

Highland Insider

September, 2007

VOTE, IF YOU DON'T WHO WILL?

Municipal Primary Election - September 11

Seven candidates for City Council will be narrowed to six candidates at the Municipal Primary Election on September 11. The candidates running for City Council include the following: Brian W. Braithwaite, F. Chad Copier, Jay Haws, Steve King, Larry M. Mendenhall, Kathryn S. Schramm, and Glen Vawdrey. Early voting will continue through Friday, **September 7, 2007, from 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. at the City Offices**, except for Monday, September 3, 2007 when the city offices are closed. Anyone needing to vote absentee may do so through **Monday, September 10, 2007**, in the office of the City Recorder.

The polls will open at **7:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 11, 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).

Highland Jr. Miss Representatives Selected

Christine Hymas and Rachel Chase were selected as the 2008 Highland Jr. Miss at the Jr. Miss Program held August 3. Christine's talent was a jazz contemporary dance solo. She is on the LPHS Drill Team, and is the daughter of Janice and Dave Hymas. Rachel, the daughter of Benjamin and Kristin Chase, performed a harp selection. She also plays the piano, and attends American Fork High School. These young women will go on and represent Highland City at the State Jr. Miss Program later this year. Christine won the award for the highest amount of sponsor ads sold, Rachel won the talent category, Ashley Sumner won the interview, scholarship, and ticket sales categories, and Lauren Taggart won the self-expression, physical fitness, and the theme categories. Congratulates these young women and also the following



who participated in the Jr. Miss Program: Jennica Van Wagoner, Kimberly Kay Westwood, Melissa Forsey, Megan Lloyd, Missy Parry, Lauren Taggart, Jenessa Frampton, Jennie LeBaron, and Ashley Sumner. Thank you to the wonderful committee members who provide this opportunity for Highland's young women.

Planning & Zoning Reminder

The residents in Highland City are very proud of their homes and the areas in which they live. Great care is taken in beautifying properties and enjoying the quality of life that exists in your neighborhood and neighborhoods throughout the City. The Ordinances that are in place have been requested by the citizens of Highland to ensure this quality of life and to enhance property values. Your lot should not be used to store vehicles that are no longer registered. Also, it is important to keep yards clean of debris and junk. The City ordinance is as follows:

3-607: Storage of Junk and Debris Prohibited. No yard or other open space shall be used for the storage of junk, debris or obsolete vehicles; and no land shall be used for such purposes, except as specifically permitted herein.

Highland History Book For Sale

The Highland History Committee did a wonderful job combining Highland's first published history in time for

distribution at the Highland Fling. This publication is a keepsake for every Highland family and may be obtained at the Highland City Office for \$5.

Did You Know? . . .

- Mayor Franson recognized the efforts of the Alpine Highland Police and Fire Departments, Highland City Public Works staff, and the Mayors of American Fork and Lehi for providing additional fire equipment for fighting a fire in Bull River.
- The City Council authorized an Interlocal Agreement with American Fork City regarding the purchase of the debris basin at the mouth of American Fork Canyon.
- The City Council approved a memo of understanding with American Fork City for recreation programs.
- An Interlocal Agreement with American Fork was approved by the City Council to define the future relationship between Highland City and American Fork Cities in regard to shares of American Fork Irrigation stock.
- The City Council approved a proposal to combine the Bonneville Trail Underpass with the SR-92 Project.
- The Highland City Storm Water Master Plan was adopted by the City Council.
- A public hearing was held and approval was granted for the Patterson Senior Housing General Plan Land Use Map and Zoning Map Amendment. This will be for an assisted living facility to include an Alzheimer unit and a single living unit on property located at 11300 North Highland Boulevard.
- The Open Space Agreement and Application was amended and approved by the City Council. This defines requirements for individuals desiring to improve public open space which is adjacent their properties within open space subdivisions.
- Highland Square Subdivision received final approval by the City Council. This development comprises two lots, and is located at 10740 North Parkway East. At this development a conditional use permit was granted for the Alpine Credit Union.
- A conditional use permit has been granted for Sunset Mountain Properties Office Building 2, which is located off Highland Boulevard and 11150 North.
- The City Council approved a rate increase for Allied Waste in the amount of \$.50 per billable resident.

- A road connection at 10684 North 6250 West was approved, with staff investigating the possibility of a development agreement.

SR-92 Alternatives Open House

Do you want to know how many lanes SR-92 will be between I-15 and the mouth of American Fork Canyon? Or whether bike lanes or pedestrian trails will be added to the corridor? The Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) is evaluating potential alternatives for the SR-92 corridor to address the transportation needs, and we want to hear from you regarding the solution being considered. UDOT invites you to attend an open house at the following time and location:

When: Wednesday, September 19, 2007

Time: 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Where: IM Flash Technologies (previously Micron)
1550 East 3400 North
Building 10 Cafeteria
Lehi, UT

For additional information, or to receive ongoing project updates, please contact the project team at the following: E-mail: sr-92@hwlochner.com; Telephone: (802) 262-8700.

