

Highland Insider

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Highland Glen Park Connector Road

Project Open House

When: Wednesday, January 12, 2005

**Where: Highland Elementary School,
Gymnasium Area, 10865 North 6000 West,
Highland, Utah**

Time: 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.

The City of Highland has proposed to construct an east/west roadway connector through Highland Glen Park, as part of the Highland Glen Park Master Plan. Construction of this roadway will require compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) and the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1964 (LWCF). NEPA requires federal agencies to consider environmental consequences in their decision-making process. The National Park Service and the State of Utah Division of Parks and Recreation is involved in this project because of the potential for the roadway to create a conversion of a small amount of parkland acquired using LWCF funds into a non-recreational status.

As part of the NEPA process, we invite you to attend a public scoping meeting. The scoping meeting is a public forum designed to allow you to understand and to help us understand potential environmental concerns as well as potential alternatives to the proposed roadway. Your input is essential in the process and we welcome your comments.

For more information contact: Barry Edwards, City Administrator, 5378 West 10400 North, Highland, UT 84003 (75-5751) or barry@highlandcity.org. If you are unable to attend, please send your comments to the above address. Comments will be accepted until January 24, 2005. Light refreshments provided.

Christmas Tree Pick-Up

Highland City has a wood chipper and will make it available for trees picked up by the scouts on January 8, 2005. Scouts should bring the trees to the location west of the Public Works Building, 4644 West 11000 North. BFI will pick up Christmas trees January 19 - 21. Trees must be at curbside by 7:00 a.m. Trees don't need to be cut up.

If trees aren't picked up by January 21, they need to be cut up and taken to the Timpanogos Special Service District, but must be free of tinsel, lights, etc. Flocked trees cannot be chopped up by the Timp District and will need to be cut up and placed in garbage cans to be disposed of through the regular garbage pick-up.

Visit Highland's New Web Page

BroadGAP and City Staff have Highland City's new web page ready for access. It can be viewed at www.highlandcity.org. It is nearly complete, but still needs some work. Please call or send an email if you have any suggestions.

Spay/Neuter Clinic Coming

Date: January 13, 2005 (Thursday)

Place: Parking Lot at the Mouth of American Fork Canyon, Junction of Highland Highway and American Fork Canyon Road

Pre-registration available with non-refundable deposit of \$10 at Alpine Police Station, 20 N. Main, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. For availability call 756-9800. Arrive early! Space is limited. Intake is from 8:00 a.m. until full. Discharge time will be determined during intake. Late pickup will result in a small boarding fee. Do not feed your pet after 9 p.m. the night before surgery if pet is older than 4 months old. Water okay. Do not feed your pet after 6 a.m. the morning of surgery if pet is younger than 4 months old. Water okay. All cats must be in a carrier that is labeled with identification. Vaccinations for spay/neuter clients only, except during a vaccination clinic. Dog or Cat: Rabies \$10; Cat Leukemia \$10; Cat Distemper Combo \$10; Dog Distemper Combo \$10. Surgery will not be performed on sick animals. For more information call 1-800-PETS FIX or www.utahpets.org.

Rabies Clinic February 5

Plan to get your dogs rabies vaccination and licensing on **Saturday, February 5, from 9:00 a.m. to**

12:00 p.m. at the Highland City Public Works

Building, 4066 W. 11000 N. Prices include the following: Rabies \$7, licensing for spayed and neutered \$5 for one year, \$8 for two years; licensing/not spayed or neutered \$35 for one year and \$45 for two years.

Financial Status of the City

By Barry Edwards, City Administrator

On December 7, 2004 the City Auditor, Ed Erickson, presented the audit to the Mayor and City Council. He pointed out the audit report is in a new format reflecting changes mandated by the Governmental Accounting and Standards Board. The auditor's opinion is that Highland is in good financial condition and is based on the following facts:

- Net assets exceeded liabilities by \$33,039,275
- Unrestricted net assets are \$6,304,978 (cash) which may be used for ongoing operations
- Net assets increased by \$6,442,219
- An increase in the combined fund balance of the City of \$1,153,600
- An unreserved fund balance of the General Fund of \$948,934, with an increase of \$521,844 over the previous year
- A capital project building fund balance of \$2,555,000
- A decrease of Highland City's total debt by \$511,053

In summary, the City increased its net worth by surplusing revenue and by decreasing debt. Mr. Erickson congratulated Lynn Ruff, the City's Financial Officer, and Nancy Day, the City Treasurer, for their diligent work in properly managing the financial affairs of the City.

Did You Know? . . .

- Due to unusual weather conditions this fall, the City Council granted relief to developers so that sidewalks could be installed no later than April 1, 2005, or certificate of occupancy whichever is earlier, with a second cash bond to be posted.
- A conditional use permit was approved for Utah Power and Light to upgrade power poles along 6000 West to 45' core 10 poles.
- The Development Code was amended to address large animal shelters, which is defined as being a minimum of 50% open on one side and is for the purpose of sheltering large animals and may also be used for storing hay and farm equipment. Any detached structure requiring a foundation is subject to accessory structure requirements. Large animal shelters do not need a building permit, but are required to meet minimum setback requirements which is 100' from an adjacent residential dwelling unit; 75' from the owner's

residential unit, 10' from a side or rear property line; 30' from any street; and 10' from a trail easement. A large animal shelter shall not be constructed within an easement. Examples of these structures is a pole barn, Powder River type, shelter/tack shed Kirby type.

- Site plan was approved for the Towne Center Building 1 on Lot 3, which is in the vicinity of 10705 North and 5346 West.
- The City Council authorized going out to bid on the pump station for the well at 6000 West and 11800 North, with a cost estimate of \$375,000.

Youth City Council

Happy New Year from the Youth Council! In December the Youth Council helped Santa visit the City Building. There were a lot of children recounting their Christmas wishes, after which they decorated cookies. We would like to thank Santa and the Peppermint Place for providing candy canes.

This month the Youth Council is going to the "Day at the Legislature" to see how our state government works. The Youth Council spot light for this month is Scott Stevens. He is a Senior at Lone Peak High School. Scott likes to backpack, hike, water-ski, and ride four wheelers. He is an apprentice electrician working in construction. He is the legacy project coordinator for the Youth Council.

Charter Schools

Lincoln Academy, a new charter school, located in north east American Fork will open Fall 2005. Open enrolment will be held February 24 - March 25, 2005. Watch for details in next month's newsletter.

Odyssey Charter School will open Fall 2005. For more information visit <http://www.odysseycharter.net>, call at 836-9852, or attend a public meeting Saturday, January 15, at 11 a.m., at the Lindon City Veteran's Hall (135 W. 200 N., Lindon). Check website for meetings in February and March.

Jr. Jazz Night January 14th

Jr. Jazz Night January 14 at 7:00 p.m., Lone Peak Field House. Wear your Jr. Jazz jersey and get in free to the Varsity Basketball Game. Cheer on the team and meet the players after the game.

Sign Ups for "Tom Sawyer"

The first rehearsal for "Tom Sawyer" will be Monday, February 7, for ages 6-18. Cost is \$50 per

person. For information contact Laury Smith at 735-7608
or www.zoo9crew@aol.com. Rehearsals M, F, 4:00 - 5:30
p.m. at American Fork Junior High School.