

Highland Insider

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City Office Expansion

City Building & City Modular Office Building

City administration staff moved into a modular office building, which is located northwest of the City Building. Staff operating out of this facility includes the City Administrator, Finance Director, City Treasurer, City Recorder, Court Clerk, and Public Safety Administration. The City Building is now housing the City Engineer/Public Works Director and staff, Community Development Director and staff, and Building Official and staff. As a result of the transition the telephone system has changed and a recording will direct the caller. The "Drop Box" for utility payments has been moved closer to the office trailer and can be accessed at the north end of the parking lot.

December Garbage Collection

Garbage collection will be delayed one day and will be picked up on **Saturday, December 30**, because of the Christmas holiday. A special Christmas tree pick-up is scheduled for January 11 and 12. Trees are to be placed at curbside.

December Calendar of Events

City Council Meeting **December 5, 7:00 p.m.**
Planning Commission Meeting **December 12, 7:00 p.m.**

City Offices will be closed **December 25**, for the Christmas holiday.

Community Action Food Bank Drive

Local Churches will be seeking food donations on **Saturday, December 9**, to provide food for the Food Bank. Donations of non-perishable food and hygiene items may also be dropped off at the Community Action

Food Bank Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., at 815 S. Freedom Boulevard, Provo. Call 373-8200, ext. 216 for more information.

Library Committee Appointed

Earlier this summer a survey went out to Highland residents asking which programs and services were important to them. From this survey, 75% of Highland's residents stated they wanted a community public library. In response to resident's desires, Mayor Franson appointed a Library Committee to explore the options for library facilities. The committee comprises the following: Chairman Claudia Stillman, Kathryn Schramm, members of the City Council; Justin Englebright, and Stephanie Thacker, citizens of Highland.

The Library Committee has made visits to other public libraries and received input from their librarians. They have also received input from four Highland residents who are professional librarians. In addition, the Committee met with officials from the Utah State Library Division. The Committee is exploring start-up grants, fund raising, and other cost-saving means for purchase of computer software programs, shelving, and the use of volunteers to assist with library programs.

A report by the Library Committee will be presented to the City Council December 5, 2007. Public support is encouraged at this meeting and volunteers are invited to get involved. Anyone interested in serving on the Library Committee may fill out the Highland City Volunteer Statement of Interest form at www.highlandcity.org. Please email the committee at highlandlibrary@highlandcity.org to express support or assistance.

Parks and Building Reservations

The calendars for 2007 Parks and Building reservations open on January 2. Residents may download an application from www.highlandcity.org or pick up the reservation forms at the City Office. Please keep in mind all reservations are on a first-come, first-served basis.

Highland Arts Council

Merit Badge Classes. There will be no Merit Badge Classes for the month of December. Beginning January 2007, registration for Merit Badge Classes opens on the first of each month. All classes will have a limit which will insure appropriate class sizes for your scout. Keep an eye on the city website www.highlandcity.org for next year's agenda and class registration forms.

AF and Highland Youth Theater Auditions for Honk, Jr. Children from the third grade and up are invited to audition for *Honk, Jr.* on **Thursday, December 7**. This retelling of "The Ugly Duckling" offers many great parts and fun music. All who audition will be cast in the production. Rehearsals run through March, 2007, and performances will be held March 29 - April 2. Workshops will also be held to teach auditioning and performance skills. Tuition is \$40 per month. In order to schedule an audition, or for more information, call Judy (AF) at 785-2059, or Kittie (Highland) 756-7944.

Christmas Crafts Day. Come to the City Building on **Saturday, December 2, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.** for the Highland Arts Council's second annual family **Christmas Crafts Day!** Craft making will begin at 11:00 a.m. for children and adults. Throughout the event holiday music will be performed by local entertainers. There will be available free crafts, and crafts costing \$.25, \$.50, and \$1.00.

Santa is Coming to Highland!

The Youth City Council is hosting Santa at the City Building on **Saturday, December 2, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.** Come join Santa and the YCC immediately following the Christmas Crafts Day.

Youth City Council News

The Youth Council held the annual Senior's Appreciation Dinner in November. We would like to thank everyone who attended and made it such an enjoyable evening. It was fun to get to know these wonderful members of our community.

The Youth Council's spotlight this month includes two members, Elise Smith and Brittany Thompson. Elise, daughter of Brent and Mary Ann Smith, is a Senior at American Fork High School. She is involved in the Latin Club. Brittany is the daughter of Marc and Jill Thompson. She is a Junior at Lone Peak High School and is on the Lone Peak drum line.