Information is also available on the project web site at www.udot.utah.gov/sr92.

Bill Paying Easier Now

Highland City has two options for paying your monthly utility bill. We have teamed up with Xpress Bill Pay. You can access paying your monthly utility bill through the Highland City web page, which is www.highlandcity.org and just follow the directions. NO CHECKS to write on your part and no checks to process on our part. Option #2 with Direct Pay Option is still available. Highland City does all the work. All we need is the authorization form for you. For any questions contact Nancy Day at 756-5751, ext. 110.

Community Action Week:

Celebrating Self-Reliance

Community Action Services and Food Bank will hold Community Action Week; *Celebrating Self-Reliance*, from October 1 - 5, 2007. Community Action Week will feature a variety of activities to build self-reliance, sponsored by local partners. If you want to learn more about this one-of-a-kind celebration or would like to get involved, please visit www.CommunityActionUC.org or call 801-363-8200.

As the second largest food bank in the state of Utah, Community Action Services and Food Bank serves Utah, Wasatch, and Summit counties. Community Action also

provides several other programs that help families in crisis: homebuyer and mortgage counseling, family development, the HEAT program, youth mentoring and outreach to the elderly. More than 18,000 people receive assistance from Community Action Services and Food Bank annually. Of these 18,000 individuals, more than 6,000 families are assisted in maintaining a home to live in, food to eat, and the confidence that they can succeed. Community Action Services and Food Bank strives to build self-reliant families within the community.

Stroke Prevention Screening

Life Line Screening will provide Stroke, Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm, and Peripheral Arterial Disease Screenings at St. Peter's Parish, 634 North 600 East, American Fork, UT on **Thursday, September 6, 2007**. Pre-registration is required. Call 1-800-324-1851.

Highland Fling, A Success!

"Thank you" to all the **volunteers, Youth City Council, City Staff, and especially Emily Gillingwater**, Highland City Enhancement Coordinator, for all the time and energy that made the Highland Fling such a great success this year. The huge crowds that flocked to the park showed that this year's City Celebration was the best! The Fling was also a success because of the generosity and support of the sponsors which included: Kohler's, Cabela's, Bank of American Fork, That Music Store, Babies R Us, ReMax, Costco Wholesale-Lehi, Rumbi Island, Utah Grizzlies Professional Hockey Club, Alpine-Highland Police Department, Lone Peak Public Safety District, Hee Haw Farms, Lehi Roller Mill, Orem Owlz, Seven Peaks Water Park, Salt Lake Bees, Little Things Mean A Lot, Deer Valley Resort, Wells Fargo Bank, RC Willey, Thanksgiving Point, Lone Peak High School, Mountain Ridge Jr. High School, Highland Elementary School, Rocky Mountain Power, and many more.

Highland Fling Lost and Found included the following items: keys, sunglasses, folding chairs, cell phone, scooter, necklace, bike helmet. Please come by the City Office and claim your belongings. If you have found any items, please return them to the City Offices so they can be returned to their owners.

Volunteers: If you have enjoyed this year's Highland Fling and you would like to volunteer for next year, please contact Emily Gillingwater at the Highland City Office, or email emily@highlandcity.org.

Highland Library Committee

The Library Board would like to thank Highland citizens for making our summer fund-raises successful. As

a result of citizens "bringing in the change," at the Highland Birthday Party, the Fly Lady Fest and the Highland Fling Book Sale and Silent Auction in July and August, the library was able to raise \$3,000 to go toward an opening day collection. This is only the beginning of the fund-raising efforts as the Library Board's goal for an opening day collection is \$300,000. We appreciate your continued support as we work toward reaching that amount.

We also want to say a huge thank you to the 80 library volunteers who helped with the Highland Birthday Party and the Highland Fling. Your dedication is so appreciated.

Thank you to the more than 479 families who returned library surveys to the City. We value your feedback and strong expressions of support. Watch for the results soon to be posted on the city website.

On August 15th the City Council adopted a small tax rate increase specified to provide stable funding for the library. This will enable all residents to have free access not only to our own city library when it opens, but also eventually other North Utah County libraries as the anticipated North Utah County inter-library system develops. It will also help the library become certified, qualify for state and federal grants and be eligible to participate in the State inter-library loan system. For a home with an assessed valuation of \$350,000, the city tax will increase only an estimated \$6 from last year.

For those interested in volunteering with the library or making a donation toward the opening day collection, please send an email to highlandlibrary@highlandcity.org.

