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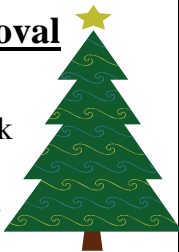
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We wish you
a very Happy
New Year!



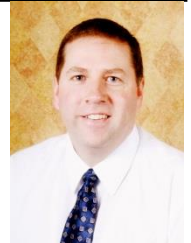
Christmas Tree Removal (curbside) Schedule

Republic Services will pick up Christmas Trees on Jan 15,16,17,20,21,22, and 23.



Becoming the Best

By Scott Darrington, City Administrator



A couple of years ago, Pleasant Grove City developed a mission, vision and values statement. The vision that was chosen was to be *The Best Run City in Utah*. The emphasis to the employees was to become the best at running their responsibility within the city.

The vision isn't really measurable, but it is about becoming the best. It is about striving to become better at our jobs, better at providing services and better in our relationships with our residents. We break down our vision into strategic initiatives in order to give us clear cut goals on becoming the best.

Although we have many goals, one that has risen to the top is customer service provided by the employees of Pleasant Grove City to our residents. We refer to it as the **PROUD** program. Each letter signifies an aspect of customer service that the employees are trained on to better hone this skill.

These trainings happen monthly within the departments and is complimented by city-wide training. We did a customer service survey when we started this program to create a benchmark to measure our improvement. We'll likely be doing another customer service survey in the coming months to see if we have improved in this area.

We always appreciate feedback on our customer service. If you have had a recent experience working with a city employee, we'd like to know how it went. Whether it was positive or negative, we'd like to know in order to continue to improve. You can reach me at sdarrington@pgcity.org or can call my direct line at (801) 922-4529. Help us be Pleasant Grove PROUD and become The Best Run City in Utah.



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The Utah Children's Choir

It was a busy and fulfilling Holiday Season for UCC. Auditions for new members will be Jan 11: 10 am-Noon at the Pleasant Grove Senior Center. Children ages 8-16 should have song ready to sing. Call 801-756-6450 for an appointment or more info.

Coming up for the choir will be a Family Concert in March, the Cache Choirfest in Logan for the Concert Choir, and a Spring Concert in May.



At The Library



Teens: Jan 21, 4 pm Jr. High or High School age. *“Winter Glow-in-the-Dark Celebration.”* Lighten up the dark winter with glow-in-the-dark fun-like bowling and painting, etc.

ASAP: Come make a friend at our *“Puppet Pals Workshop”*, Jan 16, 4:30 pm. Tickets at the front desk two weeks prior to each event.

Twilight Tales: Tue, 7 pm. Story time for the whole family.

Spanish Storytime: Fri, 10:30 am. A bilingual storytime for Spanish and non-Spanish speakers. Les invitamos a la biblioteca para participar en una aventura y cuentos en ingles y en espanol.

The Book Bash for Boys: Jan 30, 7 pm. based on the book, *“Masters of Disaster,”* by Gary Paulsen. 8-16, with caring adult.

WINTER STORY TIME BEGINS THIS MONTH!

Story time: Tues and Wed, 10, 11 am, or 1 pm. Ages 3-6. 6 week session; stories, rhymes, songs, crafts and fun. Free, registration required. Winter Session begins Jan 7, “Warm and Cozy.”

Wee Read: Thur, 10, 11 am or noon. Ages 18-36 months with parent. 6 week session of stories, rhymes, songs, crafts & fun. Free, registration required. Starts Jan 9th.

Music & Movement: Registration is Feb 18, classes start Feb 24.

READ Book Club: Jan 9, 10 am. This month is “The Gifts of Imperfection: Let Go of Who You Think You Are Supposed to Be and Embrace Who You Are,” and “Daring Greatly: How the Courage to Be Vulnerable Transforms the Way We Live, Love, Parent and Lead” by Brené Brown, and reviewed by Yara Wilson.

Professional Writers Series (PWS):

Julie Donaldson will present on Jan 16 at 7 pm.

BookEnders: Jan 22, 7 pm. Adult discussion and reading book group. This month's book is *“Killing Kennedy,”* by Bill O'Reilly.

Coming Up: Fancy Nancy Party Feb 1st: 11 am or 1 pm. Tickets Available: **Jan 22.** For girls 4-10 yrs. old. Must have PG Library Card.

For more information call
Pleasant Grove Library 801-785-3950.



Pleasant Grove Library Literacy Center

Help your child reach his/her reading goals! If your child needs help mastering basic reading skills, the Pleasant Grove Library Literacy Center can help. We provide weekly 1-hour tutoring sessions for students with one of our volunteer tutors. Our hours are Mon-Thurs from 2-7 pm. We work with students in grade K through adult. We also need responsible, caring individuals from age 13 and up to help serve as tutors. For more information, contact Linda Butler at the library, 801-785-3950 or

plliteracycenter@gmail.com



We wish you

A HAPPY
NEW YEAR

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Twitter: twitter.com/pleasantgroveut

Website: www.plgrove.org

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PG Chamber of Commerce:

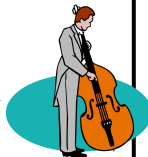
CONGRATULATIONS!



