away from the house or any other existing structure.
- Any accessory building 15 feet or shorter must be 3 feet from the side or rear property line. If they are taller than 15 feet then the accessory building must move 1 foot back from the property line for every foot over 15 feet.

## UTAH CHILDREN'S CHOIR COMPLETES 25TH YEAR!

Auditions for our new season are now being held and are open to young people between the ages of 8-16. To audition a child needs to have a song to sing -- any kind of song. The auditions are low key and take about ten minutes. If you are interested please call Kay Asay at 801-756-6450 to set up an appointment or for more information. Our web site is [utahchildrenschoir.com](http://utahchildrenschoir.com). Be sure to mark your calendar, on August 3, 4, and 5th the Utah Children's Choir will host its annual choir camp, which is open to any child between ages 8-16. The camp will be held below the Pleasant Grove Library. There will be choir rehearsals, voices classes, and singing games.

**Weeds: It is that time of year again when weeds can get high and the fire hazard potential gets even higher. Please make sure that your weeds are cut and taken care of. If you own a parcel of property that is vacant, please make sure that you maintain the weeds on that parcel of property.**

## FREE ESL (ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE) CLASSES

You are invited to learn English! Beginning, intermediate and advanced classes are offered. Classes will begin on Tuesday, September 15, 2009 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Free child care. Classes will be held at Pleasant Grove Junior High School at 810 North 100 East. Please enter downstairs at the gym entrance, northwest doors.

ESL Clase Gratis (ESL: Ingles como Segundo Idioma) Uds, son invitdos a aprender ingles. Principio, Intermedio, Superior Clases. A principios martes, Septiembre 15, 2009. 7:00-8:30 p.m. Cuidado de los Ninos disponible y gratis. Pleasant Grove Junior High School, 810 North 100 East. (Entren por la puerta noroeste por gimnasio)

# Pleasant Grove



## Promenade

What do you call a place that includes a farmers market, a boutique, live music and kid's entertainment? Where there's something of interest for everyone? We call it the Pleasant Grove Promenade.

The Pleasant Grove Promenade is a place where families and friends can stroll through a quaint historic park and be introduced to fresh produce, unique gifts and distinctive foods -- all in conjunction with live entertainment and kids' activities.

The Promenade will appeal to people who want more fresh air in their lives and an excuse to get out and mingle with others in a relaxing atmosphere. Come enjoy a serene, hassle-free shopping and entertainment experience.

Learn more at [PGpromenade.com](http://PGpromenade.com).

## ALPINE DISTRICT OFFERS PROGRAMS FOR DISABLED PERSONS NOTICE

The Alpine School District Department of Special Education is attempting to contact persons with disabilities between the ages of birth and twenty-one in compliance with the Federal law, which mandates the provision of free educational programs and/or services for such persons.

If a child is having significant difficulty with vision, hearing, speech, behavior, is experiencing slow development untypical for his/her age, physical impairments, or learning difficulty, he/she may be a child with a disability.

If you know of any child whom you feel might qualify for these services, including students suspected of having a disability even though they are advancing from grade to grade, in a private school, homeless, or migrant, please contact the principal of your school or the Special Education office of Alpine School District at 801-610-8410.

If you are the parent of a child with an IEP enrolled in a public school, we are required by Utah Code Section 53A-1a-704(10) to inform you of the availability of a scholarship to attend private school through the Carson Smith Scholarship Program. Further information is available at: [www.schools.utah.gov/admin/specialneeds.htm](http://www.schools.utah.gov/admin/specialneeds.htm)

## RECREATION NEWS

Join us in the park - Aug, Sep for \*Free Movie in the Park! Bring your blankets, chairs and Snacks Concessions & Jamba Juice are also Available! No movie if Bad weather /We will be Showing : Aug 21 - Bolt / Sept 4 - Madagascar 2

Register For fall Playtime Toddler and Play time Kids- Registration Supply Fee is \$35 and Class tuition is \$26 toddler and \$36 Kids month/ Register before Aug 1 and get \$5 off Supply fee, Bring a friend to Register and get another \$5 off. Season runs from Sept to May- 09-10 Pick up more info at the Community center.

Scrapbook Overnighter- Sep 25 & 26 Reg. (by Sep 22.) Our theme is Ladies Tea- we will give out prizes for the best group and Individual, dressed in our theme. Sign up 5 Friends and get your entry fee FREE!

### COMMUNITY SAFE FAIR--

Pleasant Grove Community Center  
547 S Locust Ave.

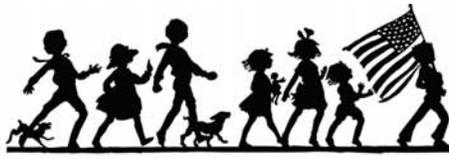
Free to the Public! • [www.plgrove.org](http://www.plgrove.org)

Over 30 Booth and activities to do

"Be Prepared" • "Healthy Living" • "Keeping Them Safe"

"Know What To Do" • Survive Alive • Family Emergencies

Saturday, Aug 29



Pleasant Grove City's Annual

# Heritage Festival

in Historic Downtown

Saturday, September 12, 2009



*This year celebrating  
our Swedish heritage*



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Flag Raising  
*National Anthems of U.S. & Sweden*  
Beat Beethoven 5K Run  
Fire Department Competition

Downtown Park

8-10

Lions Club Breakfast  
*\$4/Adult \$3/Child*  
Purchase tickets at City Hall, Community  
Development Office, or Public Library  
*Bring & donate old eyeglasses & hearing aids*

Downtown Park

10-5

Public Safety Activities  
DUP Museum Tours  
Pioneer Games & Activities  
Mountain Man Displays  
Historic Bus Tours (11:00, 1:00, 3:00)  
Food Booths  
Boutique & Quilt Show  
Children's Games  
Community Art Project  
Hands-on Pottery

Old Rec Center  
Old Bell School  
Downtown Park

5:30

Entertainment: TBA

Downtown Park

5-7

Kiwanis "Hog Heaven" BBQ Cook-Off  
Dinner

Downtown Park

Advance purchase: \$8/person  
Day of event: \$9/person  
Purchase tickets at Purple Turtle, Edward Jones,  
Smith's Drugs & City Hall

Edward Jones  
INVESTMENTS



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Utah's City of Trees