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MAYOR'S CORNER

Highland City has completed the annual audit and it was approved by the City Council at the October 5th Council meeting. The audit confirmed the need to address some of the city's Enterprise Funds and the City Council has been developing plans in order accommodate those needs. Enterprise Funds are funded by fees and are designed to be self sustaining, such as sewer, culinary water, storm sewer, and pressurized irrigation. You may have noticed some increase in these areas that started this past July. The Pressurized Irrigation fees have not been increased in years and the costs are exceeding our revenues. In order to sustain the fund and not deplete the fund revenue balances the City Council sees a need to raise the fees in the coming months.

Finances have been a difficult issue and no one likes increases. The City Council is very aware of the city costs. They voted to decrease the city tax rate this year in response to residents needs and the difficult economic times. The city has cut costs and non-essential services to meet our reduced budget. As a result, our cash flow is beginning to build while still being able to deliver essential services and meet our community requirements. We will continue to be prudent and cost conscious as we move forward.

I would like to convey my appreciation for your continued support. I am available at the City Offices on Tuesdays from 8:00 am-11:00 am. You can set up an appointment by contacting Jody at (801) 772-4505.

Conversation & Awareness Pays Off

With the installation of the electronic water meters, Highland residents have their in house water meter read each month. This has been a very positive change. Possible leaks are detected quicker, less man hours are required and most of all water is conserved.

On your monthly statement from Highland City, you can see your previous water reading, current water reading and the usage. The usage is in 1,000 gallons increments. It is expected that the usage should be within the base amount with pressurized irrigation being used for outside watering. Winter water usage should also be within a low range. The average usage per household is around 10,000

gallons per month. **Your winter water usage effects your monthly sewer charges because the sewer charge is based on those winter readings.**

As part of our water conservation plan, please watch your monthly statements. If you see the water usage increasing without an explanation, please call 801-772-4523 and ask for someone to come and checkout your meter. This simple step can help all of us with conserving water and save you money.



CITY MEETING SCHEDULE
TUESDAYS 7:00 PM

CITY COUNCIL
3RD & 16TH

PLANNING COMMISSION
9TH & 23RD



UDOT Seeks New Name for SR-92

What's in a name? UDOT officials hope to find out during the month of November as the department launches an online search to find a new alternative name for S.R. 92 in northern Utah County.

UDOT is asking the public to come up with the new name for S.R. 92. Name submission forms and guidelines are available on (www.udot.utah.gov/sr92). The S.R. 92 project is online to be completed by the fall of 2011.

Building Permits are Required for Basements.
Please contact Jone in the Building Department for more details
(801) 772-4516

WINTER SNOW REMOVAL & PLOWING



With winter approaching it is important for Highland residents and the City to work together during snow removal weather.

Highland City tries to provide expeditious and efficient snow removal during winter snowstorms. City road crews work hard towards a high level of service for its residents during these road conditions. During heavy snow storms it can take as much as 48 hours to clear all priority routes and through streets once the storm has subsided. Residents may view a copy of Highland City's snowplow priority zones at www.highlandcity.org.

Please take into consideration that the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) plows SR-92 and SR-74, and like the City, UDOT will work as efficiently as allowed during winter snow storms.

FAQ's

When does my cul-de-sac get plowed?

Cul-de-sacs are not plowed or salted until every thru-road has been cleared. This can take any where from 3-5 days after a storm has passed.

When do I have to clear the sidewalk of the snow?

It is recommended that Highland City property owners clear adjacent sidewalks of snow within 24 hours after the end of the storm.

Will the City clean out the area in front of my mailbox after the plow pushes snow in front of it?

No, this is a responsibility of residents.

Where can I put the snow shoveled from my sidewalk and driveway?

Residents should push or throw snow onto their own property. It is illegal to throw or push any snow into the street. Putting snow into the streets can make the road more dangerous for automobiles and snowplows.

