

Highland Insider

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UDOT Studying S.R. 92 Corridor

Open House Held

UDOT held a public meeting February 22, to receive citizen input on the development of a long-term transportation solution for State Route 92 in Lehi and Highland. In 2005, the U.S. Congress earmarked \$20 million in federal funds for improvements to the corridor. UDOT hired HW Lochner Inc. to conduct the analysis. The project team will evaluate the section of S.R. 92 from I-15 to the mouth of American Fork Canyon. The Environmental Assessment will take 13 months to complete with final recommendations expected by February 2008.

The City encourages the citizens to get involved with the project. If you were not able to attend the meeting go to the project Web site, www.udot.utah.gov/sr-92 or contact Randi Shover, Public Involvement Specialist at (801) 262-8700 or via email at sr-92@hwlochner.com. There will be additional project information as the project develops. Also, UDOT will present an update to the City Council at its March 20, 2007 meeting.

Highland's General Plan Update

The Draft Final Plan Public Open House on the General Plan will be held **March 22, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m., at the Highland City Hall**. A joint briefing with the Planning Commission/City Council on the draft final plan will be held **Thursday, March 29, at 6:00 p.m. at the Highland City Hall**.

Scouting for Food Drive

Saturday, March 24 is the annual Scouting for Food Drive. Boy Scouts will deliver plastic bags to homes the week before the food drive. Please fill the bags with donations (non-perishable food and hygiene items) for Community Action Services and Food Bank. Leave the bags on your porch that Saturday morning for the Boy Scouts to pick up.

This year is the Community Action Services and Food Bank's 40th anniversary. The food bank is a partner of Utah National Parks Council for the Scouting for Food Drive. It is also the official food bank for Utah, Summit, and Wasatch Counties. Community Action's Provo food pantry serves approximately 1,100 local families each month. It takes approximately 65 canned foods or dry goods items to feed a family of four for one week. Thank you for your continued support of the Scouting for Food Drive. For any questions about donations, call Community Action's Food Bank Director, Jim Thomas, at 373-8200, ext. 216.

Free Car and Booster Seat Checks

Did you know that 98 percent of all car seats in Utah County are not being used correctly? The Utah County Health Department, in cooperation with Safe Kids Utah, will be offering free, first-come/first-served car and booster seat checks on March 20th from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Babies-R-Us in Orem. Certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians will teach parents and care givers how to install, adjust, and use their child seat(s) properly to maximize their effectiveness. They will also help parents to determine when an older child is ready to graduate from a booster seat to adult safety belts. Please call 851-7035 for more information.

Diabetes Health Fair

The Utah County Health Department, in partnership with other local health partners, will be sponsoring the Diabetes Health Fair on March 16th from 9:00 a.m. to noon, 1512 S. University Avenue, Provo, Utah. Prevention, treatment, nutritional 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, or call 801-851-2222.

Highland Youth Baseball

Registration for Highland Youth Baseball, for ages 4-12, will be held **Saturday, March 10, 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., at the Highland City Building**. Registration forms can also be picked up at the City Office trailer and the registration deadline is March 17. For more information, call Karrie Williams at 763-0398, or www.highlandyouthbaseball.org.

American Fork Recreation

American Fork Recreation is registering for spring Baseball and Softball. Register at AF Recreation at the Fitness Center, 454 N. Center Street in American Fork. Call 763-3080 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday - Thursday, or email at recreation@afcity.net for more information. Programs being offered include: **T-Ball**, ages 5-6, register through March 29; **Coach Pitch**, ages 7-8, register through March 29; **Boys Machine Pitch**, ages 9-10 and 11-12 through March 29; **Girls Softball**, ages 9-10, 11-12, 13-14, and 15-17 register through March 29; **Boys Baseball**, ages 13-14 register through March 22; **9th-12th grade Boys Baseball** register through April 4 (may register as individuals or as a team); **Men's Slow Pitch Softball**, begin registration March 1, limited to 24 teams.

Youth Council Update

During the month of January the Youth Council served at the American Fork Literacy Center and had a great time. For February's service project we wished some special members of our community a "Happy Valentine's Day" by delivering small gifts.

We would like to spotlight two members of the Council this month, Danielle Smith and Mandy Fish. Danielle, daughter of Tyler and Christie Smith, is a senior at Lone Peak. She is very involved in school activities including Club U-Knighted. She is also a talented hula dancer and was this year's Sterling Scholar in Foreign Language. Mandy, daughter of Rick and Kathleen Fish, is a junior at Lone Peak and is involved in FCCLA and Operation Smile. She loves to read and dance.

