

## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

A few weeks ago, I took our youngest to a local fast food restaurant for dinner and some "quality" time. Just after we entered the lobby, the manager locked the door behind us. She explained, "Not enough people came to work today so we cannot support both the walk-in and drive-thru customers."

As my son played on the slides and tunnels, I sat and pondered the seriousness of the situation. I then thought to myself, "Not enough people came to work? Everywhere I go I see help wanted signs. What is happening to our society?"

As a mayor, I sit on the Steering Committee and Executive Committee for Mountainland Association of Governments (MAG). We handle the combined needs for Summit, Wasatch and Utah Counties in areas ranging from transportation to aging. One of the subjects we are studying is the needs of the growing population of the elderly in our cities and counties. The information coming from the Governor's office is "astounding."

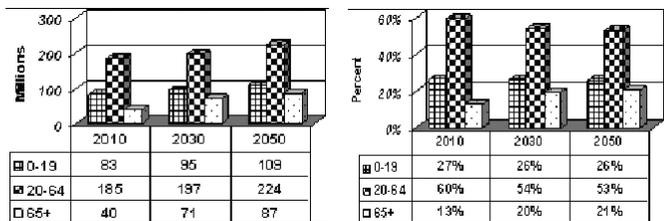
I decided to do some "rough" research and present this to our citizens for consideration. I've called it;

### *The Tsunami of an Aging Population*

(Stats adapted from the US Census Bureau at

<http://www.census.gov/ipc/www/usinterimproj/natprojtab02a.pdf>)

(Baby boomer information from [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Baby\\_boomer](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Baby_boomer))



The sources say those of us born from 1946 to 1964 are called "Baby Boomers". We are between 44 and 63 years of age. We comprise ~28% of the U.S. population. A large percentage of us have two people working. We are healthier, live longer and are more active than previous generations. Many of us care for children and aging parents. Saving money is difficult and planning for retirement is even harder. We started retiring in 2007.

The generations following us are becoming a smaller percentage of the overall population. They are having fewer children. Most have two people working and many work more than one job just to get by. Utah generally trails national trends by a few years, but it does follow the trend.

Who will care for a larger and older population? Where will the resources come from to support our ever increasing

demand? How can we plan now for what is already happening? If we maintain the status quo, we will see a continual increase of unmet needs and place an insurmountable burden upon our children.

One of the preparations Pleasant Grove is pursuing is "economic development". A strong business environment attracts companies to locate in our city. This generates financial resources to pay for current and future needs without placing additional taxes on our citizens. We also need businesses to provide careers for our children so they can afford and desire to remain close to home. This adds another component to our preparations: People.

In order to provide for the needs of our own aging population, we need people in our community. Not only do people support the businesses, but they reach out and help each other. Attracting new people to our community is important. Attracting our children to remain is vital. Parents, children, and relatives usually provide the most love, support and care to each other. Living close makes it easier to provide this life-long service.

In order to attract businesses and our children to come and be part of Pleasant Grove, we must have change. We must make room. We must provide places to work, live and play. They must feel welcomed. If not, they will go elsewhere and we will be left with insufficient resources to care for ourselves, our elderly and our children.

You will be seeing a number of initiatives in 2008 that will ask you for change. It will challenge your desires to keep things the way they are. It will evoke emotion. It will cause you to weigh your own immediate desires against your own future needs. Please open your minds to the concept that this change will ensure a thriving future for our city, our citizens and our families.

As your mayor, I'm asking you to carefully consider how your reactions and decisions about each change will affect your own ability to be supported in what should be the golden years of your life. What legacy will you leave behind? I'm not asking you to support every change with a blind eye. I'm not asking you to support a specific business or development. I'm asking you to find out the facts and weigh them in the balance.

I'm confident that thoughtful consideration will move you to do what you feel best in each situation. Please send me your thoughts. So often I hear from small groups of people, usually with a complaint. Rarely do I hear from the, "silent majority," on most issues. Please email me at [mayor@pgcity.org](mailto:mayor@pgcity.org). I'll be glad you did.

