

Highland Insider

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Schramm, Braithwaite, Mendenhall Elected to Highland City Council

Election Results

Following a primary and general municipal election the following were elected to serve the next four years on the City Council: Kathryn S. Schramm, Brian D Braithwaite, and Larry M. Mendenhall. These individuals will be sworn into office January 2. The totals for this year's election were as follows: , Brian W Braithwaite 1606, Jay Haws 1313, Steve King 1122, Larry M. Mendenhall 1580, Kathryn S. Schramm 1747, and Glen Vawdrey, 1548.

Snow Removal/Parking on City Streets

Just a reminder it is unlawful to park any motor vehicles upon city streets from December 1st to March 31st between the hours of 12:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m., and any time snow is present in order to provide access for snow plows to do the snow removal. "Vehicle" is interpreted to be any vehicle which obstructs the movement of snow removal equipment or the piling of snow on the park strips, sidewalks, roadway or right-of-way.

Paying City Bills Easier than Ever

Highland City has two options for paying your monthly utility bill. The first option you can access paying your monthly utility bill through the Highland City web page, which is www.highlandcity.org and just follow the directions. NO CHECKS to write on your part and no checks to process on our part. The second option is the Direct Pay Option. Highland City does all the work. All we need is the authorization form from you. For any questions contact Nancy Day at 756-5751, ext. 110.

Parks and Building Reservations

The calendars for 2008 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.

Planning & Zoning Update

If you are considering putting up a fence, please be aware that Highland City requires a fence permit. Highland has strict ordinances regarding fencing. You can obtain a permit at the city offices or online. The fee is \$20 and, if approved, the permit will be filed in your lot file.

If you have already proceeded to construct a fence and you were unaware that you were required to get a fence permit, Highland still encourages you to come and get one. Having a fence permit will protect you and your property in the long run. Without a fence permit your fence is considered illegal. The code is as follows: **3-612: Fences, Walls, and Hedges.** (4) Permit - Before commencing construction, plans for all fences and walls shall first be submitted to and approved by the City Zoning Administrator. (A) Application - The applicant for a fence permit shall submit a site sketch to the City Zoning Administrator. The sketch shall show the lot, the proposed height(s) of the fence, the location of driveways on the lot and adjacent properties.

Single? Highland City, along with other cities, has had problems with illegal "single" signs. These signs will usually have a question of being single on them and also have a website stated. These signs have been under investigation by Highland City and Highland Police. We have yet to catch the culprit putting up these signs. Highland City is offering a reward to any resident who can catch an offender in action. If the resident leads us to the conviction of this person, or persons, they will receive a reward consisting of \$25. The resident should be able to provide a license plate number and personal description of the person in action. Please do not put yourself in harms way. In order to notify the authorities please contact the police central dispatch at 375-3601.

North Utah County Soccer - Spring 2008 Registration

North Utah County soccer (NUCS) is now accepting mail-in registration for our Spring 2008 soccer season. (Players who played in Fall 2007 are already registered for Spring 2008 and should NOT register again.) Registration instructions are on our web site at www.nucsonline.com; registrations must be postmarked by February 1, 2008. The Spring season begins Saturday, March 29, and continues through mid-May.

Community Action Services and Food Bank

It's the holiday food drive season and Community Action Services and Food Bank expresses thanks to those who generously donate their food, money, and hours of volunteer support. On December 8, church groups and other organizations will unite for the largest annual state-wide food drive. Please remember to leave your donation of food on your doorstep before 8:00 a.m. the morning of the drive. With your help we are able to continue our mission of fighting poverty in the community. We ask for your continued support during the holidays by donating \$5 to our "I Care" fund raiser. For more information visit our Website at www.CommunityActionUC.org. Donations of non-perishable food and hygiene items may be brought to Community Action Services and Food Bank Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., at 815 S. Freedom Boulevard, Provo. Call Food Bank Director Jim Thomas at 373-8200, ext. 215 for more information.

Christmas Crafts with Santa

The Arts Council and the Youth City Council invites you to join us on **Saturday, December 8, at the Highland City Building** for Christmas Crafts Day with Santa! Craft making will be from **10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.** for children and adults. Throughout the event holiday music will be performed by local entertainers. There will be available free crafts and crafts ranging from \$.25 - \$.75. Come join Santa and the Youth City Council immediately following the Christmas Crafts Day. **Santa will be here from 12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

Arts Council

The mission of the Highland City Arts Council is to promote and provide enrichment of all the arts, education and literacy for all ages in our community. We are grateful for those who have served so faithfully on the Board over the years. We have accomplished much and want to invite all those in Highland who have a similar

goal in promoting the arts to join with us. We are particularly looking to add two positions to the Board in the following areas: (1) Chairman for the **Story Writing Contest** that is held in conjunction with Arbor Day, April 25, 2008. The theme for the Story Writing Contest is "My Favorite Tree." (2) Chairperson for the first annual **Youth Speech Contest** tentatively set for June. For additional information, or to volunteer, please call Kam Capik at 756-4248.

