

Highland Insider

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Slow the Flow, Save H₂O, Do Your Part, Be Water Smart

Conserve, Conserve, Conserve

By Laurie Adams & Ryan Larsen, P.I. Coordinators

Are you tired of hearing these slogans over and over again? Are you tired of a drought that doesn't seem to go away? You are not alone. Unfortunately nothing much has changed this year compared to the last four years except that Highland has more homes and parks to water. This adds up to just one thing, we all need to do a little more to help conserve this precious resource. Studies have shown that water usage usually goes up during mandatory restrictions, so unless things get extremely bad Highland will depend on its citizens to cut back their water use because you care and understand the seriousness of the situation. Thank you for all of your efforts!

Below are basic water conservation measures. We have also listed a few web sites that have great water savings ideas. Highland City will also provide (free of charge) copies of numerous articles and ideas for saving water. Just stop by the office to pick one up for you and a neighbor you think could use it.

PROPOSED WATERING SCHEDULE

| MONTH | INTERVAL |
|------------------------|--------------------|
| Startup until April 30 | Once every 6 days |
| May | Once every 4 days |
| June* | Once every 3 days |
| July* | Once every 3 days |
| August* | Once every 3 days |
| September | Once every 6 days |
| October | Once every 10 days |

*It is strongly recommended that new lawns not be planted during these months

To determine how long you should water during each interval you can have a free "water check" of your system or hose sprinklers. A person will come to your home or business and evaluate your soil and system. They will give you a personalized water schedule and a folder with water conservation tips. This **free** service is being provided by Central Utah Water Conservancy District and Utah State University. Please call for an appointment today! (851-8460)

Great WEB Sites:

Center for Water Efficient Landscaping
www.hort.usu.edu/CWEL

Utah Division of Water Resources
<http://conservewater.utah.gov>

Utah State University Extension
<http://ext.usu.edu>

US Bureau of Reclamation
www.uc.usbr.gov/progact/watercons/index.html

If you can't participate in the free "water check" or pick up a packet from Highland City then consider the following ways to save water:

1. Shallow watering every day is about the **worst** thing you can do for your lawn. A lawn's roots should be 12 to 18 inches deep. The deeper the root system, the more days you can wait between irrigation.
2. Water right—not during the heat of the day (**don't water between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.**)
3. Let your grass grow longer (2-3") and leave grass clippings on the lawn as a nutrient source. The soil moisture will be improved.
4. Water it deep. Use a soil probe or screwdriver to see how far down the moisture is. It is recommended that seven minutes in three rotations (total of 21 minutes per station) is better than all at once. The water penetrates farther if given a chance to soak in.

5. Don't **over water**. Avoid puddling and runoff. Excess watering means fertilizers and pesticides move past the root zone or down the driveway.
6. Avoid watering on windy days or when it rains. If you are at home push rain on your timer and wait to water another day!
7. Use a shut-off nozzle for your hose and **never** use water to clean driveways and sidewalks.
8. Check for leaks and tune up your sprinklers regularly. Don't water things that don't grow!
9. Don't set your sprinklers at the beginning of spring and leave them the same until fall. Get involved with the seasons and the amount of water your lawn really needs.
10. Consider diversifying your landscape using plants and trees which are more water efficient.
11. Use mulch around trees and plants. A layer (3-4") cools flower beds, inhibits weeds and slows evaporation of moisture.
12. Consider using drip systems in gardens and small areas like planter strips. Plants love this type of watering.

Bottom line, we are all in this together, the shortage of water statewide not only comes from the drought, but from the growth the state has experienced. Water conservation is a long term habit we need to incorporate into our lives. Thanks for doing your part!

