

Highland Insider

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It's Time for Spring Clean-Up

Open Burn Period April 1 - 30

The one month window set by Utah County this year for the burn period is **April 1 - 30**. Please note the following stipulations in order to burn:

1. Open burning is subject to Utah State laws.
2. You absolutely need to get a permit obtained from the **Highland City Offices, Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and Fridays 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**
3. The atmospheric conditions have to be satisfactory.
4. Burning is done at a distance, or more than 50 feet from any building, structure, or other combustible materials.
5. An adequate water supply, or other extinguishing equipment, shall be available.
6. Burning shall be constantly attended by a competent person.
7. Applicant must be in legal control of the land on which the burning is to take place.
8. Adjacent neighbors should be notified prior to burning.
9. Such burning shall not pose a threat to forest, range, or watershed lands.
10. Each time the permit is used the applicant must notify Central Dispatch by calling **374-BURN (2876)**.
11. Applicant can only burn pruning from trees, bushes, plants, weeds, and leaves.
12. No one can burn tree stumps, trash, garbage, or other waste. Do not burn construction materials (wood, shingles, plastics, plywood, etc.). You cannot burn sheds, barns, or anything of that nature.

Burn permits will be available TWO days prior to the first day of the burn period. Please pick those up at the City Office, not the Fire Department.

Signs, Signs, Signs!

Please do not place signs on public property or in the public right-of-way. They will be taken down. Help us maintain a clean, safe, and beautiful City.

Two Free Landfill Passes

Two passes to the Landfill are being distributed through the utility bills. Each pass is worth up to \$7.25 per load of garbage, and will only cover up to 500 lbs. of garbage. Anything over that amount will be charged accordingly. Residents must present the coupon at the landfill, or the City will not pay the \$7.25 amount. **The passes will be good from April 1, to November 30, 2006. Do not discard your passes as there are no replacements.** Dumping is to be done by pick-up trucks only, and loads must be covered. No commercial or building debris will be allowed. Also no hazardous waste nor liquids are permitted. Clean cardboard boxes can be recycled at the Landfill. The North Utah County District Landfill is located at 2000 West 200 South, Lindon, Utah, and the telephone is 225-8170. Residents may obtain compost at \$15/c.y. or \$45 for a pick-up truck load.

Yard Waste

Another option to the landfill is the TSSD. Highland residents may take their green yard waste to the Timpanogos Special Service District, 5050 West 6400 North, Utah County (off the new Pleasant Grove exit) (no dirt, rocks, concrete, garbage). The green waste is incorporated with sterilized by-products to produce compost. Mulch can be purchased from the TSSD for \$15/c.y. Call 756-5231 for directions to the facility. The compost facility is open six days per week beginning April 1, from 6:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Pressurized Irrigation

The pressurized irrigation system will be back on line by April 15. Please be patient while the City brings up the system. It usually takes a week to ten days. In getting ready to start the system residents need to make sure the stop and waste valves are shut off while the system is being loaded. Individual sprinkling systems can then be loaded by the residents.

Donations Needed

Clothing, furniture, household items, in good condition, are always needed and can be donated to Multiple Sclerosis Society, 1-877-493-0120, Deseret Industries, 763-4560. Call at least one day in advance, or take contributions to Deseret Industries in American Fork, Utah. National Kidney Foundation of Utah will tow away old cars free and provide receipt for use as a tax deduction. Call 1-800-TOWKARS, or call (801) 226-5111 for more information. Recycle all metals at MCR Recycling, 550 North Geneva Road, 225-0001.

Look at your property and evaluate what could be cleaned up. Help those who need a helping hand. Many of us become blind to the trash that collects around our surroundings. Critique your home as though you were a buyer, discard trash and debris, clean and sweep curbs and gutters, edge sidewalks and driveways.

Irrigation Ditches

All Highland residents should instruct and supervise their children with the idea in mind that the swift, cold water in the numerous open ditches in Highland can be extremely life-threatening. Please understand that the water in the ditches belongs to someone, that it must not be dammed up, or taken, unless you own a share and have a designated water turn. Keep garbage out of the ditches, and keep the irrigation water off the paved streets as it deteriorates the surface.

Fences, Walls, and Hedges

Spring is a great time to get out into the yard and do plantings and install fences. Please be aware of city ordinances which pertain to proper setback. Obtain a permit before installing a fence and pay the \$20 fee. Applicants must submit a sketch showing the lot, location of the fence on the lot, proposed heights of the fence, location of driveways and adjacent properties. Please contact the City Office if you are not aware of the proper setbacks.

Cultural Arts

Highland City Arts Council Merit Badge Classes for the month of April are **Personal Fitness and Truck Transportation**. The **Personal Fitness class is Friday, April 28, 4:00 - 5:30 p.m., at the Highland City Building**, with an hour follow-up class the beginning of August. This Merit Badge Counselor has been a personal trainer and is very knowledgeable about fitness. Cost: \$10.

Truck Transportation class is Friday, April 7, 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. at the Highland City Building. Cost: \$5.

