

Highland Insider

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City Office/Police Station Being Designed

JRCA Architects Provides Design



Highland City will be constructing new city offices and a new public safety building, and has retained JRCA Architects to provide the architectural design. The city hall facility will house the City Administration, Finance, Utilities, Planning, Engineering Departments, and a Library. The Public Safety Building will house the Justice Court and the Police Department. City Hall is projected to be approximately 18,000 square feet, and the Public Safety Building will be approximately 16,000 square feet in size. Both projects will be located in the civic plaza district of the Town Center. Plans are in the preliminary phases. Construction is expected to begin Spring 2007, and will last approximately one year.

Utah Valley Transportation and Community Planning Open House

Citizens are invited to attend the Transportation and Community Planning Open House **Wednesday, October 25, 2006, 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 improvements, new community development, transit plans, and how it affects you. Representatives from Mountainland, UDOT, UTA, and communities in Utah County will be available to answer questions on transportation plans and community development.

Voter Registration

Voter registration forms are available at the Highland City Office, on the Utah County Elections site at www.utahcountyhonline.com, in the Dex phone book, or by calling (801) 851-8130. The next Satellite Registration will be held at the Highland City Office on **October 20 and 23, from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.** Registration forms need to be returned to the County Elections Office by October 10, if sent by mail, or by October 23, if delivered personally. On October 24, 2006 early voting will begin in Utah County at the Utah County Administration Building, room LL900 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. except Saturday and Sunday through November 3. Election day is **Tuesday, November 7.**

General Plan Neighborhood Workshops

Five neighborhood workshops/meetings will be held in early to mid November as part of the on-going update of the Highland City General Plan. The purpose of these meetings is to provide city residents a hands-on opportunity to define the needs, issues, concerns and preferences for their community, thereby providing a stronger and more vibrant planning process. Each workshop/meeting will be held in a public venue, such as a local school or another convenient location, preferably within the specific neighborhood. Dates and venues are currently being finalized. So be on the lookout in the next few days for a special mailer announcing the dates and venues, and remember to mark your calendar accordingly. Meetings will also be advertised in the local press, on the Highland City website www.highlandcity.org, and the project website <http://www.lidiut.com/projects/highland.htm>. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Mark Vlasic at Landmark Design (801) 474-3300 or Lonnie Crowell, Assistant Director, Highland City Planning and Zoning 756-5751..

Credit Score Plus

If you ever wanted to know how to improve your credit score, the presentation *Credit Score Plus* is considered the best of its kind. This one hour presentation is the product from four years of research by several companies on the credit scoring system. *Credit Score Plus* outlines all the principal factors that influence credit scores, cost of a sub-800 credit score, and the ways companies can manipulate our scores. This upcoming presentation of *Credit Score Plus* at the Highland City Offices will be held on **Friday, October 20, at 6:30 p.m.**, and is sponsored by Westfield Real Estate.

Please register online at www.creditscoreplus.net or call (801) 558-5055. For further questions, please contact Nancy Morrill at 787-1752, or Stacy Racker at 360-1380.

Did You Know? . . .

- Nathan Lunstad has been hired to assist in the City Engineer's Office.
- A conditional use permit was granted by the City Council for the 11800 North Street L.D.S. Church.
- Two trucks were approved for purchase for the Public Works Department.
- Bids were rejected for the Fire Station due to the cost.
- A contract was authorized with G & L Electrical Services to provide handicapped access to the City Building in the amount of \$10,904.
- Sunset Mountain Plat B and Beacon Hill The Highlands Plat F were annexed into the Open Space Special Service District.
- The City Council approved an agreement with ITRON to purchase an automated water meter system.
- The City Council is working on adding the CR (Commercial Retail) Zone to the Land Use Ordinance with plans for adoption on October 17.
- Earth Movers, a construction company, donated time with a grader to help install temporary trails by the Ridgeline Elementary School. An additional 100' of the crushed asphalt trail was installed on the west side to connect to the Church property near the school.
- Mayor Franson reported on a meeting he had with Congressman Matheson, Barry Edwards, and Claudia Stillman wherein they discussed getting Highland its own zip code. Congressman Matheson committed to do some checking into it.
- Mayor Franson reported 4800 West is high on the list for right-of-way and 4800 West will be rebuilt for access to the Interstate. This issue is