Landscaping Materials on Streets

By Lonnie Crowell, Asst. Dir. Planning & Zoning

It is spring and time to landscape; however there has been a recent problem with landscaping material being placed in the right-of-way (sidewalk, park strip, curb, gutter, and road). These materials are plugging the City's sump system as they drain from the streets. It will cost you due to equipment and man hours required to remove it. A recent ordinance has been adopted which may charge the responsible party \$500, or more, per incident. If your material (dirt, bark, rocks, etc.) is located in the road it may also be removed at your expense. Please inform your landscaper of these concerns when having material delivered and make sure it is located on your property.

Business License Renewal

By Wini Jensen, City Recorder

Business license renewal notices will be mailed in June for the period July 1, 2004 through June 29, 2005. Anyone carrying on, or engaging in any business, trade, service, or profession, within the limits of the City, must have a business license. For a home business a home occupation license is also required. This license requires a one time fee of \$20. The annual fee for a business license is \$15. Anyone doing solicitation must obtain a solicitor's license. The annual fee is \$50 for each individual doing solicitation. Applications for a home occupation, business license, or a solicitor's license may be obtained from the City Recorder.

Utah Military Appreciation Week: June 12 - 19

In recognition of the exceptional contribution of our Utah citizens serving in the Armed Forces, Governor Olene S. Walker has declared the week of June 12 - 19 as Utah Military Appreciation Week. Mayor Adamson would like to encourage the scouts to display flags during Utah Military Appreciation Week. Highland City is very proud of those citizens from our community who have been serving in the military and, we are all excited to see many returning home this past month. The City plans to recognize these individuals during the Highland Fling the first weekend in August.

Arbor Day, A Success!

By Trixie Walker, Tree Committee

Thanks for supporting our tree sale and classes, they were a great success! We also appreciate your help with the planting projects on the Alpine Highway and SR 92. We hope you enjoyed being involved with "Take Pride in Highland Day" on May 8.

The Arts Council and Tree Commission will be sponsoring a class on "Front Yards with a Flair" June 10, at 7:00 p.m., at the Highland City Building. This class will be taught by Regina Adams.

Winners of the Arbor Day Story Writing Contest from Highland Elementary included the following: Korban Jewkes, Reggie Combs, Kaytlyn Lofgreen, Bonnie Murdock. Honorable Mention included: Charity Ledkins, Kira Patten, Kerilyn Burningham, Carlie Halls, Jacob Warner, Nicole Schoepf, Chelsea Micheli, and Miriam Anderson. Winners from Freedom Elementary include the following: Austin Sabin, Kalin Wiersma, Whitney Miner, Ingram Beck. Honorable Mention included: McKenzie Jorgensen, Blake Carter, Alexis Stewart, Taylor Airmet,

Faith Cannon, Jenny Winkel, Rachael Luntze, Lyndsie Hansmann.

Cultural Arts Events

By Laury Smith, Chairman

Highland City Arts Council NEEDS YOU! We are looking for additional board members, instructors, teacher assistants, ideas, and more. If you are interested in getting involved, please call Laury Smith: 735-7608.

Registration for summer workshops is easier than ever! We need everyone to sign up in advance: by phone: 756-5751, at Kohler's customer service desk, or at the Highland City Building. Call Laury Smith at 735-7608 if you have any questions.

Pottery Merit Badge Class at "Child's Touch Pottery Studio", Monday, June 21 and 28, or July 12 and 19. Cost is only \$10. Call Sherry Hardy for more information @ 492-8099.

Drawing Class: Taught by Roland Brown. Session 1: June 15, 17, 22, and 22 - Still Life; Session 2, July 6, 8, 13, and 15 - Portraits; and Session 3, July 20, 22, 27, and 29 - Colored Pencil Portraits. Cost is \$20 per session. All supplies are provided.

Youth Improvisation Workshop: Ages 10 and up. This class will be a blast as they explore the art of acting. Improvisation helps with character development, communication skills, and self esteem. Classes will be T-F, 3:00 - 4:30 p.m., at the Highland City Building for two weeks, June 15-June 25. There will be a performance on the last day of class. Cost is \$36 for 12 hours of instruction. This class will be taught by John Mabey and Austin Smith.

