

Highland Insider

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Highland City Celebrates 30 Years!

Celebration Schedule

Saturday, July 7, from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. there will be a 70's Concert at Heritage Park. Please come dressed in 70's attire as there will be prizes for the best dressed. There will also be a limbo contest, dance contest, and more!

Saturday, July 14, will be a huge birthday party at Heritage Park from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. with games for children, pinatas, bounce houses, on stage entertainment, and more. This birthday party will be a huge carnival with lots of fun activities for everyone of all ages.. "Bring in the Change" is the theme for this fund raising event for the Highland City Library Foundation. The Library Foundation has asked that you bring your pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters, etc. to be donated towards the opening day collection for a new Highland City Library.

Bring out your baseball hats and sun screen for Highland City's "**Night at the Orem Owlz**" on **Thursday, July 19.** Come watch Mayor Franson throw the first pitch as the Orem Owlz battle the Billings Mustangs at **7:05 p.m.** Reserved seating tickets will be available at the City Office at a discounted rate of \$4 per ticket. Orem Owlz ticket vouchers, good for any game of the season, will also be available at the discount rate of \$5 per voucher. All proceeds from ticket and voucher sales will go towards the Highland Library Foundation.

Saturday, July 21, from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m., will be a "**Battle of the Bands**" at **Heritage Park.** Come watch local bands battle it out on stage. Bands representing Mountain Ridge Jr. High, American Fork High School, and Lone Peak High School will participate. Come cheer for your favorite band as they will be competing for cash prizes. Food will be available to purchase.

29th Annual Highland Fling

The Highland Fling will be July 28 - August 4, 2007. Many events are planned throughout the week. **Saturday, July 28** starts off with a baby contest at **9:00**

a.m. at the **City Building.** Also on this day a children's fishing derby will be held at **6:00 a.m.** at the **Highland Glen Park.** The fishing derby is for children 13 years old and younger. Prizes have been generously donated by Cabela's. Free games and crafts will be available for those who want a break from fishing. In addition, the Youth Council will be selling hotdogs, chips, and soda. Later in the evening is the Highland Family Night at the Theater. Come watch the performance of "Guys and Dolls" at **American Fork High School at 7:00 p.m.**

Tuesday, July 31, is the date for collecting entries for the Fine Arts Show from **4:00 - 6:30 p.m., at the Highland City Building.** The show is free to enter for all ages. An awards ceremony and reception will be held for all entrants on **Thursday evening, August 2.** The Art Show will be open to the public **Friday and Saturday, August 3-4.**

A Youth Bike Race, for ages 12 and younger, will be held **Wednesday, August 1, at 7:00 p.m., at Heritage Park.** Prizes will be awarded to the winners and each participant will receive a gift.

The annual Golf Tournament will be held at **Thanksgiving Point Thursday, August 2, at 2:00 p.m.**

There can't be a Highland Fling without a rodeo, so dust off your cowboy hat and head over to the **North Utah County Equestrian Center on Thursday, August 2, and Friday, August 3,** for the annual Play Day Rodeo.

On **Friday, August 3,** best selling author, Marla "Fly Lady" Cilley, will have a speaking engagement at **Lone Peak High School, at 11:00 a.m.** Later in the evening at **Lone Peak High School,** the Highland Jr. Miss Program will be held at **7:00 p.m.**

Added this year is Highland Idol, sponsored by the Highland City Arts Council. Here is your chance to show your singing talent on stage with a live karaoke band. Highland Idol begins at **6:00 p.m. and ends at 8:00 p.m., at Heritage Park,** just in time for the youth dance. The Youth City Council Dance will once again be held at **Mountain Ridge Jr. High School from 8:00 - 11:30 p.m.**

Saturday, August 4, will be packed with fun events and entertainment for the whole family. The morning will begin at **6:30 a.m.** with hot air balloons giving a wake-up

call and inviting residents to **Heritage Park**. At **7:00 a.m.** meet by the flag pole by the baseball diamond for the annual Flag Raising Ceremony. Then head off to the pavilion for the Kiwanis Breakfast, which will be served from **7:00 - 9:30 a.m.** Breakfast will be \$3 per individual or \$15 per family. The Kiwanis Club will be donating a portion of their proceeds to the Highland City Library Foundation.