This Merit Badge Counselor is a supply chain logistics manager for Nestle, so it should prove to be a very sweet class!

Please call Highland City (756-5751) to sign up for these classes. Even though these classes are designed for completion of merit badges for the Boy Scouts of America, anyone between the ages of 11-17 is welcome to take the classes. In order to keep this program running, we need qualified people to teach these classes. If you are willing to teach a class and you are a registered merit badge counselor, please e-mail meritbadges@hiwires.com.

American Fork Arts Council events for April include: (1) **Dance Classes**, call Apollo hotline at 763-5859 or www.dancetheapollo.com. (2) **Quilting** every Tuesday at 10:00 a.m., meet the first Tuesday at the Pleasant Grove Library, and the rest of the month at the American Fork Senior Citizen Center. Call Carmen Martinez at 756-7178, or Glenda Slater at 360-2487. (3) **A \$500 scholarship will be awarded to an American Fork High School graduating senior artist** with the intent to continue in the arts. Portfolio deadline is April 7, judging is on April 10, and the scholarship will be awarded at the Salute to Youth Concert on April 24. For more information, contact Mrs. Colletti at the high school, or Debbie O'Dell at 492-4390. (4) **Children's Choir Grandparents Concert and Luncheon** April 8, 2:00 p.m., Utah State Developmental Chapel, 835 N. 900 E., American Fork, free admission, reservations required. If you are a grandparent, this concert is for you. Call Lela at 756-7200. (5) **Timpanogos Chorale Concert April 7, 8, 7:00 p.m., AFJH Auditorium**, \$10 per family, \$3 per person. Check web site at www.timpanogoschorale.org or call Lorrie Stark at 756-8359. (6) **Music Together** every Friday April 7 - June 9, \$100 per family. Ages 6 and under, and parents. Call Miss Meika at 310-6016 or email music2gether@comcast.net. (6) **Flower Arranging** April 22, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., American Fork Library Community Room, \$20 materials fee. Call Sharalee Welch at 770-4404 to register. Last day to register is April 20. (7) **Salute to Youth Concert** April 24, 7:30 p.m., AFHS Auditorium, \$3 admission fee. For more information www.americanforksymphony.org or call Maxine Steele at 756-2330.

Community Health Fair

Families in Utah County are invited to "Spring into Health" at the American Fork Hospital Community Health Fair, **Saturday, May 20. The event will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on the hospital's campus located at 170 North 1100 East in American Fork.**

Just in time for the active summer season, the fair will provide opportunities for children, families, and seniors to learn more about health, safety, and injury prevention. In addition, a variety of free wellness activities, kids' games, and educational booths will be offered. Many health screenings will also be available for a reduced fee. For more information, please call 855-3279.

Recreation Activities

American Fork Recreation is planning for **Adult Co-Ed Volleyball April - June**. Register by Monday, April 17. Limited space. Register early! Cost: \$200/team. Play in eight regular season games plus an exciting post-season tournament. Games are played on Thursday nights. Pick up the roster and player waiver form at the Recreation Office.

Other sports registrations coming up: **Colt League** (boys finishing 9th through 12th grades), register by April 5. **Volleyball Camp, Tennis Lessons, Tennis League, and Summer Sampler** begin registration on May 1. Golf Lessons begin registration May 8. **Fall Soccer** register April 17 - June 7.

Register at American Fork Recreation in the Fire/Rescue Building at 96 North Center, American Fork. The phone number is 763-3080 and email is recreation@afcity.net. Office hours are 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

Arbor Day

The Tree Commission is planning for this year's Arbor Day tree planting **April 29, at 9:00 a.m.** Volunteer participation is welcomed. Watch the marquee for further details. Through the efforts of the Tree Commission, Highland City has been a "Tree City" for seven years.

Highland's Tree Commission is sponsoring the annual story writing contest, which is open to all Highland and American Fork 4th Grade students. Stories are due April 14. The theme is "My Favorite Tree". Stories can be turned into the schools or city building.

Highland Jr. Miss

Congratulations to Highland's Jr. Miss **Aubree Worton and Britney Price**. Aubree Worton was selected the third runner up to Utah's Jr. Miss. She also won over-all talent and preliminary fitness awards. Britney Price received an award for preliminary interview.

A Junior Miss recruitment meeting will be held at Lone Peak High School **April 13, 2006, during the lunch hour, in the Little Theater**. This is for high school juniors who are interested in participating in the Jr. Miss Program. Anyone interested in participating may call

Valerie Peterson (756-9402) or Dallas Harris (763-7773). Highland's Jr. Miss Program will be held in September.