Youth Theater Workshop for June: Ages 5-12. June 8 - 25, T-F 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Once Upon a Lilly Pad: What's this a green frog feeling blue? Frederick J. Frog has lost all of his self confidence and is feeling miserable. All of the other swamp creatures have their own special talents, but what can Freddie do? This is a delightful play that will feature singing, acting, and dancing! Cost is \$54 per child, for 18 hours of instruction.

Youth Theater Workshop for July: Charlie and The Chocolate Factory. Ages 6-18. This will be a wonderful opportunity to be a part of a full production. Starts Tuesday July 6 - August 6. T-F 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at the Highland City Building. Cost will be \$60 for each child. This production will be directed by Jeanine Lasky.

Youth Theater Workshop for August: TBA.

Writers' Workshop: Everyone has a story to tell. This workshop will help you discover a personal or family story to write about. Workshop choices: Thursday, June 24, 6:30 - 9:30 p.m., Thursday, July 8, 6:30 - 9:30 p.m., or Saturday, August 14, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Cost is \$15 for each 3 hour workshop.

Summer Craft Workshops: This is an exciting new concept that we are thrilled to offer. We will have a craft workshop at the pavilion in Heritage Park on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Session 1: June 15 - June 24; Session 2: July 13 - 22; Section 3: August 3 - 12. This class will be like an open art studio with clay, painting, drawing, and wonderful crafts. Cost is only \$20 for 4 classes. Ages 6 - 14.

Sculpting Workshop: Lori Lambson will be offering a sculpting workshop on Mondays and Wednesdays June 14 - 30, at the Heritage Park Pavilion. Time: 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. Come and let your child discover the fun of creating 3 dimensional art. Your child will work with plaster, items found in nature, paper mache, and even create a sculpture out of found items. We offered this class in March and it was a huge success. Cost is \$30 for 6 classes.

Photography: Cost is \$5 per workshop. Sign up for one or all four. **Workshop #1**, June 12, 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., "How to take better pictures with any camera"; **Workshop #2**, June 12, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., "How to select and use a digital camera"; **Workshop #3**, June 19, 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., "Using a camera's adjustments to get better results"; **Workshop #4**, June 19, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. "Scanning, printing, and preserving digital photographs".

Italian Cooking 101. Brian Morton, formerly of Pomodoro Restaurant, will instruct us on the essential elements of an Italian meal, including a marinara sauce, vinaigrette ideas, risotti, polenta, and a salmon entree. June 17, at 7:00 p.m., at the American Fork Senior Center, 54 East Main, American Fork. Cost is \$15. To register call 756-5751, or email mkskousen@hotmail.com.

Highland Heritage Committee Activities:

June 5, British Association Car Show and Festival in Salt Lake. See web site at www.utahbrits.org.

June 11-13 Annual Utah Scottish Association Highland Festival and Games at Thanksgiving Point. See web site www.utahscots.org.

Saturday, June 19, from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. will be the second heritage fair at the Highland Glen Park. The featured culture will be Ireland. Anyone interested in volunteering to help with this, and other fairs, please contact John and Lynette Taylor @ 492-6773 or highlandheritage@msn.com.

Summer Concert Series: Highland Arts Council is pleased to announce an incredible new summer concert series. We will be co-sponsoring this event with American Fork Arts Council. **Admission is free!** All concerts will be held at the American Fork Amphitheater (850 E. 700 N. just west of the Mt. Timpanogos Temple). There will be wonderful concessions for your convenience, and the line up of performers is simply amazing!

June 5: Peter Brienholdt, with opening act "Lisa Frasier"

June 12: Trevor Price, with opening act
"Atherton"

June 19: Ed Stevens Band, with opening act
"Jeff Hinton"



June 26: Moosebutter, with opening act "Tom Shultz"

Miss Timpanogos Pageant

By Lisa Laycock, Chairman

The Miss Timpanogos Pageant will be held on **August 28, 2004**. All young women ages 17 to 24 are invited to compete. An orientation will be on **Saturday, June 12, at 9:00 a.m.** at the **Alpine City Building**. If you have questions, please contact Lisa Laycock at 376-6735 or Michelle Davis at 372-9582.