Spend the morning at Heritage Park and watch the Classic 5K Fun Run, the Youth Fun Runs, or the Scottish Heavy Events. At **10:00 a.m.** the Grand Parade will start from Highland Elementary School and end at the church by Heritage Park. (Don't forget to submit your nominations for the Grand Marshal. Nomination forms are available at www.highlandcity.org or you may email emily@highlandcity.org with your nomination.)

Several events will be held at **Heritage Park** throughout the day, including the BMX Bicycle Stunt Team, food and concessions, free games for children up to 12 years old, Candy Toss, Fireman's Spray, and more.

We have a fabulous group of entertainers this year that will perform on the **Heritage Park Stage** from **11:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.** These include: Jaden Bliss, Cherie Call, Root Beer Reunion, Katie Millar & Shelley Bryson Benthall, Duncan Family & Friends, Stephanie Smith, Party Train, Eric Dodge, and Ryan Shupe & the Rubberband!

The evening will conclude at **10:00 p.m.** with a spectacular fireworks show **south of Mountain Ridge Jr. High School**.

To volunteer, for more information, please contact Emily Gillingwater, Highland City Community Enhancement Coordinator, at 756-5751, ext. 122, or email emily@highlandcity.org.

Safety in Celebrating

Summer celebrations are fast approaching when fun and fireworks are a main event. With these up and coming July holidays we ask you to keep in mind safety when using fireworks. We've experienced another fairly dry year which puts us at risk for more unintentional fire situations. We ask that parents talk to their children regarding the unsupervised use of matches and fireworks. We especially have problems with illegal fireworks such as bottle rockets, roman candles, and fire crackers. Keep in mind if you have to go out of state to purchase these kind of fireworks, they are illegal in the state of Utah. The only fireworks authorized in the state of Utah are those that can be purchased from a licensed dealer within this state. Fireworks that use combustible or explosive material and raises more than 15 feet are illegal. A chaser, whistler, or any other device that travels more than 10 feet laterally on a smooth surface, or exceeds 15 feet in height when discharged is also classified as illegal in the state of Utah.

The sale or use of illegal fireworks is a Class B Misdemeanor.

Fireworks may be discharged only 3 days before, on the day of, and 3 days following July 4th, July 24th, January 1st, and the Chinese New Year. Individuals using illegal fireworks that initiate a response from the Fire Department will be billed for that response and a citation will be issued.
Craig Carlisle, Fire Chief

City Council Candidacy Filing

A municipal election will be held this year to elect three City Council members. Candidates shall file a Declaration of Candidacy, as well as a petition containing 65 signatures of registered voters from Highland City, in person with the City Recorder at the City Office during office hours, but not later than 5 p.m. between July 1 and July 16. Qualifications for a candidate are:

1. United States citizen at time of filing.
2. Registered voter of the municipality.
3. Be a resident of the municipality for a period of 365 consecutive days immediately preceding the date of the election.
4. Not be a convicted felon.

On-Line Utility Payment Service

Making your monthly utility payments to Highland City has just become even easier. Highland City has teamed up with Xpress Bill Pay to provide an easy to use and secure online payment service for Highland residents to pay their city utility bill.

The online payment service gives you the ability to view your city bill and pay with a credit card or electronic funds transfer (e check). You can also set up automatic monthly payments. With these options available, you don't have to worry about finding stamps, mailing payments, or dropping off payments in a timely manner. When you sign up for the online bill payment, you can also choose to stop receiving the paper bill - paperless billing is a savings for everyone including the environment.

This is a great service for Highland residents. It gives customers flexibility when it comes to paying their bills and helps Highland City reduce administrative costs.

Highland residents can access the bill payment service by going to Highland City's web page www.highlandcity.org and click on the "Pay Utility Bill Online".

