



# HIGHLAND INSIDER

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## MAYOR'S CORNER

The Town Center south of SR-92 has had commercial property sitting dormant for the last 10 years. One of the main obstacles to new businesses coming to Highland has been exaction fees. Exaction fees have been \$2.59/sf in the Town Center to cover expenses incurred by the City for roads and other infrastructure. Over the years new businesses have been deterred due to this high cost causing slow development. The City Council recently approved a reduction of the exaction fee to \$1.50/sf. This is an incentive to new businesses and also covers the cost for the City to develop the remaining infrastructure. We have already seen more interest by developers to come to the Town Center. We want the Town Center to develop and are working to attract businesses that serve the residents needs in Highland.

Additionally, the Economic Development Committee is functioning to evaluate further solutions to incentivize businesses coming to Highland City. The Committee is evaluating the Town Center as well as the Commercial Zone south of Lone Peak High School and west of 4800 W. Also, the Toscana Condominium development is progressing with new residents bringing more people to the Town

Center. During summer months, the Town Center Plaza (water park) is an attraction for local residents as well as residents from other areas that come to enjoy the park. All of these activities help to build our local businesses and encourage others to come to Highland to do business.

With large businesses on each end of the City it may seem convenient to go out of Highland City to shop. When you have a need and our businesses carry your item, please support our local businesses. They are a great asset to our community and serve in providing needed items to the community as well as an important and strong tax base for the City. Highland is known for and will continue to have the large lot, open space, and rural feel of a bedroom community. With the smaller commercial base it is important we work together to support our Town Center.

*- Mayor Lynn Ritchie*

Mayor Ritchie is available at the City Offices on Tuesdays from 8:00 am-11:00 am. You may set up an appointment by contacting Jody at (801) 772-4505.

### CITY MEETING SCHEDULE

CITY COUNCIL, 1ST & 3RD  
TUESDAYS AT 7:00 P.M.

PLANNING COMMISSION, 2ND &  
4TH TUESDAYS AT 7:00 P.M.

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### Lone Peak High School Baseball Camp

Date: Saturday, March 26

Time: 9:00 to 2:00, Cost:

\$40.00 lunch and t-shirt included, Ages 8-14 invited. Sign

up the day of the camp or if your child will be playing city league

baseball, they can sign up through Alpine Baseball or Highland/Cedar Hills Baseball. Any

questions you can e-mail Susan

at:

[knight@lonepeakbaseball.com](mailto:knight@lonepeakbaseball.com)

## A Look at I-15 CORE in 2011

In just a year, the I-15 Corridor Expansion (I-15 CORE) has gone from concept designs to full-scale construction on all 24 miles of the project. Since April 2010, crews have placed more than 4 million tons of fill, laid 20 miles of drainage pipe, placed 300,000 square yards of concrete roadway and put in 1.5 million hours of work.

This year will be even busier, with work focusing on three main areas:

**Concrete Paving** - As more concrete roadway is constructed, traffic will be moved to the newly built lanes, resulting in major traffic shifts on I-15.

**Interchange Work** - All 10 interchanges will be under construction in 2011, with closures affecting the Orem 1600 North, 800 North and Center Street interchanges, as well as American Fork 500 East and Provo Center Street and ramps at the U.S. 6/Spanish Fork Main Street interchange.

**Bridge Construction** - Provo River Constructors plan to complete three bridge moves in Pleasant Grove, Lindon and Provo and continue work on more than 50 other bridges throughout the project.

Stay updated on construction work, closures and detours by signing up for weekly e-mail updates at [udot.utah.gov/i15core](http://udot.utah.gov/i15core). Follow the project on Facebook or Twitter and sign up for weekly text updates by texting "i15" to 53535.



## Winter Work Continues on Timpanogos Highway

### February Efforts will Include Reconstructing Arterial, Building Bridges

Work on the Timpanogos Highway (S.R. 92) reconstruction project will continue through the month of February, although most of the major work being done during the month will be taking place within Lehi city boundaries.

With traffic in Lehi now switched over from the old S.R. 92 roadway to the newly constructed Commuter Lanes, work will be directed at demolishing the old roadway and beginning the task of reconstructing the new, five-lane Timpanogos Highway arterial. The project team will focus on the roadway around Triumph Blvd. and Morning Glory Road – two roads that are currently closed – in order to restore those important accesses to the Traverse Mountain area as quickly as possible.

Work that you will see as you drive on Timpanogos Highway between I-15 and Highland will include:

- Excavation and construction of a new bridge about half-way between Triumph Blvd. and Morning Glory Road;
- New walls being built near I.M. Flash, Lehi Center Street and in the Dry Creek area;
- Roto-milling and obliterating pavement from the old S.R.

