

Highland Insider

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Drinking from the Copper Cup

Transfer of Assets to Highland City and Dissolution of Highland Water Company

By Mark Thompson

What are we transferring? A large portion of the heritage and history of the Highland Bench. I was six years old and the buzz about getting good drinking water was being talked about on the bench. It became a reality for me when my father, Reed S. Thompson, took the copper cup from under the seat of the pickup. We rinsed that cup and drank from the stream flowing from the first well the company had drilled. The water was good, cold, and changed Highland forever.



Assets: Water rights, 12 parcels of real property (approximately 17 acres), 4 storage tanks (in gallons) 2 million, 500,000, 150,000, 2 million (under construction), 5 deep wells, entire distribution system (approximately 100 miles), \$3 million (mostly held for improvements to the system), an office at 10535 N. 5600 W., Shop #1 28' x 70' at 10535 N. 5600 W (leased to Lone Peak Fire District), Shop #2 36' x 80' at 5555 W. 11000 N., 580 Case Backhoe, GMC one ton flatbed dump truck, Chevrolet half ton pickup truck, Atlas 185 CFM portable compressor, 500 kva portable generator (emergency pump power), 5,000 watt generator/welder, 2 cut off saws, miscellaneous tools.

Presently the Company is trying to answer legal action taken by a few members opposed to the transfer of assets, primarily they are questioning the validity of the election.

Yukus Inouye served as the first President of the Water Company and is the only surviving member of the original directors. He has requested some money be placed in an educational endowment for scholarships in the area of water related studies. The Board is considering this request.

When is "Parking of Vehicles" Not Permitted?

No parking on city streets during snow removal season has been an ordinance on the City books for several years. The City Council recently amended the ordinance to state that it is unlawful to park any motor vehicles upon city streets from December 1 to March 31 **between the hours of 12:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m., and any time snow is present** so as to provide access to snow removal.

The City Council also amended the parking ordinance to state the following: No unauthorized person may park, drive upon or across, or store a vehicle, trailer, boat, motor home, camper, ATV or motorcycle upon public open space, public trails, or within public open space. Nothing in this chapter shall restrict a person from temporarily parking within an improved parking lot constructed for that purpose; **however, it shall be unlawful to park over night, in a parking lot owned or maintained by Highland City, any unauthorized vehicle.**

Justice Court Judge Position Available

The position of Justice Court Judge for Highland City is becoming available. This is a part-time position, one day a week, on Mondays. The minimum statutory requirements include: citizen of United States, 25 years of age or older, resident of Utah for at least three years preceding appointment, a resident of Utah County for six months, qualified voter of Utah County, high school diploma, demonstrates maturity of judgment, integrity, and the ability to understand and apply appropriate law with impartiality. The application deadline is March 4. Anyone interested may submit a resume, with a cover letter, addressed to the Mayor and to the attention of Nancy Day.

Dumping Construction Debris

Highland City needs your help! There has been a recent plague in our new subdivisions. Persons of different origins are dumping garbage and construction debris on your neighbor's vacant lots. If you witness such activity please write down license plate numbers, vehicle and driver descriptions, etc. and contact the police immediately. Most property owners and City staff are unable to monitor these properties on a 24 hour basis and everyone will benefit from our combined efforts.

Did You Know? . . .

