

Highland Insider

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Highland to Construct New Fire Station

Final Approval Forthcoming

Planning for a new fire station to be constructed in the Town Center has been ongoing, but approvals for the plans, site, and architecture have been granted by the Planning Commission, and the City Council will address the approval at the May 2, Council Meeting. The architect for the project is Butler & Associates. The facility, according to Fire Chief Craig Carlisle, is “very needed and will provide a lot more storage and space”. The Public Safety District currently has two fire stations located in Cedar Hills and Alpine. The new fire station will have three floors comprising the following: the top floor will house six bedrooms and a training room; the main floor will house offices for the Fire Chief, Assistant Chief, reception area, and a kitchen; and the basement will provide space for tours and storage. The bays will have the capacity to store six large fire engines.

Highland City’s Web Page

Residents are encouraged to browse Highland City’s web page at www.highlandcity.org for ongoing information concerning the City. Agendas can be accessed to the Planning Commission and City Council meetings, prior to their meeting schedules, which are as follows: City Council meets the first and third Tuesdays and Planning Commission meets the second and fourth Tuesdays. Minutes are also posted after they are approved.

Did You Know? . . .

- The City Council approved a full time court administration position, which fills the workload previously carried by a part-time court clerk and assistant court clerk.
- A Highland resident, Laura Wood, was selected to attend Girls State. The City Council approved a contribution towards her expenses.
- MD Property Services’ contract was increased to cover the landscaping maintenance of the

Highland City Cemetery and the open space areas in Highland Hills, as well as 3% CPI adjustment. This contractor maintains the open space and highway medians within the City.

- City Council members were appointed to serve on the following ad hoc committees: Sidewalk Committee, Public Outreach Committee, and Telecommunication Committee. The purpose for these committees is to recommend policy which will be brought back to the City Council for future consideration.
- An Open Space Improvement Agreement was reviewed in the April 18, Council Meeting, and it will be back on the May 2, agenda for adoption. The agreement is designed to permit residents who adjoin public open space to improve that open space.
- A Parkland Bonus Overlay Subdivision Option was approved by the City Council which allows a developer to dedicate land for park space.
- Conditional Use was granted to UP & L for utility and pole renovation along 6000 West between 10400 North and 11000 North.
- A Northwest/Southeast Culinary Water Capital Facilities Plan and Impact Fee was adopted by the City Council.
- The Municipal Code was amended to allow removal of topsoil when developing a subdivision and to allow grading beyond 5 feet from a right-of-way to assist developers with drainage between hillside lots and to assist future property owners with height requirements per the Development Code. These restrictions are placed upon all projects which exceed one acre in size or one acre of surface grading in area.
- The Municipal Code was amended to make the normal activities of a farming endeavor to not be considered nuisances of noise or light.
- Day’s Meadows, a two-lot subdivision located at 10665 North 6000 West, received final approval for a proposed church and one lot.
- Robinson’s Ranch, a six-lot subdivision located at 9600 North 5700 West, was approved for

development in the R-1-20 zone with the minimum of 16,000 sq. ft. lots.

- The City Council approved to advertise for a request for qualifications to update the Highland City General Plan. Also a moratorium on accepting applications for up-zoning residential density from R-1-40 to R-1-20 was set for a period of six months, or until the General Plan is completed.
- The City is purchasing signs naming the road on 4800 West to be changed to "Lone Peak Parkway" from Highland City's boundary to the Alpine City limits.
- Property affecting the 6800 West road near Aspen Hollow Subdivision is being addressed with Lehi, American Fork, Utah County, and Mountainlands Association of Governments.
- The schedule for approval of the Highland City budget for FY 2006-07 is as follows: presented to the City Council May 2, the preliminary budget to be adopted May 16, public hearing will be held June 6, and the budget to be adopted June 20.

Retaining Walls

A recent amendment to the Development Code as it pertains to retaining walls was adopted as follows: "Retaining walls shall not be placed any closer to the property line or another retaining wall than at a ratio of one foot horizontal to one foot vertical height of the wall. Retaining walls in the front yard shall not exceed a height of four feet. A retaining wall shall not be placed within any utility easement. A retaining wall may exceed four feet in height within a rear yard if it has been engineered and a stamped engineered plan has been submitted to and approved by the City. An engineered wall shall not exceed eight (8) feet in height. All retaining walls require a fence permit."

Joggers, A Safety Alert

A concerned resident, who almost hit an early morning jogger, called the City Office and suggested a reminder be given to joggers that they wear fluorescent, or white clothing, when jogging along city streets before dawn or after sunset.

International Compost Awareness Week May 7-13

The Timpanogos Special Service District will celebrate Compost Awareness Week by having a "buy one yard of compost and get one yard FREE" beginning April

3, and ending May 13, 2006. The TSSD location is 6400 North 5050 West, American Fork, and the telephone number is 756-5231.

