

# Highland Insider

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## Three Council Seats Up for Nov. Election

### Primary Election Results

Highland City had a low turn-out of 8.7% for the September 11, Primary Election. The results of the election were as follows: Brian W. Braithwaite 243, F. Chad Copier 133, Jay Haws 246, Steve King 172, Larry M. Mendenhall 271, Kathryn S. Schramm 389, and Glen Vawdrey 235.

The **November 6 election** will be administered by the County, due to the school voucher issue. The electorate will also determine which candidates will fill the three City Council seats.

Note the following election dates and address any inquiries to the County Election Office at 851-8127:

**October 7** - last day a resident can establish a 30-day voting residence for the November election; **October 8 or before** - qualified persons may register by mail and the by-mail form must be filled out and mailed at least 30 days before the election and is to be processed, if received by the county clerk, at least seven days before the election (forms can be obtained on line at [www.utahcountyonline.com](http://www.utahcountyonline.com), or obtained at the Highland City Office Trailer); **October 8 or before** - to become a valid write-in candidate a person must file a Declaration of Candidacy form with the recorder not later than 30 days before the November election and the candidate must qualify all the requirements of the office; **October 17 or before** - last day the County Elections Office can accept an Application for Absent-Voter Ballot form that requires the November ballot to be mailed overseas; **October 18 or before** - County will publish the dates, times, and locations of early voting; **October 23** - last day the County Clerk can register persons in his office; **November 2 or before** - last day the County can accept an application for Absent-Voter Ballot form that requires the November municipal absent-voter ballot to be mailed to the applicant in the United States; **November 5 or before** - registered voters may apply for and vote a November absent-voter ballot; **November 6** - Municipal Election Day.

### Meet the Candidate Night

All six candidates (Brian Braithwaite, Jay Haws, Steve King, Larry Mendenhall, Kathryn Schramm, and Glen Vawdrey) running for City Council will be present **Thursday, October 25, at 7:00 p.m., at the Mt. Ridge Jr. High School Auditorium for a "Meet the Candidate Night"** to respond to questions presented by Forum Moderator, District 27 Representative, John Dougall. Time will also be allotted for designated speakers to address other ballot measures. Baby sitting will be provided in the cafeteria. For more information, including candidate platforms and interactive blogging, visit: [www.aboutHighlandcity.blogspot.com](http://www.aboutHighlandcity.blogspot.com). Wendy Hart will follow up with instructions on how to start blogging on the web-site which is a free forum for all candidates to discuss their platform and ideas and to interact with citizens with specific questions. City Council candidates are also invited to place an essay on Highland City's web page at [www.highlandcity.org](http://www.highlandcity.org).

### P.I. Water to Shut Down Oct. 15

Please be advised that until the pressurized irrigation water is shut down October 15, residents may adjust their sprinkling systems back to watering once a week.

### Park Strip Requirements

Recently the Highland City Council amended an ordinance pertaining to the park strip in front of your homes. The amendment allows for residents to landscape their park strip with landscaping that will require less water compared to what was necessary previously. The park strips should be landscaped within one year of occupancy. The ordinance is as follows: **3-621: Park or Planter Strips**. All park strip areas, the area between the sidewalk and the curb, are to be covered with landscaping vegetation such as grasses, trees, flowers, ground covers and shrubs (shrubs shall not exceed 36" in height) consistent with typical residential landscaping. This shall not include weeds, but may include approved drought tolerant plants. (1) Up to 50% of the park strip may be covered with non-

living material such as wood chips or decorative landscaping rocks (rock diameter of one inch minimum and six inches maximum) if commonly practiced xeriscape landscaping procedures are followed. (2) Trees planted within tree grates separated by hardscape materials may be installed within the park strip only if the following requirements are met: (a) Coverage measured in plan view at a two year growth is equal to or greater than at least 50% of the park strip area. At minimum trees shall be planted every 20 feet. (b) A water source is available at each tree grate (not from a hose, or above ground sprinkler), (c) The area between tree grates within the park strip area shall be landscaped with a minimum of 50% vegetation; and (d) The area between each tree grate within a park strip may be hardscaped with pavers, stepping stones, or similar permeable elements, if each object is a maximum of twelve inches in width on any side. (ii) Impervious surfaces or materials shall not be used (this includes concrete, stamped concrete, rubber lining, etc.) (d) Only trees from the city approved Class I Trees list may be planted within a park strip. (Contact the City for a list of these trees.)