Will the City remove snow from my driveway?

No, residents are responsible for removing the snow on their driveways.

Can I park my vehicle on the street during the winter season?

Between midnight - 8:00 a.m., December 1st through March 31st, and anytime snow is present, vehicles may not park on City streets. Parking on the street after a snow storm makes it difficult for plows to clear the streets. Please keep in mind that other obstacles such as basketball hoops or dumpsters also need to be kept off the City right of way.

What will happen if I park my vehicle on the street during these dates?

The Police Department may issue a parking citation, and/may have the vehicles that are parking on the street towed, especially during or shortly after a snow storm. To report parking/traffic violations in your neighborhood, please contact the Lone Peak Police Department at (801) 756-9800.

The snowplows push snow into my freshly cleared driveway. Isn't there a better way to clear the streets to show some consideration to the City residents?

Unfortunately, there isn't a better way to clear streets. The snow has to go somewhere, and to make our roads safe, that somewhere is the side of the road. Snowplow blades are designed to push snow to the side of the road. The driver has no other option as to where the snow goes. We recommend that you push the snow to the right of your driveway as you face the street, it will keep the snow from being pushed back in front of your driveway.

When will the City remove the snow from the walking trails?

After the snow has been removed from the streets in Highland, our Public Works Department will work to remove any snow from the walking trails.

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Snow Removal continued...

How can you help?

To help expedite clearing roadways from snow and icy conditions, Highland City asks for your help. You can assist our snow removal operators in several ways

1. Always park your vehicle off the street. Vehicles left in the roadway create unnecessary obstacles for snow removal operators to work around, can slow the process of properly clearing the road and is against Highland City ordinances.
2. Keep obstructions such as portable basketball hoops, trash cans, and toys off the street and sidewalks during snow removal.
3. Exercise extreme care and caution when driving in adverse and inclement weather. Your safety and the safety of other motorists and pedestrians is the highest priority.
4. Travel at a safe distance from snow plows at all times to avoid damage to your car. Do not try to pass these vehicles and please be patient.
5. Limit and restrict travel unless absolutely necessary during severe weather.

If you would like to report any dangerous conditions please call Highland City Public Works at 772-4510.

Lone Peak Police News

LONE PEAK POLICE OPEN HOUSE: Each Monday in November the Police Department will be hosting an open house. Please stop by and see us from 6:00pm - 8:00pm. This will be a great activity for your family, friends, and neighbors. Come have your picture (mug shot) taken and take a tour of the Justice Center. You can visit us on the web at:

www.lonepeakpsd.com or find us on Facebook under Lone Peak Police - Utah. We look forward to seeing you.

COPS & BEARDS? Many of you may have noticed that some of your Police Officers may have a little extra facial hair. To answer any questions you may have, let us give you a little history. In January of this year the Lone Peak Public Safety Board approved the creation of the Departments first ever Police Canine Service Dog. This program was not originally included in the budget and the Police Department agreed to do fund raising to make this possible.

Over the past several months we have been successful in raising roughly 75% of the funds needed to get the canine program off the ground. If an effort to give the fund raising a shot in the arm, the suggestion was made to relax the facial hair policy. The purpose in doing so was twofold. 1) Each officer wishing to participate would be willing to make a monthly donation to the canine program. 2) The facial hair has caught the attention of many of whom we come in contact with. It gives the Officers the opportunity to talk about the program and invite those who wish to donate.

The relaxation of the facial hair policy will run through the end of December. The Police Department would like to thank all of those who have generously contributed to the program to this point. For those of you still wishing to donate to the program, you can visit any Bank of American Fork Branch and make your donation to the "Lone Peak Police K9 Program"

Lone Peak Fire District News

MONDAY NIGHTS WITH THE FIRE DEPARTMENT: Every Monday Night in November from 6-8pm you are invited to bring your family to the Lone Peak Fire Station in Highland. Come meet the firefighters, see the fire trucks and equipment and learn fire safety tips. This will be a fun, interactive and educational night for the whole family. The station is located at 5582 Parkway West in Highland.

