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PUBLIC SAFETY REMINDERS FOR WARM WEATHER

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Summer is quickly approaching and many of us are ready to move out of winter's colder temperatures. Our workload takes a different perspective at the beginning of summer and when school dismisses. The following are items taking a large amount of police resources to address:

VEHICLE BURGLARIES. This type of activity has increased. The vast majority of these recent cases have been solved and we have recovered much stolen property. Almost every incident involved theft of items from vehicles that were not locked! The offender(s) simply tried to open vehicles parked on the street or in a driveway. When a vehicle was found to be unlocked, they canvassed the interior for items of value. In several vehicles the garage door opener was used to open the garage and items were taken from garages after gaining access. These burglaries normally occurred between midnight and 4am. *Please lock your car* no matter how "safe" you consider your neighborhood.

ATVs or OHVs (Off Highway Vehicles) become an issue as the weather warms. ATVs and OHVs, as well as other unauthorized vehicles, are not allowed on *any* city trail or open space even if the property is not posted. An area of concern is the NW portion of Highland City near the Beacon Hill development, the Twin Bridges area and the area where Highland and Alpine City share a common boundary. For many years people rode horses, ATVs, dirt bikes, sighted in rifles, and did shooting in this area, however the area is now within the city limits of either Highland, Alpine or

Draper & such activity is now prohibited.

PETS. Leash laws in Highland require dogs be on a leash when they are off your personal property. Also, as a responsible pet owner & per city ordinance, you shall clean up droppings from your animal on other property, including trails, parks, sidewalks, & streets. Concerns have been raised by others using public open space & trails about these issues.

ILLEGAL DUMPING. There is an increase in this problem, specifically in the northwest area of Alpine's city limits known as "Hog Hollow". Much of this area is not developed and contains many hills and depressions. The monies paid to mitigate these issues could much better be used in other areas of the City's budget. We are asking any of the residents of that area to notify us when observing these activities in progress.

GRAFFITI. There has been an increase "tagging" incidents in all of Utah County. Commonly referred to as "graffiti", this is also an illegal act which is charged as criminal mischief, destruction of private or public property, and often includes a charge of trespassing. Resources used to address and correct this illegal act could better be used in other endeavors.

We police two great communities. As your police department it is our goal to keep communities safe and enjoyable. We need your help as additional eyes and ears. If you see any illegal activities occurring, please call Central Dispatch at either 343-4100 or 375-3601 to report it.

\$250 REWARD OFFERED

The City needs your help! A \$250 reward is offered for information leading to the arrest & conviction of the person(s) placing the following illegal SIGNS:

www.highlanddating.com

www.highlandsingles.com

These signs are placed throughout the city, typically on weekends & Sunday afternoons.

THE FOLLOWING DATA IS NECESSARY TO CONVICT:

- Description of Person Placing Signs;
- License Plate Number;
- Description of Vehicle;
- Legible Photographs are extremely helpful

Violation of this ordinance is punishable with a Class C Misdemeanor and up to \$250 per sign, per day or up to 90 days imprisonment per sign, per day.

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ARBOR DAY A SUCCESS! TREE SALE NEWS!

As part of the Arbor Day celebration, Highland's Tree Commission, American Fork Arts Council, Highland Art Council, RM Pines and IM Flash Technologies sponsored the annual story writing contest, which was open to all Highland and American Fork fourth grade students. The theme for the story writing contest was "My Favorite Tree." The winners were announced April 21-25 at the Smokey the Bear school assemblies. IM Flash Technologies donated savings bonds

the 1st place through 3rd place winners at EACH elementary school. All participants received a seedling tree and selected schools received a tree to plant at their school as part of the Arbor Day assemblies. Highland Resident Andrew Phillips coordinated the story writing contest as his Eagle Project.

The Highland Tree Commission's Arbor Day planting project was held April 26, which included tree plantings at the

Highland Cemetery. Highland Resident Wesley Pearson coordinated the planting project as his Eagle Project.

The first day of the annual tree sale was held on Saturday, April 26th. Any remaining trees will now be sold at a second tree sale on Saturday, May 3rd beginning at 8:00 a.m. at the Highland Water Building (11000 North near 5600 West). This tree sale is open to both Highland City residents and non-residents.

Water Meter Updates

New electronic meters have been installed to read culinary water throughout the City. This will allow greater efficiency in meter reading. Any water usage on your current utility bill covers the past 5 months. From this month forward water meters will be read and billed on a monthly basis.

HIGHLAND MUSICAL THEATER

Highland's Musical Theatre Classes for kids ages 8-14 years old will be held June 3 - July 12. This fun workshop will be held Tuesday's, Wednesday's and Thursday's from 10:30 am.-12:30 pm. at Freedom Elementary. Cost is \$65. Online registration starts at 9:00 a.m. on May 1st at www.highlandcity.org. We hope to perform The Music Man Jr. directed by Katie Tenney. For more information, call Katie at 756-7944 or email singerkt@hotmail.com.

Highland Children's Choir

Come to the Highland Children's Choir Spring Concert!

May 14th at 7:00 p.m. at the Provo Tabernacle.

Auditions for the fall se-

mester Children's Choir will be held in August.

Please contact KeriLynn at 492-0590 for more information and tickets for the Spring Concert.