## Did You Know? . . .

- The City Council will continue to discuss amendments to the General Plan at **8:30 p.m.**, following the regularly scheduled items on the agenda, as follows: **October 2**, Senior Housing; **October 16**, Affordable Housing/Apartments, and at **7:00 p.m. on October 30** Transportation. The definition of "rural" was discussed at the September 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- The City Council took a bus tour to view and discuss improvements and development activity which has occurred this past summer. These included: (1) New soccer field on 4800 West, (2) sewer lift station in Pheasant Hollow which is being completed, (3) trails and open space park in the View Point Subdivision, (4) 2,000,000 gallon water tank and 250,000 gallon water tank near View Point Subdivision, (5) Spruces Subdivision, (6) office building being constructed behind Wells Fargo Bank, (6) commercial construction on northwest corner of 11000 North and Alpine Highway, (7) new road south of Wendy's, (8) construction of new fire station, city hall, and justice center in the Town Center, (9) road improvements and sidewalk completed off 6400 West, (8) Wimbleton Park improvements, (9) Canterbury North Park improvements (playground, pavilion), (10) trails through various developments throughout the city, (11) Dry Creek Hollow Park, (12) reconstruction of 10400 North west of 6800 West, (13) Mitchell Hollow Park, (14) Bull River road traffic calming device and

road improvements, (15) Dry Creek Park will soon see additional improvements including a pavilion, (16) reconstruction of three roads in Dry Creek Bench Subdivision, (17) speed hump (trees to be planted in the median) on Bull River Road, (18) Split Rail Park, (18) Highland Boulevard median improvements, (19) reconstruction of 11800 North, (20) Horseshoe Trail improvements, (21) Horseshoe Park (near Alpine Homes) will be improved with a tot lot and pavilion, (22) Beacon Hills Sports Park and detention pond area to be improved, (23) Chambray Fields Subdivision and improvements, (24) Highland Hills Open Space to be improved, (25) 11800 North Pump House and Well, (26) Landscaping along Beacon Hills Boulevard, (27) New pump house (Hog Hollow Booster Station) and pond.

- The Pittman Annexation was approved, which annexes 2.45 acres at 6893 West 9600 North.
- Approval of \$93,000 was granted by the City Council for the purchase of a ten wheel dump truck.
- Approval was granted for the Ridgeline Elementary School Subdivision plat.
- Approval was granted for Bowen Collins and Associates, in the amount of \$38,000, to do a detailed water rights inventory of the City water rights.
- The City Council adopted a resolution which increases the building permit rates.

## Transportation Committee Members Sought

Highland City is forming a Transportation Advisory Committee to advise the City Council on transportation corridors. Interested participants may submit a letter of interest stating qualifications. Selection will be one person from every voting precinct.

## Utah County Animal Shelter

The Utah County Animal Shelter will be open on Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. until noon beginning October 13. Also please note that dog licenses can be obtained at the City Office. The fee schedule is as follows: Altered (spayed or neutered) = \$10; Unaltered (intact) = \$30. When applying for a license please bring in proof of rabies shot and proof of spay or neuter.

## Home Buyer Education Classes

The Community Action Services and Food Bank is offering free home buyer education classes which includes

budget and money management, credit issues, loan and down payment programs, shopping for financing and a home, closing documents, when to refinance, and much more. Come and learn what you need to know to have a home of your own. For more information call 373-8200, ext. 242 or ext. 243. You can register by phone or online ([www.CommunityActionUC.org](http://www.CommunityActionUC.org)).

## Transportation and Community Planning Open House

Community residents are invited to attend a Transportation and Community Planning Open House on **Wednesday, October 24, 2007, from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m., at the Orem Senior Friendship Center, 93 North 400 East, Orem.** Come and learn about air quality, road/highway improvements, new community development, transit plans, and how it affects you. Information will be available on: Mountain View Corridor, I-15 Reconstruction, Lehi East-West Connector, Commuter Rail, SR-92, Vineyard Connector, Springville SR-77, Bus Rapid Transit, Geneva Road, Provo Westside Connector, State Street, North Utah County East-West Corridor Study. Representatives from Mountainland, UDOT, UTA, and communities in Utah County will be available to answer questions on transportation plans and community development.

## NAMI Support/Education Class

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), a non-profit organization will be having a FREE support/educational class starting October 5, 2007. This is a 10-week course for those suffering from mental illness. Classes will be held **every Friday from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., at the American Fork Hospital** in classroom #1 (go in main entrance, first door on the left). If you have any questions, or would like to sign up, please call Tess 766-9876, Jean 1-801-502-8396, or email [tessr5871@yahoo.com](mailto:tessr5871@yahoo.com).

## Celebration of Light Clinic

In honor of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the Utah County Health Department will sponsor a health fair called "The Celebration of Light" for women ages 40-64 on October 10 and 11 from 8:00 a.m. to noon each day. Free or low cost screenings, breast exams, and pap smears, along with mammogram vouchers, will be available for women who meet program guidelines and make an appointment for their yearly cancer screening. Fasting cholesterol tests will be available by appointment at the reduced price of \$21. Prizes, food, and incentives will be available for participants. Bilingual staff and

female nurses will be available. All activities will take place in the UCHD Clinic on the first floor of the Utah County Health and Justice Building at 151 S. University Avenue, #1709, Provo. For information, see [www.UtahCountyHealth.org](http://www.UtahCountyHealth.org). Or call 851-7031.