A Message from Chief Botkin

Our youth of today face different challenges than most of us did during our "growing up" years. The pressures, temptations, availability of certain items, and other challenges makes me glad that all of my children are now "older" (over 21 years of age). A few weeks ago one of the officers sat across the desk from me and made the blanket statement, "... you know, the Internet is evil." Naturally, this opened a rather lengthy discussion which ended in the conclusion that the Internet is both a wonderful advance in technology, which can be used for good, and also a medium which can be used with evil results. It becomes a matter of agency and parental control. This particular officer was just concluding an investigation which led him to the Internet site of MySpace.com. This particular web site has received much attention lately in the local media. Our involvement was also quite eye opening in that we discovered pictures of youth which reside in our jurisdiction engaged in a variety of behavior. This web site allows individuals to create their own web page and our "surfing this web site" revealed pictures of some of our youth consuming illegal and controlled substances, alcohol, and engaged in various sexual activities, as well as, legal activities. We also discovered arrangements for future meetings among individuals to engage in illegal activity, such as drug use and alcohol consumption by minors. It was quite interesting, from both a law enforcement perspective and as a parent.

As parents we need to be monitoring our children's activities. We have been counseled to keep computers in open places in our homes, not allow them to be in "secluded" areas. We (members of the police department) see examples of what good counsel this is every day. Parents should monitor this particular web site. Enter your child's name and, if it is there, they have an individual site. View the pictures and read the communications between your child and others. After going to the website of "MySpace.com" parents can search by name, city, or school to ascertain if their child has an individual "space" at that web site. Some may say this is an "invasion of privacy". I would submit this is an act of responsible parenting. Also, the child is the one posting the material on the web for view by anyone who visits that site. Parents are responsible for the actions of their children until the child reaches the age of eighteen (18) years.

Parenting is a full time job and requires much effort. The men and women of the Alpine/Highland Police Department are committed to the safety of our communities. Should you have questions which we could answer for you, please contact us.

Youth City Council

The Easter Bunny is hopping into town on **Saturday, April 8, at Mitchell Hollow Park**, located on 10400 North 6500 West. This annual event is sponsored by the Highland Youth Council, and is always exciting. There will be an Easter Egg Hunt, coloring contest, lots of candy, toys, and fun. The Easter Egg Hunt will start at 10:00 a.m. sharp. Please be on time, we do not want anyone to miss the fun. We invite and encourage all elementary school age children and younger to join us for this event.

Also, watch for some exciting new changes to the Highland City marquee. Remember, if you have requests that need to be posted on the marquee, contact the Youth Council at 763-0232.

City Calendar

City Council: 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m.

Planning Commission: 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m.

Notice: Agendas and minutes for Planning Commission and City Council are posted on the web page at www.highlandcity.org.

City Volunteers

Volunteers desirous of serving on committees, or Planning Commission, can obtain an application on the City's web page, or at the City Office. Submit a resume with the application.

Did You Know? . . .

- The City Council accepted the process to go forward on the Waterford Estates Annexation, comprising approximately 24 acres currently located in the county at the corner of 6000 West and 11800 North.
- City Council members were appointed to the following boards: Brian Brunson and Steve King to the Lone Peak Public Safety District; Glen Vawdrey to the Timpanogos Special Service District Board; Kathryn Schramm to the North Utah Animal Control Facility Board, and Claudia Stillman to the North Point Solid Waste Board.
- City Council authorized staff to bid out the right-of-way and storm drain improvements on 10250 North, south of Mitchell Hollow Park.
- City Council approved re-implementation of policy for not allowing building permits until final completion of a subdivision.

- A contract was approved, in the amount of \$48,000, with Olympus Aerial Surveys to provide a city aerial for planning purposes.
- UP & L received conditional use approval for light pole repair and replacement, subject to conditions of staff and Planning Commission, and consistent with street widths.
- A contract was approved with Bingham Engineering for \$28,400 to finish the engineering design of the City Cemetery and Memorial.
- City Council approved the hiring of two staff engineers for the Public Works Department.
- City Council approved a request for an RFP to update the Highland City General Plan, not to exceed \$100,000 and contingent on City Council review and approval of RFQ.
- City Council approved the Youth City Council's legacy project to accept the electronic sign concept for the sign at Heritage Park, for a cost not to exceed \$14,000.
- City Council approved hiring a full time Community Enhancement Coordinator to oversee volunteers serving on City Committees.
- City Council approved \$25,000 for a park pavilion for Canterbury North Park.
- Brian Brunson was appointed Mayor Pro Tempore and Steve King was elected Chairman of the Public Safety District Board.
- "Canal Boulevard" was the name given to the road from 6000 West easterly to Alpine Highway.
- City Council approved 50/50 match and extension of asphalt to match curb and gutter in front of 10434 North 6400 West.

Congratulations to Highland Seniors for 90th Birthdays!

On February 27, Wayne Day celebrated his 90th birthday, and on April 1, Yukus Inouye will also turn 90. As long standing residents of Highland, both of these men have contributed much to Highland, and raised their families here. Wayne Day has lived in Highland all his life and his parents were some of the early settlers on Highland. Wayne has served as Water Master for the Highland Conservation District for many years. Yukus Inouye moved to Highland in 1943. He served as the first President of the Highland Water Company, was the developer of the Alpine Country Club in 1957, operated "Four Star Farming" (a successful 360-acre farm), served on many boards, and as a Utah County Commissioner. As residents of Highland we want these two gentlemen to know of our appreciation for their contributions to our community, admiration for the lives they have lived, and best wishes for the years to come.