92 roadway;

- Storm drains being installed from Dry Creek to the frontage road;
- Construction of a temporary “shoe-fly” road at Lehi Center Street that will allow traffic to continue to flow between Center Street and Timpanogos Highway while a pedestrian tunnel and a large storm drain are being installed there;
- Additional elements of the S.R. 92 arterial and Commuter Lanes, as weather allows;
- And utility relocations taking place between the frontage road and Ashton Blvd. in the Thanksgiving Point area, as crews prepare to begin work on the new Diverging Diamond Interchange (DDI) configuration that will be constructed at the Highland/Alpine interchange beginning in the spring.

“Even with cold winter weather, there is a lot of work that can be completed on the project during the month of February,” said Access Utah County Project Manager Dan Avila. “Our crews will be making every effort to get as much done as the weather will allow so we can make exciting innovations like the Commuter Lanes and the new DDI available to the motorist as quickly as possible.”

For more information on the Timpanogos Highway project, please visit the project website at [www.udot.utah.gov/sr92](http://www.udot.utah.gov/sr92) or call the project hotline at (877)222.3757.

Attention all Highland girls that are in the American Fork High School boundaries! Come join **American Fork Little League Cheer** for 2011. Our squads will consist of 18-24+ girls for grades 6th-9th (this means that current 5th graders will try out for 6th, 6th grade for 7th etc.) Workshops and Try-outs will be the week of February 28 - March 5, 2011. For more information, check out our blog [www.goafcheer.blogspot.com](http://www.goafcheer.blogspot.com) or call Jamie @ (801) 836-0662.

## UCARE - Caregiver Educational Class

Do you find yourself caring for a loved one who is aging, chronically ill, has a disability, or mental illness? Education provides caregivers, the information and training to allow loved ones to “age in place” often for an extended period of time and delay, or even eliminate, nursing home placement.

**Mountainland Association of Governments** will provide hands-on **Caregiver Guide Classes** on a variety of topics to support and strengthen you in this selfless service. Classes will be available in the Highland City Community Center (old Highland City Building) on Thursday evenings beginning March 3 – April 21 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Class is limited to 20 participants, please call Nancy at 801-229-3818 or [nmadsen@mountainland.org](mailto:nmadsen@mountainland.org) and go to [www.mountainland.org/care](http://www.mountainland.org/care) to register.

## Own Your Finances

*Own Your Finances* by attending Utah Valley University’s complimentary PRSSA financial literacy sessions. Classes will focus on educational tools that will aid in the understanding and establishing of good credit, managing budgets, evaluating financing and insurance opportunities. For more information on the February financial sessions please visit [www.ownyourfinances.info](http://www.ownyourfinances.info)



We'd like to welcome Ron Jewett as the new Chairman for the 2011 Highland Fling. Ron has served for many years in the City, including the City Council and various committees including the Highland Fling. We'd love to see more community involvement in the planning and participation of the Highland Fling!

Do you love Highland? Do you love planning parties? Do you love being involved in community events? If you answered YES, we would love your help serving on the 2011 Highland Fling Committee. We have so many volunteer opportunities such as the Baby Contest, Kids Night, Marketing, Graphic Arts, Donations, etc. Please contact Emily at Highland City for more information. (801) 772-4523 or [emily@highlandcity.org](mailto:emily@highlandcity.org)

Vendor and Parade applications are now available at [www.highlandcityfling.com](http://www.highlandcityfling.com). All community groups, churches, schools, etc are highly encouraged to participate in the parade!

### Congratulations to the 2011 Highland Youth City Council, Highland Youth Service Council and the Lone Peak Youth Court.



They were all sworn in at a City Council meeting on Tuesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, and were pleased to be greeted by Mayor Ritchie.

**The Youth City Council** (pictured left) includes Ben Adamson, Emily Atwood, Alison Ball, Emily Bangerter, Katy Bready, Blake Ellis, Jason Kinghorn, Cameron Leavitt, Erin Modersitzki, Mady

Powell, Megan Ririe, Katrina Smith, Kiera Thayn, Jessica Thompson, Cody Williams. **The Highland Youth Service**

**Council** (not pictured) includes Monika Burnside, JJ Berrett, Connor Breinholt, Matt Carter, Madison Ellis, Michele

Johansen, Sofia Kleinstueck, McKenzie Mather, Tahlia Pauga, Britney Pay, Melissa Warren. **The Lone Peak Youth Court**

(pictured right) includes Garrett Garrity, Devon Kinghorn, Landin Hayter, Christian Luciani, Gabe Wood (President), Parker Jones, Brianna Bracey, Katie Colton, Jane McGill, Natalie Newell, Thayer Hunt.