- part of discussion with a North Utah County Transportation Study.
- City Council directed staff to require new home builders to install monuments as part of their building permit on each property corner and change of direction for property that abuts open space within existing open space subdivisions.
- A representative of Wikstrom & Associates, presented to the City Council a "Commercial Futures Analysis" as part of the General Plan Update. Results of this survey is available to review at City Hall. Check the City's web site for notice of public hearings on the General Plan Update.
- The City Council approved the expenditure of approximately \$98,500 for the piping of the ditch between Mule Acres and Days Meadows subdivision and enter into a reimbursement agreement with Steve Hoyal for the approved amount.
- The City Council recommended the Planning Commission review the RP (Residential Professional) Zone for possible amendments as it pertains to landscaping and parking.
- The City Council authorized Mayor Franson to sign a Statement of Support requesting that Highland City consider participating as a member of the Utah Lake Commission.
- The following individuals were recognized by Mayor Franson for their service to Highland City: former members of the Planning Commission, Steven P. Draper, Jeff Clyde, Bryce Flanary, and Michael Walch; and former members of the Board of Adjustment Larry G. Miller, Lee Kimball, Leon Nelson, Jeanne Hodges, and Dave Blackwell.

Highland Arts Council

The Arts Council will be offering a *Mommy and Me Pottery Class*, ages 2-5, on **Tuesdays, November 7, 14, 21, at 10:30 a.m.** Cost is \$35, including materials. Contact Sherry Hardy at 492-8099 to sign up.

The Merit Badge Class for October is *Emergency Preparedness (required)* and will be held **Friday, October 27, 4:00 - 5:30 p.m., at the Highland City Building**. Scouts must already have the First Aid Merit Badge to participate in this class. Do requirement 8c at home (prepare a 72 hour kit). **No limit. Cost \$5.**

Reading (elective) - Two part class. **Part 1:** Pick up your homework packet from the city office at least two weeks before the class starts. **Part 2:** Class meets **Friday, October 20, from 4:00 - 5:30 p.m., at the Highland City Building**. Please pick up and complete your homework packet for the Reading Merit Badge Class at the city office

before the class meets on October 20. If you have any questions, please contact your instructor, Tina Chadwick at 492-0196. **No limit. Cost \$5.**

Requirements must be met in order to obtain the counselor's signature.

November Merit Badge Classes: **Communications, November 10, from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.** (Cost and class size TBA).

Please contact Emily Gillingwater at the City Building if you have suggestions for classes or productions you would like to see here in Highland. Let us know how we can bring the Arts to you.

American Fork Arts Council

American Fork Symphony, Music from the British Isles, **October 16, 7:30 p.m., AFHS Auditorium**, visit www.americanforksymphony.org, or call Maxine Steele at 756-2330.

Cards, October 14 or 15, Forget Me Not Scrapbook Co., 88 N. West State Road, A.F., (**October 14, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**), (**October 15, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.**) To register call 756-2448.

Photography classes hosted by Digital Studio, visit www.harwellsdigitalstudio.com or contact Alan Harwell at 763-7838.

October 3 - Beginner Digital Photography

October 4 - Wedding Photo/Bridals (Advanced)

October 18 - Digital to Finished Print (Beginner)

October 21 - Digital Photography (Intermediate)

Speech Contest - October 16 - November 11. Pick up an entry form at A.F. Arts Council Office, or call Ann at 756-3622 for more information.

Vocal Works will present a Halloween Benefit Concert, **October 23**, \$8 individual, \$24 family, Northampton House, 198 W. 300 N., A.F. Tickets at (800) 838-3006; tickets also available at the door.

American Fork Community Band, directed by John Miller and Jernie Arnold. For anyone 18 years or older desiring to join the band can contact Shazelle at shazellet@earthlink.net or John Miller at Millj704@Alpine.k12.ut.us. The Band rehearses from November to August and performs several concerts throughout the year. Rehearsals are **first and third Thursdays, beginning November 2, at 7 p.m., at the American Fork High School Band Room.**

Water Color Class, October 7, 14, 21, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., \$25, ages 14 and up, A.F. Fire Station, 96 N. Center. Call 756-3738 or 78-3081.

Youth Theater, Intro to Music & Dance for Kindergartners through 2nd Graders, \$25 month, **Wednesdays, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m., A.F. Rec Center**

Music Dance Theater Workshop, Thursdays, 4:00 - 6:15 p.m., ages 8 and up, \$40 a month, A.F. Recreation Center. Call Judy at 785-2059.