Highland Arts Council

The Highland City Arts Council sponsored our first ever "Highland Idol" contest on August 3, 2007. This contest was held at Highland Heritage Park with 16 contestants, 3 Highland "celebrity" judges, and a karaoke band "This Is Your Band". Our first place \$200 prize winner, and reigning Highland Idol, is Julianne Brough; second place \$100 prize was awarded to Sydnie Trowbridge; and third place \$50 prize was awarded to Angie Haskel. The Audience Favorite, \$25, and a microphone went to Hope Goshorn. Honorable Mentions and Recording Studio software went to Rob Chatwin and Lauren Bales. Prize money was donated by the Highland City Arts Council, with other prizes donated by "That Music Store" located by Kohler's. Thank you to all who participated in this fabulous event. We have a lot of talent here in Highland! We look forward to next year's contest!

Highland Children's Choir

Auditions for the Highland Children's Choir and new registrations for fall semester include the following: ages

4-7 Young Singers (no audition); ages 8-11 Highland Children's Choir, ages 12-15 Highland Girls Choir (girls will be rotated through private voice lessons with this class.

All new and current students need to register. New students are given placement priority in the order calls are received. Rehearsals begin the first Tuesday in September. For information, or to schedule an audition, call 492-0590.

Tree Commission

What a great experience it has been working on the Highland City Tree Commission and to see trees that were planted five years ago growing and beautifying our streets and parks. It has also been a great experience working with young men as they work with the Tree Commission to get volunteers and make preparations to plant trees as part of their Eagle Scout projects. The rewards have been many and the time spent working with the Commission members has been great.

We are looking for three or four people who are interested in giving some time on the Highland City Tree Commission. If you are interested, please call Ron Jones at 756-7374, Christy Vick at 492-0112, Kim and Brent Smith at 492-3795, or contact Emily Gillingwater at the Highland City Offices at 756-5751, ext. 122.

Scout Merit Badge Classes

Emergency Preparedness (required). The dates are **September 21 and 28, from 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. on 9/21 and 4:00 - 4:30 p.m. on 9/28**. Class size is limited to 25. Cost is \$10. There will be homework in between classes. Attendance on both days is mandatory. Registration for Highland residents will be **on-line ONLY** starting **September 3, at 7:00 a.m.** Once the class fills up you will be able to register for the waiting list on-line. Non-residents may register on September 4. Please visit www.highlandcity.org for details.

Fishing (non-required). The date is **September 28, 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.** Classes are limited to those who were enrolled in Hooked on Fishin' which was held in June and July. The cost was included in the Hooked on Fishin' fee. Registration is not required for this class. Please complete your fishing workbook before the class meets. If you didn't meet all the requirements (i.e. catching the fish), please come anyway so you can be signed off for the requirements that you have met.

Daughters of Utah Pioneers

Anyone interested in joining the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers may call Furlann Olsen at 756-9525.

American Fork Recreation

Second Grade Jr. Jazz. The registration deadline for basketball co-ed teams entering 2nd grade only is **Thursday, September 13**. The season begins October 2, with eight sessions (two each week) of coach taught sills and games.

Registration for Youth Basketball for 3rd through 12th grades begins in October. Register at American Fork Recreation in the American Fork Fitness Center. Call 763-3080 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday - Thursday, or email at recreation@afc.city.net for more information.

Message from Police Chief Kip Botkin

The following are some personal safety tips you may find helpful: **(1) Increase Your Personal Safety:** trust your instincts, avoid situations you believe could be dangerous, work with law enforcement if you have become a victim; **(2) Protect Yourself on the Street:** dress appropriately, walk with someone (or in groups), walk near people, protect your valuables; **(3) If You Think You Are Being Followed:** act suspicious, change directions, go into a public place; **(4) Practice "Street Smarts":** know where you are going, walk at a good steady pace, avoid carrying lots of packages, don't wear headphones, carry a whistle, take special care when jogging, wear comfortable shoes and clothes, look confident, stay on well lit streets, change course, don't stand close to cars if called to one, always be aware of your surroundings and what is going on around you; **(5) Protect Yourself While Traveling:** keep doors locked and windows rolled up when in traffic, always lock your car; park in areas that will be well lit when you return, check the back seat and around the car to see if anyone is hiding; keep your valuables out of sight (in trunk, under seats, in glove compartment); if you have car trouble, raise your hood and turn on your emergency lights. Stay inside your car with the doors locked and windows rolled up. Ask anyone who stops to call the police or nearest service station.

Condolences

Sympathy is expressed to the families of the following Highland residents who passed away: Carol Wells, Fred Nakagawa, George Pennington, and Yukus Inouye.

