

The fall season has arrived and so has fall sports. Our Pleasant Grove High School football team and Coach LeBeaux have really started off with a great season and we look forward to seeing them finish with a outstanding record. If you have not been to the Friday night games, go out and support the team and all the students. I would also like at this time to spotlight all the volunteers along with the coaches and parents who have spent their time volunteering in keeping the fields at the complex playable and presentable. These parents are mentoring the youth of today to becoming outstanding adults for tomorrow. Thank you.

On Saturday, September 28, 2019, many volunteers came out to support and participate along with the Jefferson County Health Department with the Valley Creek Clean-Up Project. This is a biannual clean-up project which helps the public be aware of the trash along the roadways and the waterfronts throughout the Valley Creek Watershed. Jefferson County along with the Beautification Board provided materials to help clean up our city. This is an ongoing challenge. I have repeated in each issue of the newsletter this is a growing eyesore for those who visit our city and for those who live here. Please dispose of your trash when you arrive home or place trash in containers that are marked for trash. "PLEASE DO NOT LITTER". You are taking pride when you do your part along with teaching our children to do their part. "Keep Pleasant Grove Clean."

We like to welcome some of our new businesses; DOLLAR TREE STORE in the Pleasant Grove Plaza, DOLLAR GENERAL, 915 4<sup>TH</sup> Street and Magnolia Cottage, 843 Park Road (by Hill's). Please go by and visit them and support our local businesses.

Please mark your calendars now for our upcoming Christmas Tree Lighting which will be held on Thursday, December 5, 2019, at 6:30p.m. The Pleasant Grove High School Choir, directed by Joseph Hardy, will be presenting the Christmas music. Everyone is invited to come out and "sing in" the Christmas holiday season. Then, Saturday, December, 7, 2019, our annual Christmas Parade will take place at 9:00a.m. The city and the parade committee supports the "Toys for Tots," program which is sponsored by the U.S. Marines. The collection boxes will be placed at local businesses and schools for your donations of a NEW UNWRAPPED toy (\$10 value & up) for children up to 14 years of age. A special thank you goes out to Ace Ellison and Denise Fox who help the parade committee with this service each year. This year our Grand Marshal will be Ashley Gann Meteorologist from CBS Chanel 42 and the Master of Ceremonies will be Bill Heaton, UAB Sport Announcer and Public Speaker. Rona Kilpatrick Shed, Pleasant Grove's own well-know gospel singer, will be on the reviewing stand starting at 9 am. Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus will be riding in the parade along with many other participants. If you would like to take part and enter a float, this year's theme will be: "A Christmas Card Greeting". Everyone has plenty of time to start now to pull their creative imagination together and show off their talent. The community and visitors cannot wait to see what great ideas you will create for your float, car or truck to parade through the city and wish everybody a MERRY CHRISTMAS. The Pleasant Grove Elementary school will be working on posters to place up in local businesses to announcement the parade event. Please be looking for these posters. The young students and the art teacher, Mrs. Dent, put a lot of time into helping get the word out by creating these posters. If you would like to volunteer to help with this year's parade it is not too late to join in by calling, 205-744-1724, Rita Wright. You may also visit the city's web site to download your entry form: [www.cityofpg.net](http://www.cityofpg.net) (go to the download section, click download, and look for parade form entry under the Park and Recreation tab).

My door is always open and I am proud to be serving as your Mayor.

Jerry W. Brasseale