

Highland Insider

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Tax Rate Set for FY2006-07 at .001390

Public Hearing Held

Residents filled City Hall for the Truth in Taxation public hearing held August 15. Information was presented showing the need for additional funding for the Fire and Police Departments in the amount of \$400,000 over the next two years. The tax rate which was proposed for .001547 was reduced and approved for .001390. Through the additional revenues raised this will permit the Police Department to increase personnel to 20 sworn officers and enable 24-hour coverage for both Alpine and Highland. The Fire Department is in need of more staff as the time has come when it is difficult to obtain volunteers. The Fire Department is trying to work towards acquiring three full time personnel for fire and paramedics.

Highland Fling, A Success!

The 2006 Highland Fling week long event was a huge success. The week started off on Saturday July 29th with the Baby Contest which drew in more than 40 contestants. The Children's Fishing event was a huge success. Emilee Cahoon caught the largest Catfish measuring 22 1/4 inches, her biggest fish yet! Several children came out to test their fishing skills and those who didn't want to fish were entertained with free children's games provided by the Highland Youth City Council, educational booth from Cabela's, and free face painting provided by Susan Ostler.

Over 60 children attended the Youth Bike Race which featured Grizbee from the Utah Grizzlies Professional Hockey Club. The children all received goodie bags, a free Utah Grizzlies ticket voucher, and an award for their participation.

Brent Brown Toyota sponsored the 2006 Highland Fling Play Day Rodeo. The rodeo brought in a huge crowd of spectators and participants. Several people attended the Fine Arts Show and Reception. Entries were received for the show from preschool children to professional adult artists.

Thanksgiving Point Golf Club was the location of the Golf Tournament. The 125 teams enjoyed the pleasant

weather. The Highland Youth Council held their annual dance at Mountain Ridge Jr. High. This year the YCC decided to hold a fund-raiser for The Parker Reed Medical Fund by donating \$.75 of each ticket sale to the fund. The DJ (GR8TUNZ DJ Services) donated half of his normal fee to the Parker Reed Medical Fund.

By the morning of Saturday, August 5th, people knew that something was going on at Heritage Park. Hot air balloons started to sail over the city. Several runners involved in the 5K and Fun Runs were warming up and checking in for their events. Vendors lined the streets unloading their vehicles. The aroma of cotton candy, kettle corn, and barbeque ribs filled the air as the food vendors started to prepare their foods for the huge crowds that followed the Grand Parade to Heritage Park for the day's festivities.

Throughout the day huge crowds flocked to Heritage Park to see performers such as Kirby Heyborne, Providence, Salamanders, The BMX Stunt Team, and Seve vs. Evan. Entertainers performed throughout the day on the Heritage Park Stage. As always the Candy Toss and Fireman's Spray were the favorites of children. The 2006 Highland Fling ended with a bang with the firework show!

The 2006 Highland Fling was a success because of the generosity and support of our sponsors which included: Kohler's, Cabela's, Bank of American Fork, ReMax, Valley View Ballooning, Costco Wholesale-Lehi, Costco Wholesale-Orem, Utah Grizzlies Professional Hockey Club, Alpine-Highland Police Department, Lone Peak Fire and Ambulance, Hee Haw Farms, Brent Brown Toyota, Toyshare, Contours Express, Family Video Book and Clothing, Lehi Roller Mill, Utah Hogle Zoo, Seven Peaks Water Park, Salt Lake Bees, Seven Salon and Spa, Cobble Stone Café and Pizzeria, Supercuts-American Fork, Little Things Mean A Lot, REI, Sundance Resort, Deer Valley Resort, Wells Fargo Bank, RC Willey, Blockbuster Video, Thanksgiving Point Golf Club, Starbucks, Krispy Kreme, GR8TUNZ DJ Services, Mountain Ridge Jr. High School, Highland Elementary School, Smile Photo, Rib City Grill and our many volunteers and committee members. Thanks again for everything you do to make the Highland Fling a successful event.

Lost and Found: The Highland City office lost and found box is overflowing with items found during the

Highland Fling. If you are missing your keys, sunglasses, bicycle helmet, sleeping bag, hats, sandals, folding chairs, scooter, sippy cup, etc. please come by the city office and claim your lost items. **All items need to be picked up by October 1**, or they will be donated to a charity.