Michael W. Daniels, Mayor

## IS YOUR CHILD ON MEDICAID??

Join the Utah County Health Department for a Head-to-Toe Celebration in honor of Children's National Dental Health Care Month. Every Monday afternoon in February, the UCHD will offer: a well child check-up, teeth varnishing, vision check, lead poisoning test (mandatory for Medicaid clients, or \$30 if you aren't), fluoride prescription, free toothbrush kit and other fun prizes! Appointments are necessary, so please call 851-7038 or 851-7024 to schedule your Head-to-Toe Check-up!! Check-ups are free for children up to age four that are on Medicaid or CHIP (\$30 for all others). See you there!

## NORTH UTAH COUNTY EAST-WEST TRANSPORTATION STUDY PUBLIC WORKSHOPS

Mountainland Association of Governments (MAG) and the cities of Alpine, Lehi, Saratoga Springs, Eagle Mountain, American Fork, Highland, Cedar Hills, Pleasant Grove, Fairfield, Cedar Fort, Lindon, Vineyard, and Orem are conducting a study to identify east-west transportation solutions in the northern portion of Utah County. This study aims to connect communities, develop long-term corridor preservation strategies, support the local economy, retain our quality of life, and alleviate congestion through the year 2040.

The project team will be conducting a series of public workshops to present growth trends and gather input from the public on various conceptual solutions to the transportation needs. The feedback regarding these concepts will assist the project team in identifying future transportation projects. You are invited to learn more about the study, meet the project team, and provide input by attending any of the following open house-style workshops:

February 5th 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Legacy Elementary School 28 East 1340 North American Fork, Utah	February 7th 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Mountain Ridge Junior High 5525 West 10400 North Highland, Utah
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For more information regarding the project, please visit the project website at [www.utahcountyeastweststudy.com](http://www.utahcountyeastweststudy.com) or contact the consultant team at: [utahcountyeastweststudy@hwlochner.com](mailto:utahcountyeastweststudy@hwlochner.com) or (801) 262-8700. You may also contact Shawn Seager, the project manager with Mountainland Association of Governments, at [sseager@mountainland.org](mailto:sseager@mountainland.org) or (801) 229-3837.

## RABIES, DOG LICENSE AND MICROCHIP CLINIC

The North Utah Valley Animal Shelter will be having a discount rabies, dog licenses and microchip clinic on Wednesday, February 6, 2008 from 4:00 to 6:00 pm. The clinic will be held at the animal shelter which is located at 193 North 2000 West in Lindon.

- Rabies vaccinations - \$10
- Microchips - \$18
- Dog License - \$10 (spayed/neutered dog)
- Dog License - \$30 (unaltered dog)

Please call 785-3442 if you need more information or visit our website at [NUVAS.org](http://NUVAS.org).

## FIVE UCC MEMBER CHOSEN FOR HONOR CHOIR

Five members of the Utah Children's Choir (UCC) were chosen to sing in the Western Division Children's Honor Choir for the American Choral Director's Association Convention in Anaheim, California, February 27 through March 1, 2008. Those chosen are Will Best, Larisa Jones, Mikayla Ressler, Meg Rodeback and Mary Jane Watkins. These young singers will participate in rehearsals and present a concert at the convention on Saturday, March 1, 2008. In addition they will be able to go to Disneyland for an afternoon and evening!

The UCC Concert Choir will be participating in the Cache Choirfest in Logan, Utah on March 7 and 8, 2008. They are one of five choirs chosen to sing in this festival. The guest conductor and clinician is Dr. Lynn Jemison-Keisker. Dr. Keisker is Associate Professor and Director of Opera Theater at Utah State University. She has arranged music to go with the children's story, "The Emperor's New Clothes," and the children will be rehearsing that and other pieces to be presented at the Saturday Concert in the Kent Concert Hall at Utah State University. We are really looking forward to this festival!

For more information or an audition appointment call 756-6450.

## PLEASANT GROVE ORCHESTRA

The Pleasant Grove Orchestra will present its annual, "Family Concert," on Friday, February 22, 2008 at 7 p.m. in the Pleasant Grove High School auditorium (700 E. 200 S.). The concert will feature Prokofiev's, "Peter and the Wolf." The orchestra will be under the direction of Kayson Brown. Admission is free to the public through generous sponsorship from such sources as Pleasant Grove City, the Pleasant Grove Arts Commission and corporate as well as private donors. This project is also supported by the Utah Arts Council, with funding from the State of Utah and the National Endowment for the Arts; which believes that a great nation deserves great art!

