

The Highland Insider

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Remember to Vote Tuesday, November 6

Election for 3 City Council Seats and School Vouchers

The six candidates running for City Council include: Brian W Braithwaite, Jay Haws, Steve King, Larry M. Mendenhall, Kathryn Schramm, and Glen Vawdrey. **Early voting** will continue **November 1, from 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. and November 2, from 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.** at American Fork Library (64 South 100 East, AF), Xango Office Building (2912 W. Executive Park Way, Lehi), Utah County Ad. Building (100 E. Center St., Provo). **The polls will open at 7:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 6, and will close at 8:00 p.m.** Precincts HI 1 & HI 3 will vote at Freedom Elementary (10326 North 6800 West); Precincts HI 2 and HI 5 will vote at Lone Peak High School (10189 North 4800 West); Precinct HI 4 will vote at Ridgeline Elementary (6375 West 11800 North); and Precincts HI 6 and HI 7 will vote at Mt. Ridge Jr. High School (5525 West 10400 North).

Wini Jensen to be Honored at Open House

Wini Jensen, Highland City Recorder, will be retiring after 30 years of service. Wini started working for Highland as the Town Clerk in May 1978. When Highland was classified a city in 1979 the position changed to City Recorder. Wini worked from her home for the first eight years keeping the city records in her basement. The City later moved into an office trailer and then built the current city hall. Wini has been with the city through many changes and will be greatly missed. Please join us at an Open House in her honor **Thursday, November 29, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Highland City Council Chambers.**

Zoning Enforcement

The City of Highland strongly encourages residents to take a moment to look around their own property and consider if any problems exist they may want to deal with

before a neighbor contacts City staff for assistance. This will strengthen our positive community image and help sustain property values. We would prefer residents work through any issues they have with their neighbors before calling in zoning code violations or their neighbor's concerns. Greater communications between our neighbors will help us build a stronger community and promote the kind of friendly atmosphere we have come to value.

Examples of the most common issues are exterior storage, inoperable vehicles, improper parking, refuse and growth of weeds. When calling or emailing a zoning code violation it will be necessary to leave your name, telephone number, the violation address, and the specific nature of the code violation. All of this information will remain confidential. Upon following these requirements City staff will inspect the property to verify whether a code violation is present. If a violation is present, photographs will be taken to document the nature of the violation and a Notice of Zoning Violation will be sent to the property owner. If corrective action is not taken within an appropriate amount of time then a final letter of notification will be sent to the property owner. If there is still no corrective action taken within an indicated amount of time, the City Prosecutor will then proceed with criminal prosecution.

The purpose of these guidelines is to develop a set of standardized procedures to ensure proper communications between City staff, the complaining party, and the alleged violator while effectively addressing code enforcement violations, emphasizing the need for proper documentation, ensuring proper departmental oversight and promoting and encouraging opportunities for increased public understanding of the City's role in code enforcement situations.

Did You Know ? . . .

- The Pittman Annexation, located at 6893 West 9600 North, was approved by the City Council.
- Approval was granted for the purchase of a ten wheel dump truck for \$146,000.
- The City Council approved a Water Rights Inventory Agreement with Bowen, Collins, and Associates not to exceed \$38,000. This will provide a detailed water rights inventory of the City water rights.

- The City Council adopted a resolution to authorize an increase in the Building Permit Rate.
- The City Engineer provided information at two separate open houses on (1) 4800 West road, and (2) Transportation Element of the General Plan.
- Six-month extensions were granted for Final Approval of Spruce Acres, Avila Subdivision, and Mt. Ridge Subdivision
- The City Council certified the Highland Court.
- The City Council approved the purchase of eight shares of Provo Reservoir Full Water for the price of \$30,000 per share, not to exceed \$240,000.
- A conditional use permit was granted for the Coventry Model Home, with conditions.
- The City Council referred the Mission Statement and Future Vision of Highland drafts to the Planning Commission for consideration and recommendation.
- The City Council approved the placement of “no parking signs at any time” along 4800 West between Ole Bish Lane and Killarney Drive to be consistent with other signs
- The Planning Commission is to consider and recommend back to the Council a Geological Hazard Ordinance after it has determined the appropriate educational process either with a walkabout or sessions presented in the meetings.
- The City Council ratified the appointment of Gina Peterson as the Highland City Recorder. She will begin employment November 12, 2007.
- The City Council remanded the zone change request from R-1-40 to R-1-20 regarding property at 10215 North Alpine Highway back to the Planning Commission for findings of fact, conclusions, and recommendations.
- The City Council approved the purchase of twelve acres, located at approximately 9960 North and 6300 West, from the Alpine School District Property for \$3,000,075.

Utah County Health Department Offers Flu Vaccinations

Flu season is approaching and it is time to start thinking about protecting yourself and your family through vaccination. Flu shots will be available at the Utah County Health Department clinics. Visit www.immunize-utah.org on the web for providers, locations, hours, etc. Many local providers will also be providing flu vaccinations as well. Influenza vaccinations cost \$26 through the UCHD, although a cash discount of \$3 is available if paid at time of service. The UCHD accepts Altius, Medicare Part B, Medicaid, PEHP, Select Health and United Health Care plans.