The **Highland Children's Choir Concert** will be held **December 12, 2007, at 7:00 p.m., at the Provo Tabernacle**. For ticket information please call 492-0590.

Highland City Eagle Projects

The City would like to thank **Kyle Peterson** who completed his Eagle Project by landscaping and improving a walking path in the Alpine Country Club Subdivision. We would also like to thank **Wesley Ballard** who completed his Eagle Project by placing storm drain stickers throughout the City. The green and blue stickers say "No Dumping, Drains to Waterways."

Youth City Council

Thanks to all who attended the Senior Citizens' Dinner on November 5. We all had a great time. The December service project will be tying quilts for the Primary Children's Hospital, and Santa Claus visit to City Hall.

Library

Thanks to the 173 "Highland Library Families" who have already donated toward the opening day collection of books for the new library. That number just keeps increasing! The total donations from Library Families is \$13,020, which brings our total to \$18,950 towards our \$300,000 goal! We appreciate the involvement of so many families in this program.

Linda Sheffield, a citizen of Highland, is heading up the new Friends of the Library Organization. This organization is helping to coordinate our second campaign where larger donations are being accepted. These individuals and businesses who donate larger amounts will also be recognized in the library. Donation categories and more details regarding both fund raising programs can be seen on www.highlandcity.org on the Library home page.

A wonderful gift idea for Christmas is to donate to the opening day collection in the name of a family member, friend, or neighbor. Christmas Donation Cards to give to your family and friends are available at the city office. Also, a fun, simple way to come together as a neighborhood for a common cause is to collectively donate money to the library's opening day collection in lieu of

neighborhood gifts. *All donations are tax exempt, so if you're looking for a way to get a tax write-off for the year this is a great opportunity. Please make checks payable to the Highland City Library Foundation.*

AF Arts Council Christmas Concerts

Please come and join in celebrating the season! The Timpanogos Choral Christmas Concert has become a regional holiday tradition and we would love to share it with your family on the following dates: **Friday, December 7, 6:30 p.m., at Temple Square; Saturday, December 8, 7:30 p.m., at American Fork Jr. High; Monday, December 10, 7:30 p.m., at American Fork Jr. High.** Suggested donation is \$3 per person/\$10 per family.

The American Fork Symphony, under the direction of Dr. Terry Hill, will ring in the holiday season with a concert of beautiful music on **December 3, 2007, at 7:30 p.m. at American Fork High School Auditorium.** Suggested donation is \$3 per person/\$10 per family.

The Wasatch Winds Christmas Concert will be held **Monday, December 17, at 7:00 p.m., at the American Fork High School.** Cost is \$3 per person/\$2 students/\$10 family.

Message from Chief Kip Botkin

Modern aspects of municipal policing are varied and can often be complex. One standard in policing any community is the necessity of help and assistance from the citizens. Although necessary and used at every opportunity the odds or chance of random, preventative patrol catching an individual, or group of individuals, committing a crime are truly low. When one considers the various duties of a uniformed patrol officer (responding to dispatches, taking reports, writing reports, conducting traffic enforcement, investigating traffic collisions, participating in safety programs at schools, required appearances in court, transporting inmates to and from the county jail, and a myriad of other duties and responsibilities) it can be understood that luck is a large factor in "catching someone in the act" of committing a crime against property or a crime against a person. For these and other reasons it becomes imperative that members of the community assist in the reduction and prevention of crime in the community by becoming additional "eyes and ears" of the local police agency. Our communities are no different in this matter. We truly need our citizens to help us protect them.

So often when our officers are taking a report involving the theft of items from a vehicle, theft of construction materials, criminal mischief, or a variety of other crimes, we hear the victim or a neighbor say

something to the effect of "I heard a strange noise in the night but didn't call." Or, "My dog was barking, but I didn't look outside at the time." The point is that frequently during the initial phase of the investigation of a crime someone informs police that they (the person) was aware of something "out of the ordinary" in the neighborhood BUT DID NOT REPORT IT AT THAT TIME, OR CALL POLICE TO ALLOW US TO INVESTIGATE AT THAT TIME.

Regardless of the time of day (or night) when something unusual, out of the ordinary, suspicious, just doesn't look right or causes you to think that something is "wrong" PLEASE CALL and report it as an "unusual circumstance," "suspicious incident," or "something might be wrong here." Doing so will allow us the opportunity to investigate the incident and MAY VERY WELL PREVENT A CRIME OR INJURY TO SOMEONE OR SOMEONE'S PROPERTY.