Jr. Miss Program

Congratulations to Lara Mann and Lisa Lindow for being selected at the Jr. Miss Program to represent Highland City as the Jr. Miss Representatives. Lara Mann received the following awards: Interview, Talent, Self Expression, Spirit of Jr. Miss. Other awards included: Danielle Smith for Scholastic. Jessica Densley for Physical Fitness, and Elizabeth Barry for Ticket Sales.

Youth City Council

The Youth Council was sworn in at a recent City



Lisa Lindow, left; Lora Mann, right

Council Meeting. Mayor Franson offered appreciation to Steve and Janet King, who have resigned as advisors to the Youth Council and Youth Court, after several years of dedicated service. We will miss them.

The annual barbeque held in honor of the Lone Peak Public Safety employees was hosted this past month by the Youth Council. After a delicious dinner, the Youth Council called for a rematch, after last year's humbling football scrimmage, but this year the police and fire departments showed mercy by forfeiting the game.

This month we would like to spotlight two members of the Youth Council: **Jenna Garrett**, Co-Mayor, is a senior at Lone Peak. She is the daughter of Lance and Rebecca Garrett. Jenna is also involved with Operation Smile and Club U Knight. **Jared Stoddard**, also a Co-Mayor, is a senior at Lone Peak and he has a variety of interests. Jared is the son of Theron and Julie Stoddard.

Lone Peak Football

It's almost mid-season for the LPYF League. Registered players for this 2006 season topped off at 595. A HARDY welcome to the 1st/2nd grade players as they are new to the Utah County Football Conference (UCFC).

Coaches, please forward each week scores to Mitt Romney, as instructed, so they may be posted to the website. Please visit The Utah County Football Conference at www.theucfc.com on continued game scores. A heart filled thanks to the coaches, assistant coaches, players and their families for your time, commitment and spirit that makes the LPYF the FINEST league in Utah County!

Points on Keeping the City Clean by Allied Waste

Below are a few tips to help maintain the safest, cleanest and most efficient waste removal program:

- Please keep all kids away from garbage trucks and cans while service is taking place.
- Do not place unacceptable items in the can (oil, acids, hot ash, combustible material, etc.)
- Keep all cans a minimum of 5 feet from cars, poles, mailboxes, and fences.
- Cans must be at least 3 feet apart.
- Do Not Over Load Cans!
- If you need additional cans, please contact the City office.
- If your can is damaged call Allied Waste.
- Do not stack waste around can.
- Cans must be out for pick up by 7:00 A.M.

Thank you for allowing Allied Waste of Utah County to be your waste removal company. In November Allied Waste will be a day late picking up garbage over the Thanksgiving holiday.

Police Chief Botkin's Message

As the population generally grows older we are seeing the increased use of "service animals". Service animals are referred to as seeing-eye dogs. However, today there are many other types of service animals. Be aware of the following:

- Remember, a service animal is not a pet.
- Do not touch or give the animal food or treat without permission of the owner.
- When a dog is wearing its harness, it is "on duty". In the event you are asked to take the dog while assisting the individual, hold the leash and not the harness.
- If necessary to relocate or move the person any distance, move the animal with the owner. Do not separate them.
- Service animals are not registered as such and there is no proof that the animal is a service animal. If the person tells you it is a service animal, treat it as such. However, if the animal is

out of control or presents a threat to the individual or others, it must be removed from the area. One exception to this would be a police K-9 animal. These animals are taught to protect their handler "at all costs". If a K-9 officer is hurt or injured and his "partner" (the K-9) is present and protecting the officer, do not approach the injured officer. Instead, call the local police jurisdiction immediately. There is an excellent chance the K-9 will attack you under these circumstances if you attempt to approach the injured officer.

- A person is not required to produce proof of disability that requires a service animal. You must accept on face value that (s)he has a disability. If you have doubts, let a person of proper authority address the issue.
- The animal may not be specially trained as a service animal. Persons with psychiatric and emotional disabilities may have a "companion animal". These are just as important to them as a service animal is to a person with a physical disability. Please be understanding and treat the animal as a service animal.
- A service animal must be in a harness or on a leash, but need not be muzzled.

Spay/Neuter Clinic

The next Spay/Neuter Clinic will be October 5, 2006, at Parking lot at the mouth of American Fork Canyon. Call 1-866-PETS FIX or www.utahpets.org.

Condolences

Sympathy is expressed to the families of Mary Katherine Smith, Gary Braithwaite, and Wade Verde, residents of our community who recently passed away.