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 utility companies for individuals who qualify. Disbursements are based on income. All Utah County residents interested in applying must call 373-8200 until the end of April for an appointment. Go to www.CommunityActionUC.org for more information, or call 373-8200.

Utah County Treasurer's Office Teaming Up with Wells Fargo

Property owners in Utah County may pay their 2007 property taxes at the County Treasurer's Office or any conveniently located Wells Fargo offices in Utah. Bring in your entire tax notice to any Utah Wells Fargo location and Wells Fargo will process your payment and provide a receipt during normal office hours through November 30, 2007. Call Utah County Treasurer's Office at 851-8255 for more details.

Youth Council

Past Events: Last month the Highland Youth Council cut and sanded wood blocks to donate to the Women and Children's Crisis Center.

Upcoming Events: All senior citizens mark your calendars for our free **annual senior dinner and prom** hosted by the Council on **Tuesday, November 6, 2007, from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m., at the Lone Peak High School Cafeteria**. If you need a ride please call Brenda Olsen at 756-6610. Come enjoy “A Moment in Time” with friends and neighbors.

Service Announcement: Beginning in January the Youth Council will begin on a calendar year, rather than a school year for a new Highland Youth Council. New applicant forms will be available November 10 for any youth currently in 9th - 11th grades who are interested in applying. Applications will be available at the Highland City Office, Lone Peak High School, Mountain Ridge Jr. High School, and on-line at www.highlandcity.org. Applications need to be turned in no later than November 30, 2007.

Library

We wish to thank the many “Highland Library Families” who have donated toward the opening day collection of books for the new library. There has been a great response to this program. A Friends of the Library

Organization has been formed and is beginning to coordinate our second campaign where larger donations will be accepted. These individuals and businesses 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 library in the name of a family member, friend, or neighbor. 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.*

Art Council

The Arts Council is a great way to serve your community in ways that encourages your creativity and love for the Arts. The next event for the Council is the Christmas Crafts Day with Santa on **December 8**. This successful annual event is such fun for the kids! They love it! Mark your calendar for this low-cost craft morning from **10:00 am. - 2:00 p.m.** There will be several crafts that will be free. For additional information, or to volunteer, please call Kam Capik at 756-4248.

Boy Scout Classes

Citizenship in the Community (required)

Date & Time: November 16 (5:30 - 7:00 p.m.) and November 30 (5:30 - 6:00 p.m.)

Class Limit: 25; **Cost:** \$10 residents/\$12 non-residents; **Location:** Highland City Building. There will be homework in between classes. Attendance on both days is mandatory.

Cinematography (non-required)

Date & Time: November 2 and January 4 (5:30 - 7:00 p.m.)

Class Limit: 25; **Cost:** \$10 residents/\$12 non-residents; **Location:** Highland City Building. This class will be taught by the editor and producer of the A-game on KJZZ. Access to a video camera is required (Note: Most digital cameras have video capabilities). There will be homework in between classes. Attendance on both days is mandatory.

Registration for Highland Residents will be **on-line ONLY** starting **Thursday, November 1**. Once the class fills up you will be able to register for the waiting list on-line. Non-residents may register on November 2. Please be sure to include your email address when registering for classes as important information will be emailed to you prior to the class. Please visit www.highlandcity.org for details.

Highland City Eagle Projects

The City would like to thank **Seth Stahura** who completed his Eagle Project by improving the park strip at Highland Glen Park. Seth removed the weeds and placed a weed barrier and bark along the park strip at the south end of the park.

American Fork Recreation

American Fork Recreation is registering for Youth Basketball for 3rd through 12th grades. Play for 9th through 12th grade boys begins in December. Play for all others begins in January. Registration deadline is November 8th for boys 9th through 12th grades; November 15th for boys 7th and 8th grades; and November 20th for elementary grades and all girls.

We are also registering for ski buses. A bus only goes to Canyons four times in December and January. A bus goes to Solitude (includes lessons and passes) four times in January and February. Space is limited.

Register at American Fork Recreation in the American Fork Fitness Center, 454 North Center, American Fork. Call 763-3080 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday-Thursday, or email at recreation@afcity.net for more information.

Message by Chief Kip Botkin

We all know what wonderful things the Internet can do for us. Most of us have become very dependent on the Internet as a source of information and would be "hard pressed" if this source of information were to be limited, restricted or come non-existent. I recently became aware of a "new" feature on "goggle" which causes me concern. Google's new feature enables you to type a telephone number into the search bar, hit enter, and obtain the person's name and address. If the user then hits "MapQuest" you will get a map to the person's house. This program is a reverse telephone book. It is possible to have your number removed or blocked by clicking on your telephone number and then clicking the Removal Form and fill out the requested information. I understand removal takes 48 hours. To ascertain what information is available through this web site, we suggest you enter your home number to see what information is available and you may want to remove or block the information.