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

Highland City's Grand Marshals who were honored at this year's Highland Fling were Steve and Janet King. They were presented a plaque by Mayor Jay Franson and recognized for their years of service as advisors to the Highland City Youth Council and Youth Court. Steve is also presently serving as a member of the Highland City Council. **CONGRATULATIONS STEVE AND JANET!**

Jr. Miss Program, September 16

The Jr. Miss Committee will be presenting the Jr. Miss Program **September 16, at 7:00 p.m., at Lone Peak High School**. Tickets can be purchased from contestants for \$6, or purchased the night of the Program for \$6.50. This year's contestants include the following: **Suany Riveiro**, daughter of Sonia Galvez and Renaldo Riveiro. She will perform a dance routine. **Janae Wilmore**, daughter of Regan and **Trish Wilmore**. She will perform a piano solo; **Kierstin Hadley**, daughter of Kent and Carin Hadley. She will perform a jazz dance. **Lisa Lindow**, daughter of Jon and Sherry Lindow. She will perform a piano solo. **Kimber Spackman**, daughter of Travis and Dorreen Spackman. She will perform a vocal solo. **Danielle Smith**, daughter of Tyler and Christie Smith. She will perform a Tahitian dance. **Lara Mann**, daughter of Rod and Suzanne Mann. She will perform a piano solo. **Liz Barry**, daughter of Joe and Barbara Barry. She will perform a violin solo. **Jessica Densley**, daughter of Moses and Vicki Densley. She will perform a dance routine.

Recreation Announcements

American Fork Rec is registering for Jr. Jazz Basketball for boys and girls entering 2nd grade only. The registration deadline is **Monday, September 11**. The season begins on **October 3**, with eight sessions, two each week, of coach taught skills and games. Registration for Jr. Jazz and Intramural Basketball for 3rd through 12th grades begins in **October**. Register at American Fork Recreation, in the Fire/Rescue Station, 96 North Center American Fork. Office hours: Monday-Thursday, 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Call 763-3080 or email recreation@afcny.net for more information.

Arts Council Events

Highland City and American Fork Arts Councils proudly present Rogers and Hammerstein's **OKLAHOMA!** This fantastic production will be **Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Monday, September 21-25 at the American Fork Amphitheater at 7:30 p.m.** Experience the joy of live theater with your family under the stars! Our Oklahoma has a talented cast, of over 50, and features Mason Lefler, Emma Bullock, Jacob Shamy, Chase Grant, Brooke Hess, Eileen Snow, and Robert McMillan. Directed and choreographed by Josh Long with musical direction by Katie Tenney. Ticket prices are \$8 for adults; \$6 for seniors, students, and children. A family ticket is only \$25. Mark your calendars now and plan on seeing this great show.

Highland City Arts Council Merit Badge Classes for the Month of September include Dentistry (Friday, September 29, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m., taught by Dr. Anderson of Lexington Heights Dental in Cedar Hills), cost \$11), Citizenship in the Nation (Friday, September 8 & 22, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m., cost \$10), and Reading. Please go to www.highlandcity.org, or come to the Highland City Building to sign up for these classes. Due to limited space on these merit badges, you will be required to pre-pay at the city office before your scout's spot is secured, and there will be no refunds. Even though these classes are designed for completion of merit badges for the Boy Scouts of America, anyone between the ages of 11-17 is welcome to take the classes. Boy Scouts are required to wear their scout shirts.

Scouts who took Personal Fitness in April may call Liz Hoffman at 492-7857 to make an appointment to get the merit badge signed off.

The American Fork Arts Council is offering a variety of classes in crafts, music for children, photography, quilting, sculpture & bronzing, youth theater workshops, a speech contest, rehearsals for the 2006-07 American Fork Symphony, Children's Choir, and Timpanogos Chorale. For more information contact Lori England at 763-3081.

Katie Millar, Our "Miss Timpanogos", Crowned "Miss Utah" !

Katie Millar, daughter of Bret and Rita Millar, was crowned Miss Utah July 8, 2006, and she will represent Utah in the Miss America competition early next year. Katie is a 19-year-old BYU senior. She was a previous Highland Jr. Miss, and is currently our "Miss

Timpanogos". Katie is very talented. She plays the electric violin and is a dancer. She has earned over \$13,000 in scholarships, and plans to continue on with school after earning a bachelor's degree in neuroscience. Her education and many family activities will be placed on hold this next year while she fulfills her new responsibilities. Ever since her sister was diagnosed with Type 1 juvenile diabetes six years ago, Katie and her family have been actively involved in trying to find a cure. As a member of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, Katie hopes by being Miss Utah that her platform on the disease will help raise public awareness. Preliminaries for Miss America will begin in January. We all rally our support and best wishes to Katie!