Direct Pay: The direct pay option for paying your city bill is still available. Highland City does the work for you. It is easy to set up and takes the city just minutes to process payments. The direct pay authorization form is also available on our web page located under "Utilities." Just

print off the form, fill it out, and return it to the City for processing. WE DO THE REST.

Planning and Zoning Updates

With fireworks season on the way it is important to keep yards maintained. Weeds and other vegetation cannot only be unsightly, but also a fire hazard. Report any violations to the City at 757-5751, ext. 114.

MUNICIPAL CODE 8.16.050: Nuisances defined:

A. Vegetation. It is unlawful, and shall be considered a nuisance, for any owner or occupant of real property located within the city limits to allow the accumulation or growth of noxious weeds or other vegetation which: (1) Due to proximity to any public property or right-of-way interferes with the public safety or lawful use of the public property or right-of-way; (2) Creates a fire hazard to any neighboring property or any near by structures.

Residents with new homes, don't forget to budget for your landscaping this summer. Residents are allowed one year after final inspection of the home to put in landscaping.

3-4107: Special Provisions. Special provisions shall apply in the R-1-40 zone in order to protect its essential characteristics: (3) Park or Planter Strips. All park strip areas, between the sidewalk and the curb, are to be covered with primarily living material such as grass, trees, flowers, and shrubs not exceeding 36" in height. Up to 25% of the park strip may be covered with non-living material. (4) At least seventy percent (70%) of the area contained within a required front yard or side yard adjacent to a street shall be landscaped within one year of occupancy.

Did You Know? . . .

- The City Council approved the purchase of a side by side trail vehicle in an amount not to exceed \$12,000. This vehicle will be used by Public Safety in the enforcement of the city trails.
- The bid for construction of the City Building and Justice Center was awarded to Peck Ormsby for an amount not to exceed \$8,000,000.
- MD Services received approval for \$7,982 for cost of living and \$76,223.28 for maintenance of additional properties in the City.
- The City Council approved Sales and Franchise Tax Revenue Bonds in the amount of \$7,315,000 for the purpose of acquiring property for parks.
- Site plan approval was granted for the development of Highland Square, which will comprise two office buildings in the Town Center, which includes the Alpine Credit Union.

- Final approval was granted for Kate's Farm Subdivision, which will be located at 10760 North 6200 West, and will comprise nine lots.
- Ground breaking was held for the new Marketplace development, which is located on the northwest corner of SR92 and SR74. The City Council granted architectural approval for Buildings A, B, G & F.
- An agreement was approved with Geneva Rock for \$174,176 for reconstruction of 10400 North from 6000 West to the Lehi border and the Council authorized the Mayor to sign the agreement with Geneva Rock for \$158,342.80.
- An agreement was approved with Geneva Rock for the reconstruction of Dry Creek Bench Roads for the amount of \$239,724, and authorized the Mayor to sign an agreement for \$199,770.
- The City Council approved the adjustment of the water connection fee of \$1,625.

Business License Renewal

The business license renewal period is from July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008. A late fee will be assessed to anyone making payment after August 1, 2007. Anyone doing business in the City should obtain a business license and may obtain the necessary applications from the City Recorder.

Highland Junior Miss Program

Support Highland Junior Miss by obtaining tickets for the upcoming program on **August 3, 2007, at 7:00 p.m., at the Lone Peak High School Auditorium.** Tickets are \$6. They can be obtained from a contestant, or purchased at the door the night of the event.

The contestants for this year's Junior Miss include the following: Christine Hymas, Megan Lloyd, Kim Westwood, Katelyn Reilley, Lauren Taggart, Melissa Forsey, Ashley Sumner, Jennie Lebaron, Jenessa Frampton, and Aubray Roberts.

The current reigning Junior Miss are Lisa Lindow and Laura Mann.