Youth City Council Update

By Janet King, Advisor

The Youth Council Advisors would like to thank the 2003-04 Youth Council for an outstanding year of service. Megan Lux did an excellent job serving as our Youth Mayor. She committed her time, energy, and ideas and gave a full year of dedicated service to the Youth Council and City of Highland. It was a joy serving with her and the other members of the Youth Council.

On Saturday, May 15, the Youth Council invited the Mayor, City Council, and staff members to the unveiling of this year's legacy project at Mitchell Hollow Park. An entrance sign for Mitchell Hollow Park was designed by the Council, constructed, and installed. Chelsea Olsen was in charge of the Legacy Committee and she put in many hours, along with her parents, to see this project completed. The design on this project will hopefully be used as a model for all future city and park entrance signs. Come to Mitchell Hollow Park and enjoy this new addition to an already beautiful park.

The new Council for 2004-05 has been selected. Each year we have many very qualified applicants and the selection process is always a difficult one. Thanks to all those who applied and congratulations to the following students who were selected to serve on the Youth Council: Phillip Bassett, Zac Carter, Brian Correy, Lyndon Garrett, Aspen King, Brooke Lasky, Danielle Leavitt, Mandy Loader, Kelsy Moe, Lauren Mortensen, Trevor Olsen, Gregory Pyper, Allie Scott, Scott Stevens, and Jared Stoddard. We look forward to a good year working with these great youth.

SR-92 Environmental Assessment Open House

A public hearing will be held **June 10, 2004, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m., at the Highland Elementary School** (10865 N. 6000 W.) to address the Environmental Assessment for proposed improvements to SR-92 from the I-15 Exit to the Alpine Highway. For more information access www.sr92ea.com.

Highland's Web Page

Highland's new web page should be up and running within a month. Information will be noted in the next newsletter.

Message from Police Chief Kip Botkin

Concern has been raised on the increased number of motorized scooters that are being driven on our public streets, especially at night. This is a situation that will only increase in numbers as school ends and our students have more free time on their hands. Although the motorized scooters are certainly convenient and handy, there attaches serious responsibility with their operation. Sales personnel will quickly say they are legal, which they are, **BUT WITH RESTRICTIONS**. Section 41-6-90.5 of the Utah State Code deals with Motor Assisted Scooters and outlines the allowable conditions for their operation. To list only a few of the restrictions: a person under 16 years of age must be under the direct supervision of a parent or guardian while operating the scooter; they may not be ridden on the sidewalk, or on any street or highway which has a posted speed limit greater than 25 MPH (so they are **NOT LEGAL ON THE Alpine Highway**). There are other restrictions for their operation.

We are asking that parents acquaint themselves with the laws concerning motorized scooters, teach their children these laws, and assist us in keeping our community safe. Although these have the appearance of

“toys” in actuality they are motorized vehicles and, therefore, their safe operation requires serious responsibility. Riding them at night, or contrary to the allowable restrictions, is very dangerous. Should you have any questions, please feel free to call the Police Department at 756-9800.

Highland Fling Baby Contest

Anyone interested in being the photographer for the Highland Fling Baby Contest please contact Jackie Cook at 756-1161.

City Council Public Hearings

- June 1 - 7:45 p.m. - Open Budget for FY 2003-04
- June 1 - 8:00 p.m. - Budget Hearing for FY 2004-05
- June 1 - 8:15 p.m. - Develop. Code Amendments
- June 1 - 8:30 p.m. - Amendments to Prof. Office Zone
- June 1 - 8:45 p.m. - Amendment to Zone Map to add Professional Office Zone