

# Highland Insider

City Office: 756-5751

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## Getting Ready for Spring Landscaping?

### What Can I Put in an Easement?

Most properties have at least a 10-foot easement around the perimeter of the lot. Some properties have larger easements and some easements may have special restrictions. Before installing anything, or constructing a fence or retaining wall, you should contact the City. Permits for fences are \$20, and it allows the zoning official to review the proposal and approve it based on any restrictions, limitations, or easements.

Concrete pads and fences are typically the only items permitted to be constructed over these easements, but fences should be done only after a permit has been approved. The location of a retaining wall needs to be carefully reviewed to ensure that it can be approved in the desired location. If retaining walls are constructed within a utility easement area without the proper permit, the homeowner may be responsible for all the costs to restore the area in the event that the easement must be accessed. Play it safe, contact the City Office, and apply for a permit.

Construction debris, landscaping materials, etc. are not permitted in the right-of-way (this includes sidewalk, park strip, curb and gutter, and street). Ordinances are in place to protect the pollution of our sump systems. Sump systems are regulated by the State Department of Water Quality and the Environmental Protection Agency. Sumps are very costly to keep clean and substantial costs are incurred each year in keeping these sumps uncontaminated.

Fines for placing any material in the streets may be as high as \$500 per incident. In addition, the City may confiscate any material that is blocking the right-of-way or creating a safety hazard in that right-of-way. Also, driving on trails or open space property, or placing any material of any kind on public open space, may generate a fine of \$750 per incident. Please do your part to keep the City clean and protect our resources.

### Library Card Reimbursement

Highland City will reimburse residents for a library card from any of the surrounding community libraries at

the annual rate of \$50. Upon obtaining a library card bring your receipt to the City Office for reimbursement. Only one reimbursement per utility account holder per year is allowed.

### I-15 Construction Project

The new Utah County car pool lanes will be complete this summer. Although the project may appear finished in some areas, a lot of work remains at several locations in Lehi and Orem. Bridge work will continue and paving on I-15 will resume in late spring. To find out how I-15 construction may affect your drive, please visit [www.udot.utah.gov/i15carpool](http://www.udot.utah.gov/i15carpool) or call toll-free 1-877-838-7665.

### Diabetes Health Fair

The Utah County Health Department, in partnership with other local health partners, will be sponsoring the Diabetes Health Fair on St. Patrick's Day, March 17, from 9:00 to 12:00 noon. Prevention, nutrition and other educational materials and displays will be available free of charge. Low cost, or no cost, screenings will also be available. For details, please see the Utah County Health Department Website at [www.utahcountyhealth.org](http://www.utahcountyhealth.org), or call 851-2222.

### Recreation

**AMERICAN FORK RECREATION** is temporarily in the Fire/Rescue Building at 96 North Center, American Fork. The phone number is 763-3080 and email is [recreation@afcity.net](mailto:recreation@afcity.net). Office hours are 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

Registration is beginning for spring sports as follows: **Tee-Ball and Coach Pitch**, ages 5-8, register March 6 - 29, \$20; **Boys' Machine Pitch**, ages 9-12, register March 6-29, \$30; **Girls' Softball**, ages 9-17, register March 6 - 29, \$30; **Boys' Baseball**, ages 13-14, register March 6 -23, \$85; **Boys' Colt League Baseball**, ages 15-18, register March 6 - April 5, \$85; **Men's Slow Pitch Softball**, registration is limited to 24 teams, call office for registration date and time, \$550/team + \$20/USSSA fee.

Future summer registration will include **Volleyball Camp**, grades 5th-8th, registration begins May 1, \$35; Tennis Lessons, registration begins May 1, \$30; Tennis League, registration begins May 1, \$80; Golf Lessons, registration begins May 8; **Summer Sampler**, age 4-6, registration begins May 1; **Late Summer Soccer**, age 4-8th grade, registration April 17- June 7, \$20.

#### HIGHLAND YOUTH BASEBALL.

**Information for 5-12 year-olds:** Highland/Cedar Hills Baseball Registration is going on now for ages 5-12. Sign-ups will be at the Highland and Cedar Hills City Buildings on **Saturday, March 4 and 11, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon**. Also, you can pick up registration forms from either building and mail it into the address on the back of the application. The last day to sign up is March 18. Tryouts will be held **April 8**, and Opening Day will be **April 22**. Watch for more information. Call Karrie Williams with any questions, 763-0398.

**Information for 13-15 year-olds:** Baseball registration is going on now for Babe Ruth baseball, ages 13-15 years old. For more information on registration call Kelly Larsen at 310-6968.