Telephonic emergency reporting (9-1-1) is governed by Utah State Law which states: "Emergency" means a situation in which property or human life is in jeopardy and the prompt summoning of aid is essential to the prevention of human life or property. If the circumstances warrant this is to be an emergency under the above definition, using 9-1-1- should be used. If the circumstances do not rise to this occasion dial 375-3601 (Central Dispatch direct) or 756-9800 (our business number which will forward you to Central Dispatch).

The important thing is to report unusual circumstances in order that we may investigate them and better protect you and our communities. NO call is too trivial for us to check out. Please help us help you.

First Aid Kits Offered

As part of the *Safe Community USA* nonprofit public service program, the Lone Peak Public Safety District is offering the public the opportunity to purchase emergency medical kits **at cost.**

For every kit purchased, Lone Peak EMS will receive \$5 to help purchase needed medical equipment and to provide emergency training.

The Citizen Kits are valued at \$95 but are available to purchase for \$40 (tax included). This is an excellent all-around emergency kit for home or auto. There is a Police Car Kit valued at \$130, which includes everything in the Citizen Kit, as well as larger trauma dressings, EMT shears, and a full CPR pocket face mask. (A complete list of what is included in each kit is available at the City Office. These kits make great gifts!

Citizen Kits are available for purchase at the Alpine station. Police Car Kits must be ordered online at: www.safecommunityusa.com/lonepeak or by calling 801-794-9622. An additional cost for shipping will apply to kits not picked up at the station.

Escape Without Delay - Install Dual Sensor Fire Alarms

Not all fires are the same. There are slow smoldering fires and fast flaming fires. This depends on what catches on fire. Smoldering fires produce a lot of dangerous smoke before breaking into flames. Flaming fires are very hot, fast moving, and dangerous.

Not all fire alarms are the same. There are fire alarms that are faster for detecting slow smoldering fires (photoelectric), some that are faster for detecting fast flaming fires (ionization), and some that use both technologies (dual sensor photoelectric and ionization). Neither technology is new but they were equal when we had mostly natural fibers in our homes. Now the difference in technology is very important.

Install dual sensor fire alarms. Because the synthetic materials we commonly use in the home smolder longer before breaking into flames, it is wise to use a fire alarm that will alert you as early as possible of either type of fire. This means having two types of alarms or a dual sensor fire alarm.

Test alarms. Alarms should be tested monthly and batteries should be replaced once per year.

Know how to escape when the alarm sounds. Draw a map of your home, find two ways out of each room, practice the plan with everyone in the household using the test button of your dual sensor alarms and decide on a meeting place outside away from the house. Celebrate when everyone makes it to your meeting place!

- **GOOD** - Have working fire alarms in the home.
- **BETTER** - Have working DUAL SENSOR fire alarms (or a photoelectric and ionization alarm side by side) in the home.
- **BEST** - Install unconnected DUAL SENSOR fire alarms on each level, outside sleeping areas and in each bedroom.
- Install a carbon monoxide alarm on each level of the home
- Install residential fire sprinklers

Solid Waste and Recycling Collection

Solid Waste and Recycling Collection will be delayed one day after the Christmas and New Years' Day holidays. Contact Allied Waste at 785-5935 on the following items: broken can or missed pickup. If a second can is desired, call the City Offices at 756-5751. The cost for a second can is \$7 and it needs to be kept for six months. The cost for a recycling can is \$3.75 per can, and it needs to be kept for six months. Remember to place containers with wheels against the curb or within 2

feet of the blacktop and the front of the container facing the street. They must be outside by 7 a.m. every Friday for regular garbage and every other Friday for recycling. A calendar will be provided in the January newsletter for waste services.

Let's Get Acquainted With . . . Gina Peterson, New City Recorder

Gina Peterson was appointed as the Highland City Recorder in November 2007. She grew up in Orem, Utah. Gina has over 10 years experience in municipal government and has worked with other cities in Utah County. Most recently she worked for Eagle Mountain City. Gina currently serves as Education Chair for the Utah Municipal Clerks Association and has attained her Certified Municipal Clerk designation.

Gina enjoys spending time with her 4-year old daughter Samantha. She likes to cook and enjoy good food with good friends. She's a self-proclaimed Starbucks junkie. Gina also likes to travel and take road trips by car or motorcycle. Some of her other hobbies include rollerblading, reading and shopping. Gina is excited to serve the City and residents of Highland. She recognized retiring recorder Wini Jensen for her efforts, "Wini has served the City for 30 years and I look forward to continuing her service."

