

Highland Insider

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December, 2004

Snow Season - No Parking on City Streets

No Parking Between December 1 - March 31

City ordinance prohibits on-street parking December 1 to March 31 for the purpose of allowing access to snow plows for snow removal. This also includes items such as skateboard ramps, trailers, etc. The Public Works Department requests citizens follow this ordinance in order to provide adequate snow removal.

Did You Know?

- City Staff will begin scheduling the Heritage Park, Highland Glen Park, and Mitchell Hollow Park pavilions beginning January 1, 2005 for the upcoming year. There is no charge for Highland residents, but non-residents are charged \$50. Individuals must provide their own volleyball and horseshoe equipment.
- A conditional use permit was granted by the City Council for the Beacon Hills' Pump Station. This facility will enable the pumping of culinary water for the Beacon Hill development.
- The City Council approved granting an easement to the Highland Water Company for a pump station to service culinary water to the View Pointe Subdivision.
- The City Council voted to eliminate the concept phase of the planning process for subdivisions. A design and review committee will replace the concept presentation at the Planning Commission meeting. The committee will meet with developers to make sure any development adheres to city ordinances. The plans will be presented to the Planning Commission for preliminary approval. The City Council decided residents within 500 feet would be notified of the committee meeting. Also a requirement was approved to post signs on property proposed for development at the time of design review so people will know development is being proposed.
- The City Council is continuing to explore a policy for planting and caring for some of the

public property between homes and trails in open space subdivisions.

- The City Council is interested in forming a committee to discuss the number of animals allowed on subdivided lots. Residents interested in serving on this committee may contact the City Office.
- The City Council is considering options for development on City property in the Towne Center. Butler & Associates presented a skematic and cost estimate for consideration of a community center in the Towne Center. This estimate was for 25,500 sf for \$2,300,000.
- The City Council approved the purchase of park property in the Towne Center, in the amount of \$356,163, to be reimbursed by the Towne Center exaction fees when they are available.

Surplus Computer Equipment

Highland City has some used computer equipment which will be surplus. Anyone interested in viewing the equipment and submitting a bid may do so on December 9, 2004 between 10:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. Equipment will be displayed in the Council Chambers, and bids will be accepted by 6:00 p.m.

Vandalism of City Property

The City has recently experienced excessive vandalism to park restrooms and equipment, and is offering \$100 for information leading to the conviction of individuals committing these acts. This information should be given to the Police Department.

Rental of Water Shares

Anyone interested in renting their water shares to Highland City for 2005 should contact Laurie Adams at the City Office before January 15, 2005.

Arts Council Update

The Arts Council is sponsoring the "Christmas By Me" workshops where children can make gifts, including wrapping and gift card, for the people they love. The schedules are as follows: **Session #2** December 3, 10, & 17, 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.; **Session #3** December 3, 10, & 17, 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.; **Super Saturday #1** December 11, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., or 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m., or 4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.; **Super Saturday #2** December 18, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., or 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m., or 4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Advanced registration is REQUIRED! Spaces are limited, so sign up early. Register at the customer service desk at Kohlers, or register by phone by calling Katie Evans 768-0937, or Laury Smith 763-7686. All workshops are held at the Highland City Building, 5378 W. 10400 N.

Coming Soon! A youth theater production of Tom Sawyer will begin in January. We are looking for individuals to be involved in sets, costumes, the production, as well as experienced directors. Call Laury Smith at 763-7686, or 735-7608.

Highland City Arts Council is currently re-organizing. We need anyone who would like to help. Contact Laury Smith.

The North Utah County Community Choir Christmas Concert will be performed on December 10 and 11, at 7:00 p.m., at the Alpine Tabernacle in American Fork. Singers from across the north end of Utah County have joined together, under the direction of Donald Ripplinger, retired associate conductor for the *Mormon Tabernacle Choir*, and Kenna Mills, conductor and voice instructor from Cedar Hills. Some of the current members are retired *MoTab* members. The Utah Premier Brass will also be joining in this beautiful entertainment with their highly skilled musicians, making this a wonderful Christmas venue to warm up the holiday mood. Admission is free, and donations of canned goods for the Utah County Food Bank are encouraged at the door. This is sponsored by the AF Arts Council.

Recreation Announcements

Ski Bus Registration. American Fork Recreation is registering for a Ski and Snowboard Program. The bus will go to Solitude Ski Resort beginning January 8. The bus, ski or snowboard lessons, and day pass for five Saturdays, is \$250. Bus only passes are also available. Register at American Fork Recreation Department at 68 East 490 North (in the trailer behind the Fitness Center), Hours, Monday - Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (closed Friday and Saturday). For more information, call 763-3080 ex. 3, or e-mail us at recreation@afcity.net.

Children's Christmas Book Drive

A good book is priceless, and this season community members have an opportunity to donate good literature to our US Troops, as well as children in our own area, during the Children's Community Book Drive. The event runs until December 3.

Books will be distributed to children through the literacy centers in Pleasant Grove and American Fork, and at the Santa Book Exchange at the Star Mill on December 4. Good reading material will also be sent to our US Troops overseas. The Literacy Centers are in need of a variety of children's books, as well as textbooks, dictionaries, and encyclopedias.