Youth City Council Report

The Easter Egg Hunt was a great success this year, good weather, plenty of eggs to find, tons of candy, and thanks to the Arts Council everyone had a great time! The Youth Council would like to thank Tyler with Macey's grocery store chain for their generous contribution of candy, Kohler's for the cookies, and Dana at Peppermint Place for their contribution. The Art's Council was present with delicious cookies for everyone to decorate and a coloring contest was held. The winners of the coloring contest were: Age 0-3 Megan Wood and Mason Watts, age 4-5 Audrey Williams, age 6-8 Angela Russell and Ben Anderson, and 9-12 McKinzie Olsen and Aubrey Watts. We want to express appreciation to everyone who attended this year and helped to make this the best Easter Egg Hunt ever.

The Marquee is going to under-go a major improvement very soon, which is due to the generous financial contribution from the Brett Millar family and United Scoreboard Company, the approval of the Highland City Council, the hard work from Youth Council member Grant Herron, and all the Council members of the 2005-06 Youth Council.

The Youth Council is looking for co-advisors to help with this outstanding group of Highland youth. It is a very rewarding experience. If interested, please contact the Olsens at 756-6610, or the Kings at 763-0232.

Please remember to recycle all newspaper, magazines, telephone books, etc. at the recycle bin located in the parking lot of Highland Heritage Park. The Youth Council receives the proceeds from this recycle bin to help fund our monthly service projects.

Jr. Miss Committee

An orientation meeting will be held for all girls interested in participating in the Jr. Miss Program on Thursday, May 4, 2006, at 7:30 p.m., at the Highland City Building.

Recreation

Lone Peak Youth Football. This year Alpine, Cedar Hills, and Highland will join American Fork, Lehi, and Pleasant Grove in the Utah County Football League <http://www.theufc.com>. Alpine will field their own team while Cedar Hills and Highland will combine their teams together. Former commissioners, coaches, volunteers and players are combining forces to make this happen. This is the same group of individuals which ran the league two

years ago, although the name has changed. This League, by far, will be the best Utah County has to offer. It's happening right now. Fields are being reserved, equipment is being secured and ordered, insurance lined up, etc.

Again we would like to extend this league opportunity to all previous players and wish a warm welcome to all new players 1st through 8th grades!

To be part of the VICTORY TEAM secure your draft at LONE PEAK YOUTH FOOTBALL (www.lonepeakyouthfootball.com), click on Programs to initiate the program. For any questions, email [DamonMartinez\(dmch35@aol.com\)](mailto:DamonMartinez(dmch35@aol.com)).

9th Grade Caveman Football. Registration for the fall season 2006 will be May 1-26. Students attending Mt. Ridge Jr. High who will attend American Fork High School are invited to sign up. For information, please call Debbie Thomson at 756-0336, or visit www.cavemanfootball.com and follow the link to 9th Grade. Registration packets will be available in the office of American Fork Jr. High.

Highland Arts Council

This year give Mom a fun night out for Mother's Day! Come join us for our "Cook Without a Book" series on Thursday, May 11, and Tuesday, May 16, from 6:30 - 9:00 p.m. You will learn cooking methods and principles so you can cook without a recipe! The class will be taught by Tres Hatch, a frequent guest chef on KUTV2, caterer, and cooking instructor. Sign up for an individual class, or take both classes in the series at a discounted price. The classes will be held at the Natural Vitality Store in Highland, 5435 W. 11000 N. (next to Kohlers). Cost is \$25 for one class, \$45 for both! Register by calling 756-1745, or email mksousen@hotmail.com.

Highland City Arts Council Merit Badge Classes for May - Citizenship in the Community. Friday, May 12, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. and Tuesday, May 16, 7:00 p.m. to attend a City meeting. Homework will be required for this merit badge as well as a follow-up in June. We will be following the 2005 revised edition of this merit badge. Cost \$10.

This summer we will offer a variety of non-required merit badge classes, thanks to Highland residents and local businesses who will teach these classes. Check the City's website (www.highlandcity.org) for these additional classes! Sign ups for summer classes will occur as soon as they are posted on the website.

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.

Dentistry Merit Badge Class. Friday, June 2, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. Limit 10, cost \$11. The class size for this merit badge is limited to 10. It is first come, first served based on your pre-paid reservation with Highland City. Dr. Anderson will teach this class three different times this year, so choose your class carefully as there will be NO REFUNDS for any reason. We would like to thank Dr. Anderson of Lexington Heights Dental in Cedar Hills for offering this class. This merit badge class will be offered at his office - 4587 Cedar Hills Drive, Suite 100, Cedar Hills. He provides full service dental care for the entire family, as well as this bit of community service for our Boy Scouts.