Finalists for the **2013 Chamber Awards** have been selected. Awards include: Business, New Business, Business Person of the Year, Community Service and Educator of the Year. Winners will be announced at the presentation banquet and at www.plgrovechamber.org on January 9th. Additional Info and Registration at www.plgrovechamber.org.

The Pleasant Grove Orchestra

Come join the Pleasant Grove Orchestra, we are looking for string players. Rehearsals resume Saturday, Jan 11, 8-10 am in the lower level of the Pleasant Grove Library. Contact Jeralyn Merrill 801-785-4721.



DISTRICT 57 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

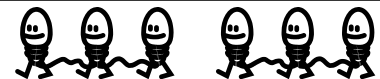


The 2014 General Legislative Session begins on Monday, January 27th and runs for 45 days, ending at midnight on March 14th.

What a difference a year makes. Having survived my first session, and with a full year to prepare for the next, I am eager to get underway. As always, I will be focused on protecting our liberty and ensuring that government, at all levels, continues to operate within the scope of its authority. Medicaid expansion will be a major consideration this session, along with the ever-present challenges of education and transportation funding. It is not too late to convey to me any expectations for or concerns about the upcoming session. You can correspond with me directly via email at bgreene@le.utah.gov, or you can submit a comment or question on the "contact" page of my website BrianGreeneLD57.com. I am truly honored to have the privilege of serving the citizens of District 57.

Rep. Brian Greene

Beautification Commission Holiday Decoration Awards!



<u>Neighborhood</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Neighborhood Assignee</u>
Big Springs	Nov-Dec	Mike & Lori Gilbert	1521 N. 370 E	Glenna M'Li Hoki
Grove Creek	Nov-Dec	Gary & Karen Wilson	1088 E Canyon View Ln	Nathan & Janelle Gerber
Little Denmark	Nov-Dec	Val & Jody Kagie	1052 N 500 W	Nathan & Janelle Gerber
Manila	Nov-Dec	Paul & Sherie Ritchie	1575 W 3600	Dave Bunting
Monkey Town	Nov-Dec	Natalie & Mark Nielsen	695 E 200 N	Dave & Lynda Monson
Mud Hole	Nov-Dec	Shawn Cook	1566 W 870 N	Mark Bishop
North Fields	Nov-Dec	Spencer & Jocelyn Stevens	1356 N 840 W	Robert & Jane Walter
Old Fort	Nov-Dec	Matthew & Ruth Forte	61 W. 100 N	Robert & Jane Walter
Scratch Gravel	Nov-Dec	Kim & Marla Frampton	30 S. 700 E	Dave & Lynda Monson
String Town	Nov-Dec	Max & Maxine Garrett	882 S. 700 E	Glenna M'Li Hoki



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Community Events

- Jan 7** City Council Meeting
6 pm
- Jan 9** Chamber of Commerce
Noon
- Jan 9** Planning Commission
7 pm
- Jan 20** City Offices Closed for
Martin Luther King Jr Day
- Jan 21** City Council Meeting
6 pm

Seniors Calendar Information:

Call 801-785-2818

Pleasant Grove Lions Club

is excited about a new year of service in north Utah County. An invitation is out to any service and community minded citizens to come help find opportunities to make a difference. We were grateful to be able to help some families at Christmas time with the fixin's for dinner. We appreciate Macey's for their contribution and other Pleasant Grove business people for their help in this Christmas project. The members of the Lions Club and the Leos had a wonderful time.



For information about Lions Club, contact Milt 801 913 2533 or Terra for Leo information 435 668 2519.

Recreation News

New This Year!! Cooking up some fun with "Kids Monthly": Ages 5

and up. Children 2-4 may attend with an adult or sibling over 10. 10 am-Noon. Sep- May. Next class Jan 11th.

After School Chess Club: Thur 4-5 pm.

Toddler & Kids Class: *Toddler*, 1 hour, adult must attend with child. Ages: 2-4. Few spots open on Mon. *Kids Class*, 1½ hour- child must be potty trained- no moms required. Few spots open on Tues after noon and Thur Morning Ages 3-5.

Toddler Gym: 20m-4yrs, child must be accompanied by an adult. Wed 10:30 to 11:30 am.

Sitters TLC- Babysitting Training Camp: Join Us For An All Day Camp-Jan 25, 9 am to 2:30 pm. Ages 10-15 yrs. Register on line or at the Recreation Center. **You will be learning:**

Ins & Outs of Babysitting: Your responsibility as a sitter
Child Care-Diapering, bottles, Feeding, Sanitation and Clean up.
Safety & Emergencies-Keeping kids safe, Phone educate,

Bumps & Scrapes

Games and Fun activities to do with the children

Sitters Kit Make a kit to take along

Lunch Included



For more information, go to the Rec Center web site or come into the Rec Center for a flyer.

Sam White's Lane

Samuel Steven White Settled in Pleasant Grove on March 1851, He received a United States land patent for a 160 acre quarter-second of land in southwest Pleasant Grove in 1890. The word "lane" describes the road as it was for nearly 100 years- simply a narrow dirt access leading to the meadows and the farmland. The earliest city minutes refer to this lane and it is one of the exceptionally few streets in town that has retained its original name for so long.