A Message from Police Chief Kip Botkin

Our area continues to grow and many additional families have moved into our jurisdiction. This will continue, in large part, due to the fact that Alpine and Highland are such wonderful places to live and raise a family. The growth has necessitated increases in police and fire personnel to continue to provide needed services. To do so, both City Councils bravely raised taxes. Such action is never easy and seldom, if ever, popular. But such action is necessary when areas that were once farm land or orchards are now subdivisions filled with families. These changes require fire, police, public works and other services. What was once "vacant land" now consists of homes, streets, churches, schools, and other structures. These circumstances become sources of "calls for service" from the Cities and the Public Safety District. Police deal with lost children, crimes, suspicious incidents, complaints of speeding on the streets, unauthorized vehicles on the roadway, to name but a few. The Fire Department responds to smoke alarm activations, fire calls (structure, vehicle, yards), natural gas leaks, emergency medical responses, and a myriad of other requests. Public Works personnel respond to water and sewer matters, infrastructure issues involving streets, curb and gutter, water lines, sewer lines and reading utility meters, to name but a few areas of their responsibility. As populations grow additional resources are needed to continue to provide necessary services. There are a limited number of resources available to cities. Although no one likes to see increases in taxes, they are often necessary to provide services and to protect citizens and visitors.

As a final note, please remember that school is once again in session. We currently have eight (8) schools in Alpine and Highland (5 Elementary Schools, 2 Junior High/Middle Schools, and 1 High School). Additionally a charter school will be functional in our community next year. The areas immediately around our schools are a

constant source of citizen's complaints involving traffic flow, specifically speeding, improper turning movements, improper stopping and parking, and driving through crosswalks when occupied. The interesting thing is that it is our citizens, our student's parents who are committing these driving infractions. We can't blame it on anyone else. It is us who are dropping our kids at school who are committing the driving errors. We have been asked by both City Councils to pay particular attention to traffic enforcement in all parts of the cities, but especially in the areas of our schools. Please help us keep you and your student safe by obeying traffic laws and regulations, and showing courtesy to other drivers.

Did You Know? . . .

- The following individuals were appointed to serve on the Planning Commission: Brent Wallace, Roger Dixon, Elizabeth McFarlane, and Jerry Gorrell. Larry Mendenhall was elected by the Planning Commission to serve as Chairman.
- Michael Walch was appointed to serve as appeal authority for Highland City. This appointment replaced the Board of Adjustment.
- Final approval was granted for Pebble Lane Subdivision. This development will comprise 8 lots and is located at 9760 W. Alpine Highway.
- The City Council approved establishing 6" round concrete columns with 1" rebar 18" deep to mark open space boundaries, at a minimum, at least at property corners, and at each change of direction.
- A model home was approved for Perry Homes in Beacon Hill Plat C.
- An ITRON Automated Water Meter Reading System was approved for a cost not to exceed \$575,000.
- A contract was approved with Sunroc Excavation for \$688,000 for the construction of the master planned Northwest Pressurized Irrigation Pond.
- Final Approval of Day's Meadows Plat B was granted by the City Council. This development will consist of 13 lots and is located at 6150 West 10680 North.
- City Council approved the building elevations and exterior materials for a new City Hall, as represented by JRCA Architects, to be constructed in the Town Center.
- City Council adopted finalizing the terms and conditions of the issuance and sale of sales and franchise tax revenue bonds in the approximate amount of \$6,000,000. This bond will be for 20 years and the City will begin paying in 2007. Funds will be for the construction of the police and fire buildings.

- City Council approved final approval of Sierra Trails Plat D, a two-lot subdivision located at 6220 West 9600 North.
- City Council approved landscaping some common areas in Windsor Meadows and Wimbleton Subdivision.
- City Council authorized participation in the Lone Peak Recreation Survey and Feasibility Study at a cost of \$12,063.
- Conditional Use Permits were approved for a Sprint telecommunications monopole and antenna in Highland Glen Park, and for a T-Mobile telecommunications pole at Ridgeline Elementary School, with conditions.
- The City Council is considering a Commercial Retail Zone on the corner of SR92 and SR74.
- Agendas and minutes of City Council and City Planning Commission meetings are posted on the City's web page at www.highlandcity.org.

Highland City Youth Council

The Highland City Youth Council has had a busy month helping out with the Highland Fling. The annual Youth Dance was a great success, enjoyed by several hundred of our local teens. Many thanks to Mt. Ridge Jr. High and Dimitri's Pizza for their support. The Children's Games on Saturday included some fun new additions thanks to Trevor Olsen's Eagle Scout Project.

Next month we are looking forward to honoring the Lone Peak Public Safety employees and their families.

Tree Commission Update

The Tree Commission is planning a major planting activity in September. The Commission is looking for scouts that need Eagle projects, as they have several great opportunities. Also, classes will be offered through the Adult Education program at the AF Junior High on planning and planting yards to be taught by Utah's Premier Landscape Architect & Environmental Planner. Watch for this publication.

Condolences

Sympathy is expressed to the families of Donald D. Woolley, T. Terry Limb, Glenna Fae Buhler, Dee Strasburg, Ramon Lile Squires, and Richard Lambert residents from our community, and Eva Turner and Don Bringhurst former residents of our community, who recently passed away.