## Highland City Arts Council

The Arts Council is busy making plans for this summer and we NEED your help. Actors, dancers, singers, stage production, musicians, artists, and more are needed for the Highland Fling Pageant, and for our yet to be announced summer musical. We will keep you posted on audition times, but would love to work with you in the planning stages too. Please call Suzanne Holgreen, Pageant Director (492-9668), or Kitty Tenney, Theater Chair (756-7944), for information or suggestions. Youth Theater Classes are going on now and will conclude with the presentation, "Once Upon a Lily Pad".

Highland City Arts Council Merit Badge Classes for the Month of March! **Family Life, Friday, March 24, 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. with an hour follow-up class the end of June.** Cost \$10. **Textiles Class, Friday, March 10, 3:15-4:30 p.m.** Cost \$10. There is a limit of 10 people for this class. Additional classes may be added if there is a demand. Both classes are taught by registered merit badge counselors. Please call Highland City (756-5751) to sign up for these classes. Anyone between ages 11-17 is welcome to take the classes. Our goal is to offer at least one required and one non required merit badge class every month. We need your help? If you have suggestions or are willing to teach a class, and you are a registered merit badge counselor, please e-mail meritbadges@hiwires.com.

## Did You Know? . . . .

- The City Council adopted the Water Management and Conservation Plan for Highland City. Also adopted was a minimum cross-section for roads within Highland City (copies of these documents available for public inspection).
- Representative John Dougall made a report to the City Council on legislation being considered by the Utah State Legislature.
- City Engineer, Matt Shipp, presented a proposal to hire two entry level engineers for design and inspection work and to provide service Monday through Friday. Information on the positions is available on the Highland City web page: [www.highlandcity.org](http://www.highlandcity.org).
- The City is going back to the policy of September 16, 2003 wherein subdivisions need to be 100% completed before the issuance of building permits.
- The City Council adopted an ordinance setting in place a "Parkland Bonus Overlay Subdivision" in the Highland City Development Code.
- A conditional use permit was approved for a Cricket cellular antenna to be located by the HWC Building property on 11000 North near 5600 West.
- A conditional use permit was granted for Brookwood's Model Home, located at 11907 North Horizon Drive in the Blessing Rock at Beacon Hill Subdivision.
- A plat amendment on Lot 8 of Dixie Acres was approved to be recorded prior to recordation of Stoneshire Subdivision.
- The Stoneshire Subdivision received final approval for 30 lots in the R-1-20 zone. The subdivision will be located near 10790 North 6000 West.
- The City Council approved the cost sharing for curb and gutter along the property frontage of the Doug Gilmore property (10400 North 6000 West), and approved the extension on the asphalt to meet the curb and gutter. In case the property is developed within five years, the property owner would reimburse the City for the improvements, including the appropriate interest at the rate the City currently receives on its funds.
- The City Council approved the contract with JRCA Architects for architectural services for the city building complex to be built in the Towne Center.
- The City Administrator, Barry Edwards, will arrange to get the doorway remodeled and a buzzer installed at the city building in order to comply with ADA requirements.

## Message from Police Chief Kip Botkin

Spring is a great time of year. We are coming out of the cold weather months and heading into the warmer months. This year as we make that transition we are expecting more than “normal” run-off. Our area’s “saturation level (amount of water the ground is able to contain)” is higher than in past years. As we face the possibility of heavy run-off, please think of steps you can take to protect your property and loved ones. Be aware of low spots and “water routes” on and around your property and take reasonable steps to avoid excess water.

On another note, spring normally brings more activity into our communities. More persons are out and about. Some activities should peak your interest as they may involve illegal activity and would warrant notifying police. Some common situations which could mean foul activity include:

- A stranger entering your neighbor’s house when it is unoccupied;
- Anyone removing car accessories, license plates, or gasoline;
- Anyone peering into parked cars;
- Apparent business transactions conducted from a vehicle;
- Anyone loitering around schools, parks, secluded areas, or on the street;
- Any vehicle moving slowly, and without lights, or one following an apparently aimless course;
- Vehicles containing one or more persons parked at unusual hours;
- Vehicles being loaded with valuables in front of an unoccupied house;
- The sound of breaking glass or loud explosion noise;
- Persons being forced into vehicles;
- Someone going door-to-door who test the doors to see if they are locked, or who goes around to the other side or to the back of the house;
- Someone waiting in front of a house when it is unoccupied;
- Open doors or broken windows at an unoccupied house;
- Continuous repair operations at a non-business location;
- A delivery person with a wrong address.

Undoubtedly, many of the above situations will prove to be legitimate and may not involved criminal activity each time. But they are situations that should peak your curiosity and inspire you to call the police. We can then

check on the legitimacy of the situation. With your help, we can better serve you to keep our communities safe.