The Youth City Council is in need of additional advisors. Anyone interested in serving may contact Emily Gillingwater at the City Office at 759-5751, ext. 122.

Volunteers Needed

Highland City has many events planned this summer to commemorate our city's 30th birthday. Volunteers are needed for the Highland City 30th Birthday Celebration to serve on the Entertainment and History Committees. The

Entertainment Committee is responsible for planning activities during the month of July and the History Committee is responsible for a publication about the history of Highland City. The committee will interview individuals associated with our City's history. Historical photographs will also be gathered and included in this publication.

Volunteers are needed for the Highland Fling July 28 - August 4, 2007. Committee chairmen are needed for the Baby Contest and Coordination of Prizes and Awards.

Volunteers for advisors to the Youth City Council are also needed.

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



Boy Scout Merit Badge Classes

Required Class: Citizenship in the World

Location: Highland City Building

Date: March 23 and April 6

Limit: 25

Cost: \$10 Highland Residents/\$12 Non-Residents

* There will be homework in between classes.

Elective Class: Fire Safety

Location: Highland City Building

Date: March 9

Time: 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Limit: 25

Cost: \$10 Highland Residents/\$12 Non-Residents

*Registration starts on Thursday, March 1 for Highland City Residents ONLY. On Wednesday, March 7, registration opens for everyone.

Highland Fling Logo Contest

The Arts Council is holding an art contest for Highland City's 30th Birthday. Entrants should design a 2-D image in any medium that represents Highland and what it means to you. The winning image will be featured as the logo for the Highland Fling and the Highland City 30th birthday celebration. The logo will appear on all event publicity, including commemorative T-shirts. Please submit your drawing, painting, computer animation or

digital photographs. Your image must be no larger than 8.5 inches by 11, but may be smaller. Submit your work Thursday, April 26, between 3:00 and 7:00 p.m., at City Hall, 5378 West 10400 North. An Open House for viewing the submissions will be Friday, April 27, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m., and April 28, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Please pick up your art between 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. on April 28. The winner will be announced at the City Council Meeting Tuesday, May 1, at 7:00 p.m. Please contact Emily Gillingwater, Community Enhancement Coordinator, for more information at 756-5751, ext. 122.

Timpanogos Historical Pageant

All actors, dancers, and singers please come and join us for a summer of performing at its best. Come April 14, 2007 from 10:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the Highland City Building for the Timpanogos Historical Pageant registration workshop.

The Timpanogos Historical Pageant is a story of Highland's history as it is told through song and dance. If your family has a speciality act, or if you have experience with make-up, costumes, or scenery, please attend the workshop. For more information, please contact Suzanne Hollgreen at 492-9668.

Highland Children's Choir

Enrollment for the Children's Choir is available for children ages 4-12. Please call 492-0590 for more information.

American Fork Arts Council

Programs being offered by the American Fork Arts Council include the following:

Performance of the American Fork Symphony, April 30, 7:30 p.m., at the AFHS Auditorium.

A spring concert of the Wasatch Winds March 29, at 7:00 p.m. at the AFHS Auditorium.

A youth theater *Honk! Jr.* March 29, 30, and April 2, at 7:00 p.m., at AFJHS.

Artist Worktime for Watercolor & Colored Pencil Arts March 6, 13, 20, 27, 10:00 am. - 2:00 p.m., Room B Historic City Hall.

Children's Drawing Class March 13, 20, April 3, 10, 4:15 p.m. - 5:30 p.m., at AF Fitness Center Classroom #3, 464 N. Center.

Quilt Show March 17, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., AF Senior Citizen Building.

Music Together for children birth to 5 years, March 23 - May 25 Fridays at 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 1:30 p.m., AF Library.

Watercolor class March 10, 17, 24 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., ages 14 and up, Historic City Hall, 31 Church Street.

Simple Earth Foundation for children ages 6-18, 26 W. 100 N., American Fork.

Congratulations to Highland Residents

Highland's Katie Millar, Miss Utah, finished in the top 10 of the Miss America Pageant, in Las Vegas, January 29, 2007.

Rob Moris, defensive player on the Indianapolis Colts, helped the Colts win the Super Bowl.

Jason Celaya auditioned for NBC's "Grease: You're the One That I Want," and he made the final cut of the six male performers while auditioning for the Danny role in the musical.

Did You Know? . . .

