

Highland Insider

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Fire Station Ground Breaking

State of the Art Fire Station

Excitement was in the air April 16th as city officials, fire department personnel, and representatives from Butler & Associates Architects and Peck Ormsby Construction participated in a ground breaking for the new fire station in the Town Center. The building will be constructed south of the power substation off 5600 West, with an expected completion date of February, 2008. City Administrator, Barry Edwards, commended Butler & Associates and Peck Ormsby for reducing the bid, which was approved by the City Council in the amount of \$2,921,358. The fire station will be financed from the \$6,000,000 bond and public safety impact fees.

The fire station will be 17,000 sq. ft., have three bays to house six trucks, include two offices, conference room, break room, a basement for storage, five bedrooms, and a potential for an additional bedroom in order to accommodate a staff of 18.

Members of City Council: Kathryn Schramm, Steve King,



Claudia Stillman, Glen Vawdrey, Mayor Jay W. Franson.

Landscaping Notice

With the good weather many residents are now in the process of putting in landscaping. Residents should have their landscaping finished within one year of purchasing their home. It is important for residents to note that according to Highland City Code dirt and debris is not allowed in the right-of-way, which includes the sidewalk, curb/gutter, and streets. We have had a big problem with landscape companies coming in and dumping large piles of soil in the street. We do not allow this to happen for the simple fact that we have a sump system in Highland and the excess dirt causes poor water quality and degrades the sumps. The cleaner we are, the cleaner our water will be. We are asking residents to help inform their landscapers that Highland City does not allow dirt in the street.

Did You Know? . . .

- The City Council approved up to \$25,649 for materials to complete the construction of the Cemetery fence.
- A contract with K & P Plumbing, in the amount of \$267,500, was approved by the City Council for the Hog Hollow P.I. Booster Station.
- The construction water connection fee increased from \$1,380 to \$1,835.
- Approval was granted for the division of Lot 27 of the Bull River Community Amended Plat.
- City Council granted final approval of the Highland Marketplace Subdivision. This approval permits the development of the northwest corner across from Kohler's.
- A new Wireless Telecommunications Ordinance was adopted which sets guidelines for telecommunications facilities.
- A Parks, Recreation, and Trails Capital Improvement Program, including a Capital Facilities Plan for Purposes of Enacting an Impact Fee for Parks, Recreation and Trails was adopted. The Impact Fee was adopted in the amount of \$6,592 for parks and \$242 for trails.

- The City Council adopted a resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of \$7,215,000 of franchise and sales tax revenue bonds for the purpose of defraying all or a portion of the cost of financing the costs of acquiring park property.
- The City Council approved funding \$75,000 from Park Impact Fees to improve 10 acres of city owned property for interim playing fields on 4800 West, north of Lone Peak High School.
- The City Council approved a budget of \$8,000 for the Youth City Council's Legacy Project for improvements to the Highland Town Center Park to include park benches, garbage receptacles, trees, and barbeque grills.
- Approval was granted by the City Council for an agreement with Bowen Collins and Associates in the amount of \$89,500 for the design and construction of the Dry Creek sewer line project.
- Geneva Rock received the bid for reconstruction of 11800 North in the amount of \$486,000.
- Approval of \$30,000 was granted to install pressurized irrigation lines and culinary lines off the Highland Highway into the Bull River Subdivision.

Highland City Library

The Library Board and volunteers are focusing on fund raising for a fantastic collection of books, and are working towards a goal to open the library the fall of 2008. Citizens have inquired about donating gently used books to the library. A book sale will be held in the summer where gently used books will be sold to raise money for new books. The Board invites resident artists, who may be interested, to create a logo with the library's slogan which is "Highland City Library: Honoring the Past, Creating our Future." For more information about the library, please email highlandlibrary@highlandcity.org.

History Committee

As part of the 30-year celebration of the incorporation of Highland City, Mayor Jay W. Franson has established a historical records committee to begin work on a history of Highland City. A short history will be published August, 2007. The committee will continue to gather, store, and prepare historical documentation for future projects about Highland and its residents. Anyone with oral or written histories, or photographs to be shared, may contact Petrea Kelly, at 756-4748, or Kathryn Schramm, at 756-2256.

HIGHLAND ARTS COUNCIL

"Mini" Summer Musical Theater Workshop

The "mini" summer musical theater workshop for ages 6-10 will be held **June 5 - July 14, TWTh, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m., at Freedom Elementary**. Cost is \$60 (family discounts available). Registration will begin **May 15, at the City Office Trailer**. The presentation will be **Saturday, July 14**, as part of the Highland 30th Anniversary Celebration. Come join us for an exciting review of Disney, patriotic songs, and other children's favorites to be taught by Katie Tenney. Call 756-7944, or email sktenney@aros.net for information.