### Lone Peak Fire District News

When using heaters inside a home, tent, etc. make sure that they are designed for closed spaces. Heaters that burn fuel are usually not designed to be used inside and produce Carbon Monoxide, a deadly gas. Make sure that your smoke and Carbon Monoxide detectors are working with fresh batteries installed.

Lastly if you live near a fire hydrant make sure that the snow is removed with at least a 3' clear radius around it. During a fire, time is of the essence. Removing the snow makes it faster to locate and attach fire hoses to take care of your emergency.



•Did you know that in 95% of emergencies bystanders or victims themselves are the first to perform emergency assistance or rescues? First Aid Kits may be purchased at the Highland Fire Station Monday - Thursday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. or call Nancy at (801) 763-5365 for more information.

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later than the 15th of the month to  
[emily@highlandcity.org](mailto:emily@highlandcity.org)

### Savvy Shopper Couponing Classes

Thursday, February 24 & March 24: 7:00 p.m. Couponing 101. Then at 8:00 p.m. Better your couponing skills, Savvy Shopping 201. These FREE classes are held monthly at City Hall. Call Savvy Trainer-Katie at (801) 367-4604 for more info.

### Citizenship in the World

**Merit Badge Classes** 2/4 & 2/18, 4:00 -5:45 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room at City Hall. Class limited to 20 scouts, Cost \$10 resident/\$12 non resident. Registration starts February 2nd at 9:00 a.m. (one day later than usual) Please go online to the events & education page at [www.highlandcity.org](http://www.highlandcity.org) to register.



The Highland City Arts Council is looking for talented artists (music, dance, theater, visual arts, crafts, etc) to teach classes or workshops here in Highland. If you are interested, please contact Classes & Workshops Rep: Kelly Gummow at 801.766.2730 - [gkgummow@netzero.com](mailto:gkgummow@netzero.com). or Chariman Richard Hoffman at 801.319.7794 - [brohoffman@gmail.com](mailto:brohoffman@gmail.com)

Play A Part in the **Timpanogos Symphony Orchestra!** The Timpanogos Symphony is now seeking musicians. For more information or to schedule an appointment for an audition, please call John Pew at (801) 210-2466 or email [auditions@thetso.org](mailto:auditions@thetso.org)

New to Highland! Jennifer Madsen and the **American Children's Theater ACT OUT!** Workshops for 3rd - 12th grades (8-18 years old) starting the week of February 14, 2011. Tuition for the 12 class workshop and performances is \$190 (monthly payment plans available) Tuition includes performance T-shirt, workshops, and two tickets to the performance on May 12th at Freedom Elementary School. To register and for more information please go to the Arts Council page at [www.highlandcity.org](http://www.highlandcity.org) or call Jennifer Madsen at (801) 692-1313

The Highland City Arts Council is establishing a "**Senior Citizen Program**". The program goal is to develop activities, information and services that support seniors in their effort to remain healthy, active and independent. We are presently seeking several members of the senior community to assist in establishing this program. If interested please contact Toni Foster at (801) 636-8750.

[www.highlandcityarts.com](http://www.highlandcityarts.com) ~ coming soon!

## Library News

If you have been in the library lately, you can see we have been busy! In fact, some days our book drop can get so full that we have a difficult time getting all the books out. Though this usually happens in connection with holidays and other days we are closed, we will be happy to waive any applicable fines (please bring your items in to the library within 24 hours to let us know so that we can take care of those items for you).

If you have items to **donate**, please do not place them in the book drop. This

only makes the problem that much worse. Otherwise, we will be happy to accept your gently used and high quality items. Items donated are either added to the collection or sold at our ongoing booksale. Your donation is greatly appreciated. If you wish for a receipt for tax purposes, please feel free to ask the staff at the time of your donation.

### Top Circulating items in 2010

Blu-Ray: Bedtime stories

Board Book: Max drives away

DVD: tie between "Monsters vs Aliens" and "Up"

Books:

Children's Fiction: A Princess Primer:

A Fairy Godmother's Guide to Geing a Princess

Nonfiction: Third Garfield Treasury

Fiction: The Lucky One (Nicholas Sparks)

Audio Book: tie between Dragon Rider (Cornelia Funke), Magic Tree House Collection (Mary Pope Osborne), The Lost Symbol (Dan Brown)



Storytime registration for the March/ April sessions will open February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 8:00 am.