## Important Numbers

Emergency Only	911
Police Department/ Animal Control (hrs. 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)	756-9800
Dispatch (after 4:30 p.m.)	375-3601
Fire Depart. (Administration)	763-5365
Ambulance	756-5367
City Office	756-5751
Public Works	492-6362
BFI (Garbage & Toter Repair)	785-0629
Lindon Landfill	225-8170
Broken Street Light 888	221-7070
Septic Tank Location	370-4525
American Fork High School	756-8547
Lone Peak High School	763-7050
Mt. Ridge Jr. High School	763-7010
Freedom Elementary School	766-5270
Highland Elementary School	756-8537
Legacy Elementary School	756-8565
American Fork Recreation	763-3080
Timp Special Service District	756-5231

Soccer Web Page

[www.northutahcountysoccer.com](http://www.northutahcountysoccer.com)

Highland City Home Page

[www.highlandcity.org](http://www.highlandcity.org)

City Administrator’s Email:

[barry@highlandcity.org](mailto:barry@highlandcity.org)

## Highland Youth Council

Highland’s Youth Council/Court has had a busy 2006. We have had the honor of attending the “Day with the Legislature”. This annual event lets the Youth Council experience first-hand State Government making legislative decisions. We got to meet many state officials and would like to give a special thank you to Representative John Dougall, our State Representative, for his time and special attention. His personal touch made this a favorite experience for the Youth Council.

Our January service project was cleaning out the shed behind the city building. It is amazing how quickly fourteen young adults can accomplish a task. Thanks to everyone who gave up a Saturday to help with this project. (Just a reminder to all residents: any signs placed on city property illegally are taken to the city building and left by the shed. Please retrieve them as quickly as possible.)

It is time again for Highland youth ages 14-17 that will be in 9th to 12th grades next year, who are interested in the 2006-07 Youth Council, to fill out an application.

Applications are available at Lone Peak High School, the Highland City Building, and by contacting Allen and Brenda Olsen at 756-6610, or Steve and Janet King at 763-0232. This is a great opportunity to learn more about local government, to give service to the community, and to make new friends. For any questions, contact the Olsen's or the King's.

March is an exciting month for the Council. We will be attending the State Youth Council Leadership Conference in Logan. Youth Councils from other cities in Utah meet at USU for a three day learning experience. We attend workshops, lectures, and enjoy great entertainment. There are competitions between the Councils, for which Highland's Youth Council always does very well. This year we hope to receive the Award of Excellence for an outstanding Youth Council. We have a great group of young adults working hard to improve our city and our state. Thanks for all your hard work and dedication.

## Meet Your Staff

### Meet Michelle Clemons, Court Clerk



Husband: Peter Clemons

Children: Lori (16), Kimberly (14), Travis (11)

Schooling: B.S., UVSC in Integrated Studies,

Business Management and Communications

Favorite Sport: Baseball

Favorite Vacation: Hawaii (so far)

Favorite Book: People Magazine

Hobbies and Interests: Cooking and Movies

How Long Have You Worked for Highland City:

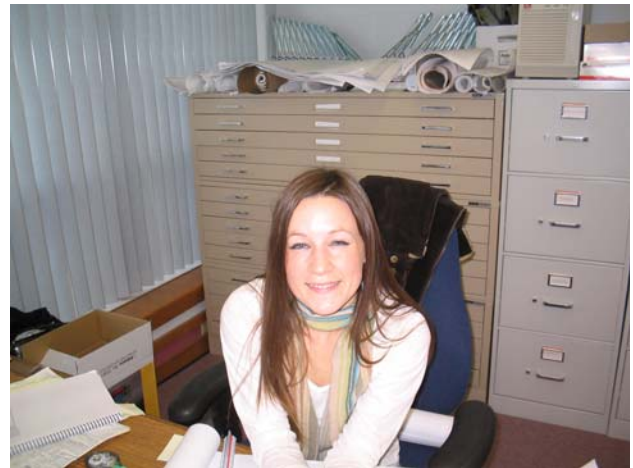
Almost six months

What Are Your Responsibilities: Help manage Justice Court cases and documents

What Do You Enjoy Most About Your Job: The great people I work with!

### Meet Hannah Dick: Planner I

Fiancé: Chris Thiel



Schooling: B.S, University of Utah in Urban Planning

Favorite School Subject: Math/Art

Favorite Sport: How do I pick?

Favorite Vacation: Probably Bruges, Belgium

Favorite Book: DaVinci Code

Hobbies and Interests: Snowboarding, swimming, hiking, dogs, basically anything

Business Achievements: Graduating and getting a job with Highland City

How Long Have You Worked for Highland City:

Three weeks

What Do You Enjoy Most About Your Job: People, versatility

## Planning Commission Applicants Sought

Anyone interested in serving on the Planning Commission may obtain an application from the City Office and submit it to Mayor Jay W. Franson.

## Free Tax Preparation?

If you earned less than \$37,000 this past year and cannot prepare your own tax returns, you are eligible for assistance through a free tax preparation program known as Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA). In addition, you may qualify for the Earned Income Tax credit, which may increase tax refunds. For more information or to schedule an appointment with VITA, call the United Way help line at 211.