- The Planning Commission has recommended final approval for the following developments: Diamond Estates, a 4 lot subdivision located at 6280 West 9600 North; Austin Subdivision a 1 lot subdivision at 7034 West 9600 North; Pebble Lane, a two-lot subdivision at 9760 West Alpine Highway. The Planning Commission is addressing code amendments for building heights and it recommended the City Council hold a public hearing on the definition of corner lots in the Development Code.
- Councilperson Gwyn Franson reported to the City Council on the weekly meetings she attends with staff wherein open space subdivisions are being reviewed as to whether to designate brown areas or areas of vegetation. They are also looking at fencing regulations, and doing studies on natural vegetation. She anticipates the process to be completed by the end of April so direction can be given to residents.
- Philip Bassett, a member of the Youth City Council, brought to the City Council's attention an ordinance recently passed by American Fork City which provides an offense for inattentive driving. Chief Botkin recommended the City Council adopt a similar ordinance. The City Council will hold a public hearing on this matter April 5.
- Councilperson Brian Brunson made a report to the City Council on the following Public Safety District issues: the District received a grant for \$140,000 from Homeland Security for a records system; EMS purchased a state of the art auto pulse, which does CPR; PSD has adopted an aggressive vehicle replacement program by purchasing five vehicles with plans to only keep vehicles five years; passed a motion to pay the fire chief an additional 5% for retirement per month. He reviewed the Fire/EMS and Police Annual Reports for 2004.
- Councilperson Steve King reported to the City Council on a presentation by the Fire Chief and Police Chief concerning the crowding of their current facilities in Alpine, and he discussed a proposal of converting the current city building to a fire station. This matter was further discussed in the February 15, Council Meeting, and \$7,500 was appropriated to study the optional uses and value for the city building.
- Daynia Lewis and Teri Jerman, representing the Tree Committee, presented plans to the City Council for a lease between Highland City and Utah Power and Light for property adjacent the power substation at 5600 West and 11000 North. They reviewed plans to clean up and beautify the property, along with property in front of the Water Company property at 11000 North. The project received a favorable response from the City Council.
- Final approval for the Cottonwood Meadows Subdivision was granted for 4 lots and is located at 10383 North 6800 West.
- Final approval for the Cook Subdivision was granted by the City Council for 3 lots at 9600 North 6800 West.
- The City Council accepted the recommendation of the Water Advisory Board to no longer accept well water for development, and authorized staff to bring back a policy and ordinance to put the changes into effect.
- The City Council held a public hearing and took action to deny the request by Cedar Hills for disconnection of two parcels located at approximately 10700 North 4500 West and 11000 North 5375 West. These parcels, located within Highland, are owned by Cedar Hills.
- The City Council approved a permanent power easement for a power line where the golf course was developed in the Greens at the Highlands.
- A public hearing was held to amend Article 3-4743 and 3-374 I the Town Center Overlay Urban Subdivision to permit an amended addendum. The City Council approved the realignment of the road proposed, the general location of the pads, and reserved discussion of the actual size of the pads and the issue of connection to the private drive to the property to the north.
- A representative from Mountainland Association of Governments met with the City Council to discuss plans for a study of region transportation plans for the Wasatch Front. Envision Utah has been invited to assist with the process.
- A six-month extension for recordation of a plat for a proposed L.D.S. Church at 11200 North

- Alpine Highway was granted by the City Council.
- The City Council authorized the design for improvements to be added to the Canterbury North Park.
- The City Council approved a bid for the northwest pressurized irrigation pond.
- Highland City is entitled to 9.642%, or \$7,450, from the distribution of restaurant taxes from Utah County. The Council determined to use these funds for the purchase of park benches.

Recreation Updates

Highland Little League is holding registration on **Saturday, March 12, from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., at the Highland City Building**, or registration can be **done by mail until March 12**. Tryouts for the Elite 8, Minors, Majors, and AAA will be held on **Saturday, March 19**. "Fix The Fields Day" is **Saturday, April 2, from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon**. **Opening Day** will be held on **Saturday, April 16**. Call 763-0398 for more information.

American Fork Recreation is registering during March for baseball and softball. **Tee-Ball** is for boys and girls, ages 5 & 6, as of July 31st; **Coach Pitch** is for boys and girls, ages 7 & 8, as of July 31st; **Boys Machine Pitch Baseball** is for boys, ages 9 to 12, as of July 31st; **Colt League** is for boys finishing 9th grade through age 17; **Girls Softball** is for girls finishing 3rd grade through age 17; **Men's Softball** has a coaches meeting on Thursday, March 31st, at 7:00 p.m., at the American Fork Library, 64 South 100 East. Registration begins after that meeting. Register at the American Fork Recreation Department at 68 East 490 North (in the trailer behind the Fitness Center), hours: Monday-Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (closed Friday and Saturday). For more information call 763-3080, ex. 3, or email at recreation@afcny.net.

Spay/Neuter Clinics Coming

Dates: February 28, and April 4, 2005. Place: Parking Lot at the Mouth of American Fork Canyon, Junction of Highland Highway and American Fork Canyon Road. Pre-registration available in person only at the Alpine/Highland Police Department, 20 N. Main, Alpine, from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Call 756-9800 or 1-800-PETS FIX - www.utahpes.org for any questions. **Additional services will be available for the April 4th date**, which includes: immunizations for NON-surgery patients between 9:00 and 10:00 a.m. and microchipping ALL DAY, while the Big Fix is there. Prices for microchipping are as follows: Dogs are \$20 and Cats are \$12. 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.

Cultural Arts Committee

Tom Sawyer Youth Musical Theater will be held April 7 and 8, at 7:00 p.m., at the Highland Elementary School.

Anyone interested in getting involved in the Highland Cultural Arts Committee should contact Laury Smith at zoo9crew@aol.com

Jr. Miss Committee

Highland's Jr. Miss, Niki Bohne and Kristin Kujanpaa, will participate in the State Junior Miss Program March 4 & 5, 2005, at 7:00 p.m., at Juan Diego High School, 300 East 11800 South, Draper, Utah. Cost is \$10 per ticket. Good Luck Niki and Kristin!