Alpine Community Theater

Auditions for *Music Man* will be held Saturday, May 13, 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., at Timberline Middle School for everyone interested in being part of Alpine Community Theater's 2006 summer production. The show will run July 31 - August 7, at Timberline Middle School. Families are encouraged to audition together. We're also looking for more volunteers - secretaries, choreographers, set designers, seamstresses, stage hands, sound and light technicians, make-up techs, and more. If you want to be part of *Music Man* in any way, call Laura Snyder at 8763-1225.

Highland Fling - Princess Timpanogos Historical Pageant

All actors, dancers and singers - Come join us for a summer of performing at it's best. Come June 10, 2006 from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at the Highland City Building for the Princess Timpanogos Historical Pageant registration workshop.

During the summer of 2006, the City of Highland will be bringing out the talent of the Princess Timpanogos Historical Pageant with our Director Suzanne Hollgreen, and guest choreographers that include the Director of the BYU Ballet Company and also The Power Academy of Irish Dance. Music will be with Amy Lindquist and renowned pianist Jordan Wilson. We will be making a new cast recording and DVD that will be available for purchase after the Big Event August 5. If your family has a speciality act, or if you have experience with make-up, costumes, or scenery, please attend the workshop and be involved in the best performance this summer.

Utahns Against Hunger

Free summer meals for children 18 and under. Greenwood Elementary, at 50 East 200 South, American

Fork will provide the following: Breakfast 8:30 - 9:30,
Lunch 11:30 - 12:30 June 5 through June 30.

5K Blood Run

The Utah Hemophilia Foundation, which serves over 400 families in Utah with bleeding disorders, is holding their fund raising 5K Blood run on May 20, 2006. The race will begin at 7:00 a.m. at the Heritage Park, and is open to runners and walkers of all ages and abilities. It is a fun way to support this great cause and all registered runners/walkers have a chance to win great prizes!

Register at: www.bloodrun.org.

American Fork Hospital Hosts Community Health Fair

Families are invited to American Fork Hospital's "Spring into Health" Community Health Fair, Saturday, May 20. The event will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 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. 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. Plan to bring your entire family to this great event. For more information, please call 855-3279.

Secondhand Smoke Kills Non-Smokers

Did you know that secondhand smoke kills more than 53,000 non-smokers every year? Children, whose parents smoke, are at an increased risk of developing asthma, ear infections, lung problems, breathing illnesses, and even death. Keeping your home and car smoke-free may not always be easy, but it is an important step you can take to protect your child's health. For more information on pledging to keep your home and car smoke-free, visit www.epa.gov/smokefree or visit www.UtahCountyHealth.org.

Mobile Spay/Neuter Clinic

The Big Fix on Tour Mobile spay/Neuter Clinic will be coming May 11, 2006 at the parking lot at the mouth of American Fork Canyon on a first come, first served basis. Intake is at 8 a.m. For more information call toll free 1-866-PETS FIX or www.utahpets.org.

Message from Police Chief Kip Botkin

The current status of society continues to prove that Identity theft, fraud, forgery, commercial paper (checks, bonds, stock certificates, etc.) crimes and a myriad of similar type crimes are situations we will all have to learn to accept and combat. None of us are immune from being victimized. I, and my family, have recently been the victim of an auto burglary (items stolen out of our locked car) while we attended church services, one of my sons had someone "hack" into his "on-line banking" account and make unauthorized transfers or withdrawals. The fight against crime is real and knows no bounds.

In an effort to help our citizens be safer and safeguard their possessions we offer some tips which we hope will be helpful in protecting our identity and your financial assets: (1) The next time you order checks have only your initials (instead of first name) and last name imprinted on them. If someone takes your checkbook, they will not know how you sign your checks, but your bank will know how you sign your checks. (2) Do not sign the back of your credit cards. Instead, put "Photo ID Required". (3) when you are paying accounts by check, DO NOT put the complete account number on the "For" or "Memo" line. Instead, just put the last four numbers. The creditor knows the rest of your account number, and anyone who might be handling your check as it passes through all the check-processing channels will not have access to your full account number. (4) Put your work phone number on your checks instead of your home phone. If you have a PO Box, use that instead of your home address (monthly statements should be sent to your home address). Never have your Social Security number put on your checks. If needed on rare occasions, you can always hand write it in, however if you have it printed anyone can obtain it. (5) When you check out of a hotel/motel that uses cards for keys (most hotel/motels do use them now) DO NOT turn the "keys" in. Take them with you and destroy them. Those little cards contain all your credit card information used "as a deposit"; to secure the room, pay the bill in advance, "has the phone in your room turned on", etc. Those cards contain your name, sometimes your address, your credit card type, account number and expiration date. Often when you check out these cards are simply thrown into a drawer and left lying about until the card is "programmed" with a new guest's credit card information. During that "lying around period" your credit card information is "exposed" and someone with a credit card reader or an employee of the hotel/motel can access all your credit card information.