## UDOT INVITES PUBLIC INPUT ON VINEYARD CONNECTOR STUDY

UDOT is conducting an environmental study to develop a new roadway between Orem and American Fork on the west side of I-15. The study boundaries includes the area east of Utah Lake and west of I-15; from about 800 North in Orem to the I-15 interchange at American Fork Main Street.

In order to develop a transportation solution that best meets the needs of the community, UDOT is seeking input from area residents, city officials, business owners and commuters. For this purpose, a public open house will be held Wednesday, Feb. 13 from 5:00-7:30 p.m. at the Timpanogos Special Service District, 5050 West 6400 North, American Fork.

Comments can also be submitted on the study website at [www.udot.utah.gov/vineyard](http://www.udot.utah.gov/vineyard), via email to [vineyard@ppbh.com](mailto:vineyard@ppbh.com), or through the project hotline, 801-753-7343.

**REMOVE GARBAGE CANS FROM STREET: Please remove garbage cans from streets. City code requires they be removed from the street as soon as possible, after they are emptied.**

## CROSSING GUARD

Pleasant Grove Police Department is accepting applications for a school crossing guard for 1800 N. 100 E. Applications may be picked up and submitted at Police Dept., 87 E. 100 S., Pleasant Grove, UT., 84062. Position open until filled. Contact, Lt. Nielsen, 801-785-3506. EOE.

## RECREATION DEPARTMENT

**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 – 20

Clinic Dates: March 8, 29, April 5 and 12

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

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

**Toddler class** – Come Join the Fun – Mom and Me cooking, crafts and activities class. We have a few spots open in Monday 12:30 am & Tuesday 10 30 am class/ Classes run from January to April  
**Valentine's Cooking**– Saturday, Feb 9 from 10 to 12 noon. Register by February 7

**Easter Cooking** – Saturday, Mar 22 from 10 to 12 noon, Register by March 8

**4 week Chef Class** – Register now--Class starts March 4 from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Come learn to cook a meal from start to finish – Pick up detailed flyer at the PG Rec

**Lost & Found** - We have jackets, sweats, shoes, basketballs, etc. Please check the recreation department to see if any of your lost items were found. Call 785-6172 or come to the Recreation Department from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday - Saturday.

**Jr. High Age Dance** - February 15th Cupid Stag Stomp - Cost: \$3.00 if in best dress or \$4.00 otherwise. Time: 7:00 to 9:30p.m. SCHOOL DRESS CODE REQUIRED!

**Don't Forget !!**

**Youth UBBA Baseball/Girls Softball Registration begins March 1st.**

## GENEVA ROAD EIS

The Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) invites the public to provide comments and to learn more about this project at the project Web site [www.utah.udot.gov/geneva](http://www.utah.udot.gov/geneva).

**SNOW REMOVAL: It is the responsibility for each resident to remove the snow from sidewalks in front of their homes.**

## STATE STREET ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY

The Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) invites the public to provide comments on the State Street Environmental Study at an upcoming Public Hearing. Additional information regarding the Public Hearing is available on the project Web site. To learn more about this project and to comment please visit the project Web site at [www.utah.udot.gov/statestreets](http://www.utah.udot.gov/statestreets)

## GREETINGS FROM YOUR FIRE CHIEF

This year, in the first part of January, the fire department had a 2008 Kick Off party. We had a wonderful time. More than 100 fire department personnel and their spouses or significant others were in attendance. We enjoyed a Dutch Oven dinner provided by our own local dutch oven chef, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Lloyd. We exchanged gifts, but not until each gift was passed right or left several times as we sat in a big circle and followed a story - no, an epic journey - that instructed each person to pass the gift to the right or to left.

This was also an opportunity for me to honor some of our folks for their good works. I am often - almost daily - taken aback by the level of service these people provide - the countless hours - the dedication. It is inspiring, and it is in line with, and consistent with, the legacy left by the early fire fighters of this town with beginnings of over 100 years ago.