Recreation

AF Recreation is offering **Ski or Snowboard School at Solitude Ski Resort January 6 - February 10**. The fee of \$250 includes a chartered bus, ski or snowboard lessons, and an all-day lift pass to Solitude Ski Resort. The program days are **Saturdays, January 6, 20; February 3, 10**. If a regular lesson is missed it can be made up on **Saturday, February 24**. (Transportation will not be provided for this make-up lesson.) If ski or snowboard lessons are not desired, individuals may purchase a bus only ticket for \$65, which entitles an individual to discount lift passes for bus only passengers at Solitude for \$35/day. Please register for this class at the American Fork Recreation Center (454 North Center Street, AF).

Lone Peak Football has officially ended the 2006 season. Congratulations to the following 1st Place Championship winners: 1st/2nd Freeman, 3rd/4th Harrison, 5th Romney, 6A, Pedersen, 6B Wright, 7A Schrimmer, 7B Flanary, 8A Deer, 8B Flanary. At this time LPYF wishes to thank the following sponsors: Big 5 Sporting Goods, City Hall Cedar Hills/Highland, Domino's Pizza, Home Depot, Kohler's, Sound Concepts, Sports Academy, and Walmart. We would also like to thank those who made anonymous financial contributions. A special thanks to the 2006 volunteer board members for their outstanding services, which included: Rick Arnold, Jim Baird, Bobi Deere, Diana Draper, Bryce Flanary, Kurt Flygare, Damon Martinez, Jason Matheney, Mike Moore, John Peterson, Ron Robinson, Robert Schrimmer, and Melissa Willie. Anyone interested in serving as 2007 board members may apply at www.LPYF.admin@hotmail.com. In order to better serve you in the 2007 season, please take the time to respond to the survey being sent via email in the near future.

We could not say goodbye without a heart-filled thanks to each player for their commitment, each volunteer Coach for their time and dedication, and to each family for making this 2006 season successful. We appreciate your support and look forward to seeing your families return to the 2007 LPYF season.

Diana Draper, LPYF Board Secretary

HEAT Program Now Open

Community Action Services is now accepting applications for the HEAT program, a program which assists low-income households in making utility payments through the winter season. A one-time payment per year will be submitted directly to heating companies for individuals who qualify. Disbursements are determined based on need. All Utah County residents interested in

applying must call 373-8200 from now until the end of April for an appointment. Low-income households and those with disabilities are especially encouraged to apply. Applicants must meet income guidelines and provide all required documentation. Homebound individuals may request an Outreach worker to come to their home to assist in the application process. First-time applicants in Utah County must complete an energy education class as part of the process (energy class is waived for disabled or elderly applicants). Please go to www.CommunityActionProvo.org for more information or call 373-8200.

Volunteers Needed to Teach Young People Fishing Skills

Adult volunteers are needed to teach 6 to 13-year-olds about fishing and aquatic resources in Highland. Volunteers will be helping Highland City and the Division of Wildlife Resources with our community fishing program. Volunteer training will be held **February 26, from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. at the Highland City Building**. The training takes about one day to complete. After training, volunteers will spend about two hours once a week **June 16 - July 28, 2007**. They will teach children about fish and fishing by fishing with them at the Highland Glen Park. To volunteer, or for more information, please contact Emily Gillingwater, Highland City Enhancement Coordinator at 756-5751 x 122 or email emily@highlandcity.org.

Highland City's Marquee at Heritage Park

Highland's Heritage Park Sign has now been updated for electronic messaging. Watch the sign for current noticing of events and information. The sign was provided by the assistance of the Youth City Council. The messages are contingent upon approval by Highland City. School announcements will be allowed subject to approval by the City Administrator. City Government will have discretion over the use of the marquee and city messages will take precedence over any message at any time. All other messages will be approved on a first come, first served basis. No personal ads or business announcements will be allowed.

A request form and the master schedule will remain at the city building and will be kept by the Highland City Community Enhancement Coordinator.

Did You Know? . . .