The book drive is a community event organized by the North County Community Outreach Council, a committee created by American Fork Hospital and comprised of community, business, government, school, ecclesiastical, and health care leaders. This group of volunteers works together to ensure the community's quality of life and best access to health care services and information. Please leave your donations at the Highland City Building.

Senior Volunteers Needed

Utah County Senior Companion and Foster Grandparent Programs are looking for men and women, age 60 or older, who can volunteer 20 hours per week. You must meet income eligibility requirements. In return, you receive a stipend of approximately \$200 per month, meal or meal allowance, transportation or mileage reimbursement, and other benefits. For more information, call 851-7767.

Solid Waste Collection

Because Christmas and New Year's Day falls on Saturday this year, garbage pick-up should continue on the regularly scheduled days. Watch the January newsletter for information on a special Christmas tree pick-up by BFI.

QwestDex Phone Book Recycling

Residents can recycle their old phone books in the Redi-Therm Insulation Newspaper Recycling Bins in the City. New directories will start delivery on December 1 and run through December 30, 2004.

Youth City Council Update

By Brian Correy, Youth Council Representative

This month Santa will be coming to Highland! We would like to invite you to bring your family to visit **Santa on Saturday, December 4, from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at the Highland City Building.**

In November the Youth Council hosted a dinner and talent show for the senior citizens. It was a great success and a lot of fun to meet with some of the great seniors in our community. We would like to thank all those who attended.

We'd like to introduce two more members of the Youth Council. Zac Carter is the Youth Council photographer. He teaches piano, and likes to eat shrimp. He is the oldest science-loving sibling in his family. Kelsey Moe is our Youth Council historian. She likes to visit historical sites and has done so in 44 states. Kelsey also likes to study history while she listens to inspirational music.

Smoke Detectors

By Craig Carlisle, Fire Chief

There have been a lot of questions and 911 calls for smoke detectors going off when there isn't any sign of fire or smoke. **What do you do?** The most important thing is to call **911**, if you have questions or are not sure there is an emergency. The Fire Department is happy to come out and make sure there are no problems. There is no fee involved, and we would rather come out right away and not find a problem than have you wait and find a problem later.

In this day and age, home builders are required to put many smoke detectors in homes. The amount of detectors depends on the size of the home and how many bedrooms are in the home. These detectors are all wired together; so in the event of a fire in one bedroom, all the detectors would go off. That is a great thing if there is fire or smoke, but if there isn't this can be a major headache!

What do you do? There are a few things that make a detector go off. You can have smoke, fire, a bad or faulty, detector. (On average, they will last eight years.) You can accumulate dust in the detector over the years.

Occasionally spiders get inside the detector and spin a web, which will set off the detectors. Finally, if you have a water leak from the roof, that may drip into the detector, it will short and set it off.

Now, let's take each incident and fix the problem. If there is smoke and/or a fire obviously, call **911**. If you are unsure of the problem, maybe you smell a little smoke, or are just not sure, call **911**. If the detectors are going off and you have checked all rooms, and **you are sure there**

is no fire or smoke, you need to start taking each detector down and unplug them from the power source, one by one. If you pull the first one down, unplug it from the power source, and it does not shut all of the detectors off, go to the next detector. You may end up unplugging most, or all, detectors before they are all silenced. When you take down the one that silences all detectors, that is the bad detector. Make sure all the other detectors are plugged back in and are not sounding off. Now you can open the bad detector and look for water, spiders, or excess amounts of dust. Blow out the detector. A good thing to have on hand are cans of air you can purchase for blowing dust out of computers. If, after you have blown the dust from the detector, plug it back in and see if it goes off again. If it does, it is a defective detector and needs to be replaced.

It is a good practice to clean your detectors often. Just take the can of air and blow it out while it is plugged in and hanging on the wall. Also, remember to change your batteries in the detectors twice a year when you change your clocks. Most detectors now have battery back up in the event the power goes out.

If you have any questions concerning smoke detectors, please call.

Message from the Police Chief Kip Botkin

December is always a festive time of year. But, unfortunately, crime does not necessarily take a holiday during the holidays. Because additional items of value are normally stored in homes, this is a reminder to be conscious of locking the home when you leave, and take more notice of persons in and around your neighborhoods. Also, it is not uncommon to see an increase in vehicle burglaries. So, where possible, place purchased items in the trunk where they are out of view. If that is not possible, cover the items in the vehicle with blankets, jackets, etc. Small expensive items, such as jewelry, should be kept with you, as opposed to being placed in your vehicle. If possible, structure your shopping trip such that your larger, more visible items will be purchased toward the end of your shopping spree.

Public Notices

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Highland City Council December 7, 2004, at 8:00 p.m., at the Highland City Building, for the purpose of obtaining public input on a plat amendment for Highland Hills Plats B and C.

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Highland City Planning Commission

December 14, 2004, at 7:00 p.m., at the City Building, for the purpose of obtaining public input on a model home at 5144 West 11000 North, Highland, Utah.

Luminaires

Kits for luminaires can be purchased for \$14. Reserve by mail and check or money order to Luminaires, 88 North 200 East, Alpine, UT 84004 or call 492-3575 or order on line at www.luminaires.org. Pre-ordered kits will be available for pick-up at Alpine City Shops, 181 East 200 North, December 18, 10 a.m. -2 p.m., December 20-23, 4-6 p.m.