We recognized a dispatcher for the first time this year. Dispatchers provide such a critical service, and are absolutely integral to what we do. Marie Hardman received the Outstanding Service Award for a dispatcher. She has worked very hard to ensure continued quality service through her participation in the Dispatch Quality Assurance Program.

Lieutenant Steven Carroll and Engineer Lance Carpenter also received the Outstanding Service Award. Lieutenant Carroll coordinates the daytime fire and medical response teams. He maintains the vast medical supplies and handles other administrative duties. Engineer Carpenter has taken on the daunting task of our vehicle maintenance. It is imperative that our rigs are ready to roll at a moments notice, but they are mechanical beasts and break-downs do occur. Engineer Carpenter has done an excellent job at ensuring that all of our rigs are ready to go 24/7.

It may seem, on the surface, that our job is to help people in need and to put out fires - and it is, but ... as the old adage goes - an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure - fire prevention is our ounce of prevention. Not quite a year ago, I recognized the need for a fire prevention bureau within the fire department. But, that would mean I would need a person with the intelligence and motivation to dig into the mountain of codes and be able to put them into practice. Lucky for us, we had a person with all of the necessary characteristics right here. Steven Brande stepped into the position of Fire Marshal and has made the system work by ensuring fire safety codes are in place and enforced. Fire Marshal Steven Brande was recognized for his efforts in organizing and managing the Fire Prevention Bureau - he received the Distinguished Service Award.

Last but not least, it has been my honor to personally select an individual from within the department that has contributed greatly to our organization, making a significant difference not only in the Fire Division but to our city and community. Dave Thomas has only been a member of our department for just over a year, but it is incomprehensible as to how we were able to function prior to him and his experience. He retired with over 27 years of service with Orem Fire Department, and joined us, full time, last January. In this short time he has written hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of federal fire grants that will make it possible to purchase critical safety equipment for our fire department. Every day he works hard to make this department successful and safe. He is appreciated and so well respected by all members of our department and many other city employees. This year Dave was given The Fire Chief's Recognition Award.

These people are just a sample of the dedicated professionals that quietly (except for the sirens) go about their job daily without recognition or the expectation of it. We are fortunate to have them, all 70 of them.

As a safety note. Last month I talked about ICE (In Case of Emergency, emergency information entered into your cell phone). I would like to talk this month about ice - the slippery stuff. We have had a few slip and fall calls this season. It has been cold outside. Be careful, on that slippery ol' solid water - both walking and driving. Bundle up, stay warm, and be safe!

Fire Chief Marc Sanderson

## KATHY KRESSER CHOSEN AS GREAT EMPLOYEE

Kathy Kresser, Planning Secretary in the Community Development Department, has been chosen to receive the "Pleasant Grove City Community Development Great Employee Award," January 2008. Kathy has been employed in the Community Development Department for 13 years. During that time, Kathy has displayed a strong sense of dedication to her work and to the community. Fellow employees have said the following of Kathy; "The office wouldn't be the same without her. She does a great job keeping things running smoothly and dealing with the public. She is always friendly, helpful and courteous. She goes the extra mile with customers as well as with staff. She is hard working and always willing to help." Congratulations to Kathy Kresser!

**PARKING ON STREETS: Overnight parking is not allowed on any city street between November 15 to April 15, for snow removal. Vehicles can be cited or towed.**

## PLEASANT GROVE PLAYERS TO PRESENT "ON GOLDEN POND"

The Pleasant Grove Players will present performances of the comedy-drama, "On Golden Pond," by Ernest Thompson on March 7 - 24 (Friday, Saturday & Monday evenings as well as Saturday matinees on March 15 and 22) in the Keith Christeson Little Theater on the first floor of the PG City Library, 30 E. Center St. The evening show will begin at 7:30 p.m. The Saturday matinees will begin at 3:00 p.m.

"On Golden Pond" is the love story of an aging couple, Norman and Ethel Thayer, who spend each summer at their cabin on a lake called Golden Pond. The inevitable difficulties they face in the twilight years of a long marriage provide both humorous and tender moments. This summer, they are visited by their daughter Chelsea, her fiancé and his son. The play explores the often turbulent relationship the young woman shared with her father growing up, and Norman comes to appreciate a new relationship he thought he would never have.