Highland Cultural Arts Council

Added to this year's Highland Fling is "Highland Idol," sponsored by the HCAC. Here is your chance to show your singing talent on stage with a live karaoke band and to compete for cash prizes. We have our own panel of celebrity judges for this fun event. Highland Idol will be held at **Heritage Park Friday, August 3, from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

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On **Saturday, August 4**, the second annual "Chalk Walk" is scheduled for adults and children to show their artistic talent with sidewalk chalk. The location is by the tennis court near the Heritage Park parking lot. Please look for our Arts Council booth by the vendors throughout the day at Heritage Park and drop by for more information about the HCAC.

Basic Drawing Class. A basic drawing class for children ages 10-18 years old will be held on **Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., July 17 - August 9, at the Killpack residence, 5962 West 10800 North.** Registration is \$75 and forms are available at the City Building, or register on-line at www.highlandcity.org. Basic drawing materials will be provided and the class will focus on places and things around us to help foster and create a lifelong passion for drawing. For more information contact Paul or Juliawna Killpack at 763-0127.

Scout Merit Badge Class. There will be no classes offered this summer. Have fun at scout camp!

Guys and Dolls. The summer musical "Guys and Dolls" is the kick-off activity for the Highland Fling, which will take place **July 26-30, at American Fork High School.** It will be directed by award winning Neal Johnson. We're again joining with the American Fork Arts Council for twice the excitement!

"Mini" Summer Musical Theater Workshop Performance. The presentation for the "Mini" summer musical theater workshop will be **Saturday, July 14, at 6:30 p.m., at Heritage Park**, as part of the Highland 30th Birthday Celebration.

Highland Youth Council

We would like to thank the Youth Council that served this past year. For their final project they added benches, barbecues, garbage cans, and trees to the Highland Town Center Meadows Park. It has been a wonderful year for the 2006-07 Council as they have worked to serve the residents of Highland.

The new Youth Council and Youth Court for 2007-08 have been selected and were sworn into office by the City Recorder. Next year's Council includes the following: Kimberly Westwood, Elise Leavitt, Parker Bassett, Ally Best, Kellen Crosby, Nate Garrett, Kim Guymon, Tasia Landon, Spencer Loong, Kylie Moe, Elizabeth Ostler, Ashleigh Pierce, Nate Stoddard, Ashley Thompson, Brittany Thompson, and Boston Watts. They are sure to do a great job carrying on the legacy of service as the Highland City Youth Council.

Utah County Child Abuse Presentations

A Teenage Dating Violence and Date Rape Presentation will be held **Thursday, July 19, 2007, in the Young Card Room at the Provo City Library, 550 N. University Avenue, Provo.**

Habitat for Humanity

The Utah County Habitat for Humanity was started in 1991 by a group of local community members that were concerned about substandard housing in the county. Since that time the organization has built 24 homes providing more than 39 adults and 87 children safe and affordable housing throughout the county. To continue this effort help from the community is needed, including donated or reasonably priced land and/or small homes that can be rehabilitated.

Habitat ReStores has recently been opened as a home improvement outlet on Freedom Boulevard in Provo where quality used and surplus building materials are sold at a fraction of normal prices. ReStores help affiliates raise money for building and also aid the environment by re-channeling good, usable materials into use and out of landfills. They are looking for donated surplus building materials, appliances, and furniture that can be sold at their store. For questions, to help, or for further information please contact Kena Jo Mathews at 344-8527 or kena@hfhuc.org.

Library Update

Make note of fund-raising activities for the Library as part of the 30th Birthday Celebration. Take an opportunity to fill out the enclosed survey and return it with your utility bill by July 20th. Bring in any good-as-new or gently-used books to the City Building **July 27, from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and July 28, from 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.** Donated books in great condition will be used for the library and gently-used books will be sold at a book sale and silent auction at the Highland Fling to raise money to buy new books for the library.

Thanks to Sarah Weiss for creating the Highland City Library's logo. If interested in getting involved with the library committee, please send email to highlandlibrary@highlandcity.org.

Condolences

Sympathy is expressed to the family of William Newman, a former member of our community who was killed while serving in the military in Iraq.