Miss Timpanogos Scholarship Program

The Miss Timpanogos Scholarship Committee is looking for young women from Highland and Alpine, between the ages of 17-24, to participate in the Miss Timpanogos Scholarship Program to be held July 16, 2005, at Timberline Middle School in Alpine. It's not too early to get started. This is an opportunity to make new friends, build confidence, perform talents, have scholarship opportunities, and learn personal development skills to last throughout your life.

The Committee is also looking for volunteers who love to have fun, meet new people, and serve the community. No prior experience is needed and there is a wide variety of positions available. Contact Michelle Davis at 372-9582, or Lisa Laycock at 376-6735 relative to participation in the Miss Timpanogos Scholarship Program as a contestant, or as a member of the committee.

Tree Committee

Arbor Day Story Writing Contest - Due April 15. All Highland and American Fork fourth graders are invited to participate in the Annual Story Writing Contest. The theme this year is "My Favorite Tree".

Turn in your stories at your school, or at the City Building.

Arbor Day: Spring means sun, fun, and 'Arbor Day'. The annual Arbor Day planting projects have become a traditional community event. You can see the beautifying results as you travel through Highland City. We anticipate two projects this year and will need your help. Please mark your calendar for April 30. If you won't be available, you can still make a significant impact in our fine city by making a contribution (send to Highland City) to help purchase trees. For additional information, call Teri Jerman at 372-9035. If you want to be involved with the Highland City Tree Commission, give us a call.

Highland Fling

Place **August 2 - 6** on your calendars now to celebrate the Highland Fling. Brush up on your skills in media, needlework, and the arts for the Arts & Crafts Fair. Applications for vendors are now being accepted. The fee for Highland residents is \$25, and for non-residents \$50. If any vendor needs power, there will be an additional \$10 fee. The Rodeo will be August 4 and 5. For any questions, please contact Kathryn Schramm at 756-2256.

Youth City Council

Highland City Youth Council Wants You to apply for the 2005-06 council. If you are between the ages of 14 and 17, in ninth to eleventh grade, and want to learn about city government, this is the place for you. Applications are available at all junior high schools, the high school, the Highland City Building, and from the Youth Council Advisors. Applications are due March 12, and late applications will not be accepted.

Please contact Alan or Brenda Olsen at 756-6610, or Steve or Janet King at 763-0232, regarding any questions you may have about Youth Council and the application process.

Charter Schools

Lincoln Academy will open Fall 2005, will be located in the American Fork/Cedar Hills area, and will serve students K-8th grade. Open enrollment will begin February 15, and end March 18, 2005. Enroll at www.Lincoln-academy.org. For more information go to our web site or email us at info@Lincoln-academy.org or call Sarah Smith (801) 437-6108.

Odyssey Charter School will have a public info meeting March 12, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at Lehi Legacy Center for K-6th grade. For more information go to www.odysseycharter.net or call 836-9852 (ask for Kelly).

Public Notices

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Highland City Council March 1, 2005, at 8:00 p.m., at the Highland City Building, for the purpose of seeking public input on an amendment to Section 10-102: (33) Definitions of corner lot in the Highland City Development Code.

Message From Police Chief Kip Botkin

A reminder for parents and other adults responsible for children traveling in motor vehicles that children under 4' 9" tall need to be in a booster seat. Here are four simple steps to remember and follow:

- Use rear-facing infant seats in the back seat from birth to at least one year of age and at least 20 pounds;
- Use forward-facing toddler seats in the back seat from age one and 20 pounds to about age four and 40 pounds;
- Use booster seats from about age four to at least age eight, unless the child is 4' 9", or taller; and
- Use safety belts in the back seat at age eight or older, or taller than 4' 9". All children age 12, or younger, should ride in the back seat.

Mark your calendars for the Police Department Annual Bike Auction. It will be held **Saturday, March 19, 2005, on the south side of Alpine City Hall**. Bikes may be viewed beginning at 9:00 a.m. All persons who want to place a bid on any item must obtain a bid number and use that number to submit bids. No bid numbers will be issued after 11:45 a.m., all bids will close at 12:00 p.m., and successful bidders will be announced at 12:15 p.m. Successful bidders must pay for, and remove, the item at that time. All bikes are sold in "as is" condition. The Police Department does not provide warranty of the item, nor accept liability concerning the condition of the items.

Condolences

Sympathy is expressed to family of Anita Hunsaker, a resident of Highland who passed away.