Howard and Kathryn Little are directing this production.

Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$6 for students and seniors. A family ticket is also available for \$25 (immediate family members only). Individual tickets are \$1 less for matinees. Family tickets are \$20 for matinees. Tickets can be purchased at the door. Tickets may also be purchased in advance through City Hall. Advance tickets can be purchased in person at the city offices (70 S 100 E, Pleasant Grove) or by calling (801) 785-5045.

For more information, contact Verdon Walker at 785-0222.

### RESIDENT'S COUPON

## "On Golden Pond"

In appreciation of PG City's Support of PG Players  
Bring in this Coupon and receive

**\$2 OFF PER TICKET**

March 7 - 24 (Fri, Sat & Mon Evenings) • 7:30PM

March 15 & 22 (Sat Afternoons) • 3:00PM

Keith Christeson Little Theater • PG City Library, 30 E. Center

## LIBRARY NEWS

### \*\*\*NEW\*\*\* *Terrific Tuesdays and Wonderful Wednesdays*

This a drop-in storytime where Moms or caretaker can participate reading the stories to the group. All ages are welcome. Story time is every Tuesday and Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. This is a free program and no registration is required.

### \*\*\*NEW\*\*\* *Great Reads for Girls:*

#### *A Mother Daughter Book Club*

Join other girls and their mothers or other caring adult for lively discussions, activities, and fun. Girls ages 8 to 16 are encouraged to join. Great Reads meets the first Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm.

*February 7, 2008 ~ The Frog princess by E.D. Baker.*

*March 6, 2008 ~ Ida B : --and her plans to maximize fun, avoid disaster, and (possibly) save the world by Katherine Hannigan*

#### *A.S.A.P. (After School Activity Program)*

Learn and explore different monthly themes for children who are in elementary school.

*February 21 ~ "Under the Big Top" at 4:30 pm.*

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 circulation desk.

#### *R.E.A.D. Book Group*

February 14, 2008: ~ It's Better to Laugh. . .

(presented by Diane Marsh)

Diane will share excerpts and stories from some of the library's most humorous books. Meet on the main level of the library at 10:00 am.

#### \*\*\*NEW\*\*\* *BookEnders Book Group*

A new library book group has been formed. BookEnders is a new discussion and reading book group. Read the book, then meet downstairs at 7:00 pm at the library each last Thursday evening of the month to discuss it. Everyone is welcome. Come and join! Refreshments will be served.

*February 28 - Désirée by Annemarie Selinko*

*Spring Programs Registration* starts February 19th for Music & Movement, Storytime, and Wee Read. Classes will start the week of March 3rd.

## FROM THE BEAUTIFICATION/ SHADE TREE COMMISSION

Now is the time to enjoy time off from gardening and plan for the next growing season. When winter is bleak, it's nice to add a little life your landscape. To attract birds, hang up a thistle feeder and put out a feeder with black oil sunflower seeds. Also offer them water in a shallow container. Place the feeders near shrubs or trees that will offer them cover and keep them safe. Other ideas would be:

Sharpen your lawn mower blades and check all of your gardening tools. Clean and repair them before they are needed in the spring.

Prune apple and pear trees and grapes in late February or early March after the worst of the winter cold and before the new leaves emerge. Prune stone fruit trees last (apricot, cherry, nectarine, peach and plum).

Attend one of the Utah County Extension pruning demonstrations.

Call Utah Co. Ext. office 851-8460 in early February to see when and where they are scheduled.

Apply delayed dormant oil in early spring to fruit trees to protect them from a host of small pests such as aphids, adelgids, scales, and mites which over-winter in the leaf axils. Apply when the temperature is above freezing.

Prune summer flowering ornamental shrubs, such as roses, while they are still dormant.

If anyone is interested in and enjoys gardening and would like to volunteer for community service for Pleasant Grove Beautification Commission we have openings on the board. Contact Deana Spence at 785-1297.

The Beautification Commission will sponsor a local Arbor Day Activity on a Saturday in April. Watch for more information.