- The City Council adopted a centerline survey for residential and arterial streets.
- Property was purchased from Mitchell Development for a trail in Hyde Estates Subdivision.
- A non-residential monthly storm sewer fee of \$4.50 per 6,000 square feet of impervious surface was approved by the City Council.
- Alpine Model Homes was placed under a probationary period of 90 days regarding its model home conditional use permit.
- A contract with Hansen and Wright for a city prosecutor was approved by the City Council.
- A model home conditional use permit was approved for McMullen Homes.
- Final Approval was granted for Hollow Acres Plat B, a three-lot subdivision located at 6508 West 9600 North.
- An application is in process for Bill Knight, of Knight West Construction, for six office buildings and a bank on the southeast corner of the east gateway into the Town Center.
- The audit for FY 2005-06 was presented and approved by the City Council.
- The Fire Department received a \$960,000 grant for a term of five years. The Public Safety District will be responsible for the sixth year. Because of these funds, nine additional full time staff will be hired.
- An agreement was approved with Hansen Allen and Luce for a secondary water master plan in the amount of \$68,000.
- An ordinance was adopted permitting the hours of operation for business in Highland City to be open from 6:00 a.m. to 12:00 midnight.
- The City Council adopted an ordinance amending the Master Land Use Element of the General Plan to add the Commercial Retail (CR) Zone to property at the Northwest Corner of 11000 North (SR-92) and Alpine Highway (SR-74)". An ordinance was also adopted to permit a zone change to that property from R-1-40 to Commercial Retail (CR) Zone. This property is being developed by Thomas Fox Properties which will entail 16.622 acres for commercial retail development.
- The City Council authorized staff to go out for bid on traffic control devices in the Dry Creek Subdivision.
- Final Approval was granted to Brookridge Plat B Subdivision. This development is located at 4720 West 10600 North.
- Final Approval was granted to Reisner Heights Plat Subdivision. This property is located west of the Highland City Cemetery at 10930 North 6150 West, and will comprise a three-lot subdivision.

- The City Council held a work session and began addressing city projects which need to be prioritized and planned for future completion.

Bids Sought for Maintenance of City Buildings, Park Restrooms

Bids are being requested for maintenance of the Highland City Building, City Office Trailer, Public Works Building, and Park Restrooms at the following locations: Highland Heritage Park, Highland Glen Park, Caddie Lane Park. Interested parties may pick up a bid sheet at the City Office Trailer. All bids must be submitted by **Monday, January 8, 2007**.

A Message from Police Chief Kip Botkin

The year 2006 is quickly coming to an end. For some the year may have passed by quickly, while for others it may have gone slowly. Either way, we are coming to the end of the year and that means we are in the holiday season. Certain reminders are generally helpful as we progress through the Fall season into Winter.

- Prepare your vehicle for winter driving (replace windshield wiper blades; make sure the heater and window defroster units are working properly; check the tread level on tires; check anti-freeze levels; and perform normal maintenance to assure proper operation).
- Remember that winter driving conditions often create lower visibility, longer stopping distances, window obstructions, slippery surfaces and the need to pay heightened attention to operation of the vehicle.
- No parking is allowed on public streets in both cities (Highland and Alpine) from **December 1 through March 31 (of the following year) between 12:00 a.m. (Midnight) and 8:00 a.m. AND ANYTIME THERE IS SNOW PRESENT**. This provides for the streets to be cleared of parked vehicles to allow for the removal of snow.
- It is not uncommon to have Christmas presents stolen from vehicles while the vehicle owner is engaged in Christmas shopping. In order to help protect your purchases from theft, the following hints may prevent you from being a victim:
- If possible, place purchased items in the trunk of the vehicle where they will be out of sight;
- If it is not possible to place items in the trunk of the vehicle, keep them from plain view (cover

purchased items with a blanket, jacket, clothing, etc.);

- Keep small expensive items you have purchased (such as jewelry, gift certificates, etc.) on your person as you continue to shop, as opposed to leaving them in your vehicle.
- If possible, structure your shopping trip(s) so that larger hard to conceal items are purchased last in order that they are in your vehicle for the shortest amount of time.

The men and women of your Police Department, who proudly serve you, wish you the safest and happiest Holiday Season.

American Fork Arts Council

- **American Fork Symphony** will ring in the holiday season with a fantastic concert **December 4, 7:30 p.m., AF Junior High School**; cost is \$3 individual, \$10 family.
- **Children's Choir Concert, December 14, 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m., Historic City Hall.**
- **Christmas in the Rotunda, November 28 - January 3. Children's Art Exhibit at the American Fork Library.**
- **Timpanogos Chorale**, directed by Dr. Donald Ripplinger, **December 7, 5:30 p.m., Assembly Hall on Temple Squire; December 8, 7:00 p.m. AF Junior High School.**
- **Vocal Works Concert, "The Other Wise Man", December 15 (Provo Tabernacle), December 16, 22, 23 (SLC Recital Hall, December 21 (AFJH), January 6 (Tahitian Noni Auditorium), 7:30 p.m., \$16 per person.**
- **Wasatch Winds, Christmas Concert, December 18, American Fork High School**, free admission; donations welcome.
- **Youth Toastmasters Club, December 13, 4:00 p.m., AF Library Community Room**, for ages 12-17 and parents. Learn the basics of public speaking.

Condolences

Sympathy is expressed to the family of Helen F. Durfey, a resident of our community who recently passed away.