## SR-92 Corridor Study

An open house was recently held on the SR-92 corridor study. For additional information, or to receive ongoing project updates, please contact the project team at the following: E-mail: [sr-92@hwlochner.com](mailto:sr-92@hwlochner.com); telephone: (801) 262-8700. Information is also available on the project web site at [www.udot.utah.gov/sr-92](http://www.udot.utah.gov/sr-92).

## Highland History Magazine

Learn the wonderful history of Highland City. Obtain a copy of the Highland History Magazine for \$5 at the City Office Trailer. This history was assembled for Highland City's 30th Birthday by several volunteers, including some residents whose families first settled the area.

## Arts Council

For information regarding the Highland Children's Choir, please call 492-0590. Students ages 4-15 are eligible.

## Scouts

### Citizenship in the Nation (required)

**October 5 and November 2, 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. at the Highland City Building.** Class Limit: 25, \$10 residents/\$12 non-residents, There will be homework in between classes. Attendance on both days is mandatory.

### American Heritage (non-required)

**October 26, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m., at the Highland City Building and Heritage Park DUP Cabin.** Class Limit: 25, \$5 residents/\$7 non-residents.

Registration for Highland residents will be **on-line ONLY** starting **Monday, October 1, at 8:00 a.m.** Once the class fills up you will be able to register for the waiting list on-line. Non-residents may register on October 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](http://www.highlandcity.org) for details.

## Highland City Eagle Projects

The City would like to thank Justin Bagley who completed his Eagle Project by building park reservation bulletin boards. The completed bulletin boards were

placed at the following parks, which can be reserved for gatherings: Heritage Park, Highland Glen Park, Mitchell Hollow Park, Town Center Meadows Park, and Merlin B. Larson Park.

## Highland Baseball

Congrats to the Highland 12u Baseball All-Stars who finished as 2007 Cal Ripken State Champions and 4th place in the Cal Ripken Pacific Southwest Regional. Team members include: Jordan Townsend, Trevor LaHargoue, Austin McChesney, Milo Abbott, Zach Mortensen, Terrell County, Braxton Deveraux, Colan Carrier, Grant Lyman, Stockton Holmstead, Jeremiah Van Dyke, Spencer Reinstein.

## Youth Basketball - AF Rec

Registration begins for Youth Basketball for 3rd through 12th grades during October. Play for 9th through 12th grade boys begins in December. Play for all others begins in January.

## Tree Commission

Anyone interested in serving on the Highland City Tree Commission may call Ron Jones at 756-7374, Christy Vick at 492-0112, Kim and Brent Smith at 492-3795, or Emily Gillingwater at 756-5751, ext. 122.

## Highland Youth Council

This year's Highland Fling turned out to be a great success with the entertainment provided for the children by the Youth Council, and the dance was a fund-raiser for the Youth Council's future service projects and activities.

All **senior citizens of Highland City**, mark your calendars for our free annual senior dinner and prom hosted by the council on **Tuesday, November 5, 2007**. Come and enjoy yourself and the music of your day.

Santa Claus will be visiting the Highland City Building December 8. You won't want to miss him.

This month the Youth Council will be cutting and sanding wood blocks to donate for their service project.

We will begin a calendar year, rather than a school year, for our new Highland Youth Council beginning in January. New application forms will soon be available at the city building for any youth currently in 9th through 11th grades who are interested in applying.

## Public Notice

A public hearing will be held by the Highland City Council **October 2, 2007, at 7:15 p.m.**, at the Highland

City Building, to consider public input on a Re-zone Request to R-1-20 for 3 acres of the Pincock property located at 10215 N. Alpine Highway.

## Library

The library board is focusing on two major campaigns for fundraising for our opening day collection. One is a program that could potentially involve every family in Highland. Every family who donates either \$20 per person or \$100 per family towards the opening day collection will be known as a "Library Family" and will be recognized by having their family name on a special plaque that will be displayed in the new library. All you need to do is fill out the slip included with the newsletter and send it in with your donation check and utility bill (please two separate checks). Another payment option is to pay \$10 per month for ten months (until July). Contributions of any size are accepted. Larger donations will also be recognized in a special way in the library. The other element of the campaign is inviting businesses to make contributions. All donations are tax exempt. Please make checks payable to the Highland City Library Foundation.

Regarding the reciprocal agreement which American Fork, Pleasant Grove, Lehi, and Eagle Mountain Libraries are in the process of developing, be advised when our library opens and is state certified, we will seek to be part of this cooperative. Our library will be considered for inclusion upon review and recommendation of the committee membership. This reciprocal borrowing agreement is not a "county-wide system." If the cooperative initiates before our library opens, Highland citizens will still need to pay the non-resident fee for the use of any of those libraries. Highland City will reimburse up to \$50 of that fee that is paid before our library opens. After the opening of our library, citizens will not have to pay anything out of pocket for Highland Library services.

## Condolences

Sympathy is expressed to the families of Ronald C. Hills and Marvin Cook, residents of Highland who recently passed away.