MACHINE GUN FIRE: On the evening of September 19th, two units from the Lone Peak Fire Department were dispatched to assist Herriman City on the "Machine Gun" fire that started at Camp Williams earlier in the day. Lone Peaks Attack Tender was the first unit to arrive on scene and were immediately sent to Old Cabin Lane directly where the fire was quickly heading towards homes. The Tender was the only unit in the area at that time and were instrumental in protecting and saving several homes that were immediately threatened by the fast moving flames. The departments Brush Truck 181 later arrived along with several other agencies to help protect homes along the ridge. Lone Peak Fire stood out as an agency that acted swiftly, professionally and with the superior equipment to keep homes safe.

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7:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., closed Friday

Please submit newsletter articles via email no
later than the 15th of the month to
emily@highlandcity.org

Savvy Shopper Couponing Classes

Thursday, November 18 & December 16:
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.

Pottery Merit Badge Classes

12/6 & 12/13! Class #1 is from 4:30-5:30
p.m. and class #2 is from 6:00-7:00 p.m.
Create a Christmas Present & work on your
Merit Badge at the same time! Sign ups start
November 1st! Please go online to the
events & education page at
www.highlandcity.org for details.



Highland City Arts Council is establishing the new "**Timpanogos Symphony**". If interested please send a short bio and interest statement to artscouncil@highlandcity.org

Handmade Christmas Gifts **Pottery Class** – Monday, November 8th & 15th. Two sessions times available 3:00 or 5:30 pm. Families welcome! Make a Christmas Tree and Angel Christmas Ornament. Perfect for Grandparents, teachers etc. Tuition: \$25. For information please call 801-836-3242. Register on-line at www.highlandcity.org

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. We would like to meet this month if possible. If interested please contact Toni Foster at (801) 636-8750.

New to Highland! Jennifer Madsen and the **American Children's Theater ACT OUT!** Workshops for Youth and Teens Classes for all ages starting in January 2011. There will be a Musical Theatre Showcase in March! Check the Highland City Arts website at: www.highlandcityarts.com for more details.

Come join us on Saturday, December 4th, 10:00 a.m. - noon at City Hall for our annual **Children's Christmas Celebration with SANTA!** Children's craft projects ranging from free - \$1.00 will be available. Come and let your children be creative as we welcome in the Christmas Season!

Library News

Teen Bookclub: This month's title is *The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins!

If you have not read this extremely popular book yet, now is your chance! Only 15 titles of the book are available, so come and pick up your copy on the 20th of November. Bookclub meets to discuss the current title on the first Wednesday of each month at 4:30 pm. (We will discuss *The Hunger Games* on December 1. If you have read the book, and are between the ages of 12 and 18, you are welcome to join us!)

WANTED: Highland Youth, ages 12-18 interested in becoming more involved in their community!

The Library Youth Advisory Committee is meeting on November 3rd and 17th. We are gearing up for our first annual service project. Snacks are provided and we have tons of fun!



Storytime Registration: Good news!!! Due to low attendance on Wed. afternoons, the library will be trying a drop-in class on Wednesdays at 1:00 pm

for 8 weeks starting on November 3rd.

If you missed signing up for another class that works better for you, please call the library at 801-772-4528 and we'll put your child's name on the alternate list. You will receive a telephone call if a spot opens up for your child.

Storytimes for Session 2 filled up very fast! **Storytime sign-ups for Session 3 begin on December 7th at 8:00 am.** Register online at www.highlandcitylibrary.org.

Session 3 runs from 1/11 through 3/2 and themes include Sick Bed, Buggly Uggs, Flights of Fancy, Sleepy Heads, Dragon Breath, Love who?, In the Frog Bog and a Dr. Seuss Party.