- The City purchased an Asphalt Zipper for road maintenance at a price not to exceed \$90,000.
- The City Council authorized Mayor Franson to appoint a Library Board consisting of nine members, subject to consent of the Council. This Library Board will plan the development of a Highland City Library which will be housed in a wing of the new Highland City Hall.
- The City Council approved a Recreation Survey which will be sent out as a random sampling to residents in the communities of Highland, Alpine, and Cedar Hills.
- The City Council adopted a resolution approving a land use agreement with Lehi City regarding the Lehi City Well Protection Zone.
- Approval was granted by the City Council for the City to install the Sensus Automatic Water Meter Reading System at a cost of \$650,000. This system will allow meter reading of culinary water on a monthly basis.
- The Construction Water Connection Fee was increased from \$1,380 to \$1,835 by the Council.
- The City Council authorized Mayor Franson to sign the Interlocal Agreement for the North Utah County Aquifer Association to apply for grants relating to ground water replenishment and protection.
- The City Council approved the expenditures needed for the repairs of 11800 North Street, allow staff to bypass the public bidding procedure in this case, and obtain a unit cost.
- The City Council awarded the construction bid for the American Fork Sewer Lift Station to Jay Digs for a cost not to exceed \$511,000.

Public Notice

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Highland City Council March 6, 2007, at 7:15 p.m., at the Highland City Building, 5378 West 10400 North, Highland, Utah, for the purpose of receiving public input on an update to the Parks and Recreation Facilities Plan.

Message from Police Chief Kip Botkin

Identity theft, fraud, forgery, commercial paper (checks, bonds, stock certificates, etc.) crimes and a myriad of similar type crimes are situations we all have to learn to accept and combat. None of us are immune from being victimized. Here are some reminders:

- The next time you order checks have only your initials and last name imprinted (instead of first name). If someone takes your checkbook they will not know how you sign your checks.
- Do not sign the back of your credit cards. Instead put "PHOTO ID REQUIRED".
- When paying accounts by check, DO NOT put the complete account number on the "For" or "Memo" line. Instead, just put the last four numbers.
- Put your work phone on your checks instead of your home phone. If you have a PO Box, use that instead of your home address. Never put your Social Security number on your checks.
- When you check out of a hotel/motel that uses cards for keys, DO NOT turn the "keys" in. Take them with you and destroy them. These cards contain all your credit card information used as a deposit to secure the room.

Should you be unfortunate enough to become a victim there are certain steps which you should take **immediately**.

- Cancel your credit cards through the issuing company immediately.
- File a police report immediately in the jurisdiction where your credit card, etc. was stolen or fraudulently used. This is necessary because this is the jurisdiction where the crime occurred and this proves to credit providers you were diligent, and this is a first step toward an investigation (if there is sufficient leads to conduct one.)
- Call the three national credit reporting organizations and place a fraud alert on your name and your Social Security number.
Equifax: 1-800-525-6285
Experience (formerly TRW): 1-888-397-3742
TransUnion: 1-800-80-7289; and

Social Security Administration (fraud line): 1-800-269-0271 (if your Social Security number has been stolen/improperly used.

Your credit and accumulated assets are precious commodities which many less honest people will use to their advantage (and your detriment). The protection and safeguarding of this vital information falls to each of us individually. Once this information has been stolen or fraudulently used, there is frequently not much the police can do to restore your credit, good name or possessions. Often the best protection we can provide is education. Even though we are honest and forthright people we must remember that not all persons share our morals and values.

Crossing Guard Position

Alpine/Highland Police Department is currently accepting applications for School Crossing Guards. Applicants must be available mornings and afternoons on school days, must be at least 18 years of age, pass criminal background check and drug screening. Pay is \$10 per hour. Applications may be picked up at 20 North Main, Alpine, and will be accepted until all positions are filled.

Highland Jr. Miss to Compete in State Jr. Miss Program

Highland's Jr. Miss Representatives, Lara Mann and Lisa Lindow will be representing Highland at the State Jr. Miss Program March 2 and 3, at Juan Diego High School in Draper, 11800 South 300 East. We wish these girls much success!

Tree Committee

The Tree Committee will hold its annual tree planting on the hill going up to the View Pointe Subdivision April 28. There will also be a tree sale that same day where residents can purchase trees at Highland City's cost. Watch next month for details on the story-writing contest for 6th Graders at Freedom and Highland Elementary Schools.

Condolences

Expression of sympathy is extended to the family of Dorothy Chipman Strasburg, a lifetime resident of the community, who recently passed away.