Guys and Dolls

This summer the musical "Guys and Dolls," to be directed by Neal Johnson, will be the kick-off activity for the Highland Fling **July 26-30, at American Fork High School**. We're again joining with American Fork Arts Council. Auditions, for those 15 years old and up, will take place **Wednesday, May 16, from 7 - 9 p.m., and Friday, May 18, from 7 - 9 p.m., at the American Fork Library**, with call backs on **Saturday, May 19**. Come prepared with 16 bars from your favorite Broadway show. An accompanist will be provided. Call 756-7944, or email sktenney@aros.net.

Musical Dance Theater Summer Camp

The Musical Dance Theater Summer Camp, for ages 10-14, will be held **June 12-18, TWTh from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m., at Freedom Elementary School**, and will finish with a Musical Theater Review **June 29, at 7:00 p.m.** This will be an intensive workshop focusing on stage presence and performance skills, narrations, microphone technique, costumes, singing and dancing, and will showcase music from great Broadway musicals. Those interested in solos should come prepared to audition. Registration is \$70 and will begin **May 15** at the City Office Trailer. For information, please call the instructor KeriLynn Lenhart at 492-0590.

Highland Children's Choir Spring Concert

The Spring Concert of the Highland Children's Choir will be held **May 16, at 7:00 p.m., at the Provo Tabernacle**. Tickets are \$3. For more information, call KeriLynn Lenhart at 492-0590.

Scout Merit Badge Classes

Four merit badge classes will be held in May, one required (First Aid), and three electives (Archery, Public Health, and Dentistry). Registration begins **Tuesday, May 1**, for Highland City residents, and **Wednesday, May 2**, for everyone else. Please do not send your scout to the class without pre-registering, or he will be turned away. These classes are designed for completion of merit badges for the Boys Scouts of America; however, anyone between the ages of 11 - 17 is welcome to take the classes. Please go to www.highlandcity.org and "click" on Community Involvement, then Events, for more information.

Highland City Hooked on Fishin'

Highland City and the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources are offering a community youth fishing program which is open to youth ages 6 - 13. This program will focus on educating youth about fishing and aquatic resources by fishing at Highland Glen Park. Classes will be held on Fridays beginning **June 15, and ending July 27, from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.** (No class on July 6.) Each class is two hours, with the first half hour giving instruction on fishing techniques and aquatic resources and the remaining class time spent fishing. An adult instructor will supervise and work with the participants in groups of five. It is recommended participants bring a fishing pole; otherwise DWR will have one to loan. Participants must pre-register between **May 8 - 31 at the City Office Trailer**. (Registration for non-residents is May 21-31). The cost is \$15, which includes a T-shirt, instruction manual, bait, tackle, and a fish cookout on the last night. The likely catch will be rainbow trout and channel catfish. Scouts may register for the class to earn a fishing merit badge, belt loop, or sports pin. For more information, contact Emily Gillingwater, Highland City Enhancement Coordinator, at 756-5751, ex. 122, or email emily@highlandcity.org.

"Run the Ridge" 5K Run

Mountain Ridge Jr. High School is hosting its first annual "Run the Ridge 5K Run" on **Thursday, May 24, at 10:00 a.m., at Mountain Ridge Jr. High**. All students, staff, and community residents are invited to participate. There is a \$5 per person registration fee, which includes a "Run the Ridge" T-shirt. The run will result in temporary road closures from MRJH beginning on 10400 North as follows: west to 6400 West, then south

to 10150 North, then east to 6000 West, then north to reconnect with 10400 North, then east to MRJH.

BloodRun5K and 1 Mile Run/Walk

The Utah Hemophilia Foundation and Bank of American Fork presents the second annual BloodRun 5k and 1 mile run/walk on **May 19, 2007, at 7:00 a.m., at Highland Heritage Park**. To register for a discounted rate before May 1, go to bloodrun.org and register online or download form. To register the day of the race arrive at 6:00 p.m.

Arbor Day

The Highland Tree Commission's Arbor Day planting project was held April 28, which included tree plantings at Electric Park (11000 North 5600 West) and the east/west corridor area. The annual tree sale was also held. Remaining trees from the April tree sale will be sold at a second tree sale **Saturday, May 5, beginning at 8:00 a.m., at the Highland Water Building (11000 North near 5600 West)**.

As part of the Arbor Day celebration, Highland's Tree Commission, American Fork Arts Council, and IM Flash Technologies sponsored the annual story writing contest, which was open to all Highland and American Fork fourth grade students. The theme for the story writing contest was "My Favorite Tree." The winners were announced April 25, 26, and 27 at the Smokey the Bear school assemblies. IM Flash donated \$250 savings bonds to first place winners, as well as \$100 savings bonds to second place winners at all nine schools. All participants received a seedling tree and selected schools received a tree to plant at their school as part of the Arbor Day assemblies.

Volunteers are needed to be part of the Highland Tree Commission. Anyone interested in participating may contact Emily Gillingwater, Highland City Community Enhancement Coordinator, at 756-5751, ext. 122 or email emily@highlandcity.org.

RECREATION

American Fork Recreation

Soccer. Registration for fourth through eighth grade students will go **through June 7, at the American Fork Fitness Center, 454 North Center, AF**.

Tennis. Registration beginning **May 1** for summer tennis lessons for ages 8 and older. There is also a women's class for ages 14 and up. Sessions are for two week periods during June and July. The tennis competitive league will also begin registration on **May 1**, for ages 10-17. The league plays during June and July.

Golf. Registration for summer golf lessons will begin **May 1**. There is limited enrollment, so register promptly. Lessons are on Wednesdays during June.

Call 763-3080, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday, or email recreation@afcivnet for more information.

Lone Peak Summer Camps

The 2007 **Lone Peak Girls Soccer Summer Camp** will be held **June 4-8**, for girls entering fourth through twelfth grades. For more information go to <http://lonepeak.alpinedistrict.org> and go to Athletics - Girls - Soccer - Summer. Information is also available at Lone Peak High School. Call Coach Mike LaHargoue, at 763-7050, ext. 236, for information.

The 2007 **Lone Peak Boys Basketball Camp** will be held **June 4-8**, for boys entering third through twelfth grades. For more information go to <http://lonepeak.alpinedistrict.org> and go to Athletics - Boys Basketball - Summer. Also, call Joy Rios, at 763-5879, for information.

9th Grade Football

Any eighth graders, living in AFHS boundaries, who are interested in playing ninth grade football next season are invited to a meeting **Thursday, May 3, 8:00 p.m., at American Fork Jr. High**, along with their parents. Call Tori at 756-5030 for more information.

North Utah County Soccer

Registration for North Utah County Soccer is as follows: **Saturday May 5, 12:00 - 3:00 p.m., Highland City Building; Saturday May 12, 12:00 - 3:00 p.m., Alpine City Building; Saturday, May 19, 12:00 - 3:00 p.m., Highland City Building.**

Future of I-15 and Commuter Rail Public Open Houses

Learn more about the future of I-15 and commuter rail at the following public open houses: **Wednesday, May 2, Barratt Elementary, 168 North 900 East, American Fork (also Mountainland Association of Governments will discuss their Regional Transportation Plan); Thursday, May 3, Draper Elementary, 1080 East 12660 South, Draper; Wednesday, May 9, Westmore Elementary, 1150 South Main Street, Orem; Thursday, May 10, Brockbank Elementary, 340 West 500 North, Spanish Fork.** All meetings will be from 6:00 - 8:30 p.m., with a formal presentation at 7:00 p.m. For questions call 1-888-415-8826 or visit www.udot.utah.gov/i15utahcounty

A Message from Police Chief Kip Botkin

Recently we have had several vehicle burglaries in our jurisdiction. All have been very similar in nature in that the method of entry was to break one of the vehicle's windows, usually on the passenger side. These have happened during dark hours (throughout the night, presumably early morning hours). The main item removed is an I-pod, or any accessories associated with an I-pod (chargers, docking stations, cables, etc.) that are in plain view. The truly frustrating thing from our perspective is that frequently several hours later when the officer is taking the police report the victim, or another member of the household, will inform the officer that during the night they heard a window (or glass) breaking, a car door close, or dogs in the area bark, but yet never got up to investigate or call the police to report these unusual circumstances. Had they done so, the final outcome may have been different.

We also learned that during the same time period American Fork and Lehi had similar vehicle burglaries with the same method of entry and the same items being taken. It is apparent that unknown persons were working a large geographic area committing the same crime.

We are seeking our citizen's assistance in this matter by asking anyone with information concerning these burglaries to contact any of the three police agencies (Alpine/Highland, American Fork, Lehi). We are also asking our citizens and visitors to report any unusual or out of place noises or circumstances at odd hours. By doing so this could prevent yourself, or someone else, from being a victim, or it could provide information which may lead to the apprehension of the responsible party(ies).

Utah County Child Abuse Presentation

A presentation on Recognizing, Reporting and Protecting Children from Sexual Abuse will be held in the **Provo City Library May 17, at 7:00 p.m.**

Alpine Community Theater

Alpine Community Theater is holding auditions May 12, 2007 for the production this summer of Beauty and the Beast. For information call 763-8630, or email Heather_Houston@comcast.net.

Condolences

Sympathy is expressed to the family of Jared Dean Lowery, a resident of our community who recently passed away.