BABYSITTER CERTIFICATION CLASS

Highland City has teamed up with the American Red Cross to offer a Babysitter Certification class. The class is designed for 11-16 year olds to teach them the necessary live saving skills that may be needed while babysitting. Students will get a chance to get certified in babysitter's first aid and CPR by a qualified instructor. The class will be held at the new High-

land Fire Station on Saturday, May 24th from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Registration is \$60 which includes lunch, a first aid kit, workbook and a certificate with life saving knowledge to benefit you and others. On-line registration starts at 9:00 a.m. on May 1st and is limited to 10 students. For more information or to register, please visit our website at www.highlandcity.org

JUNIOR MISS Parents Meeting

WHEN: Thursday, May 15 at 7:00 p.m.

WHERE: The Dallas Harris residence - 9900 North West Crimson Court.

This meeting is for all Junior Miss participants and their parents. Please contact Valerie Peterson at 756-9402 with questions.

LANDSCAPING REQUIREMENTS REMINDERS

According to Highland City ordinances, all residents are required to landscape 70% of their front yard within 1 year of occupancy. (occupancy date is when final inspection was completed on your home.) Your park strip must also be landscaped consisting of 50% living material and 50% specified non-living material. Requirements for vegetation and non-living materials can be accessed through the city website. For those that have not yet completed landscaping and have

surpassed the one year warranty period your landscaping must be complete by June 1, 2008. Unfortunately, those in violation after this date may be issued a citation. Complete landscaping means exactly 70% of the front yard and park strip fully landscaped. Complete does not include landscape plans and/or landscaping in progress. **It is important to know there will be no exceptions.**

Some of the most common problems that occur during

landscaping are:

1. Dirt/debris in right of way. The right of way consists of sidewalk, park strip, curb, gutter, and street. No dirt shall be allowed for any amount of time. Piles of rock and dirt may be dumped on your property including your driveway.
2. Dirt/debris & vehicles on open space. If your home abuts open space, it is unlawful to use this land to access your property.

3. Broken Sidewalks. This is the homeowner's responsibility. Be sure that landscapers protect the sidewalk if they are driving across it. Gravel ramps may be put down for protection, but no dirt of any kind may be used.

If the above violations are observed citations may be issued. Please ensure your landscapers are aware of city regulations to prevent code violations.

LIBRARY NEWS AND UPDATES

The Library Board wishes to express our sincerest thanks to the "Highland Library Families" who have donated toward the opening day collection of books for the new library. We are well on our way to our \$300,000 goal and appreciate the involvement of so many families in this program. For those yet to contribute, you can make a contribution with your Highland City utility bill and become a Highland Library Family!

The Friends of the Library Organization is helping coordinate a second campaign where larger donations are being accepted. These individuals and businesses who donate larger amounts will also be recognized in the library. More details regarding fundraising can be seen on the city's webpage on the library home page.

Exciting news! Kent Slade has been hired to fill the Library Director position. He brings with him a wealth of

experience and is very excited about starting a new Highland Library. Kent has a Masters Degree in Library Science & 17 years experience. "Starting a new library is a true professional challenge. To do it right requires the help of a number of people, but mostly that of the residents," says Kent. "We want to make the library a place residents of Highland can be proud of, lots of people have been and continue to work hard to see that comes true."

"Run the Ridge" 5K Run

Mountain Ridge Jr. High School is hosting the second annual "Run the Ridge 5K Run" on Tuesday, May 27, at 10:00 a.m., at Mountain Ridge Jr. High. The run will result in temporary road closures from MRJH beginning on 10400 North as follows: west to 6400 West, then south to 10150 North, then east to 6000 West, then north to reconnect with 10400 North, then east to MRJH.

HOOKED ON FISHIN'

Highland City, American Fork Recreation and the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources offer a community youth fishing program. This program is open to youth ages 6 through 13 years old. This program focuses on educating youth about fishing and aquatic resources by fishing at Highland Glen Park. Classes will be held Tuesdays & Thursdays from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., for three weeks beginning June 3rd and will end June 19th. Online registration starts at 9:00 a.m. on May 1st. Cost is \$15 which includes a t-shirt, instruction manual, bait, tackle and a fish cookout on the last night. For more information or to register, please visit our website at www.highlandcity.org



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WE'RE ON THE WEB!

WWW.HIGHLANDCITY.ORG

APRIL MEETING SCHEDULE
CITY COUNCIL - 7:00 P.M.
TUESDAY, MAY 6 AND 20

PLANNING COMMISSION - 7:00 P.M.
TUESDAY - MAY 13 AND 27

MERIT BADGE CLASSES

Emergency Preparedness** (required)

Dates/Times: May 16th - 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Class Limit: 20

Cost: \$10 residents/ \$12 non-residents

Location: Highland City Building (2nd floor)

**The First Aid merit badge class *must be completed* prior to taking this class. You are required to bring proof of attending the First Aid merit badge class to this class.

Textiles (non-required)

Date/Time: May 9th - 4:00-5:30 p.m.

Class Limit: 10

Cost: \$10 residents/ \$12 non-residents

Location: Highland City Building (2nd floor)

Registration for Highland Residents will be online ONLY starting 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 1st. Once the class is full you may register for the waiting list online. Non-residents may register on May 2. For more information, to register for these classes, and for a list of requirements please visit www.highlandcity.org.

CEMETERY NEWS! BRICK PAVERS AVAILABLE

Full completion of the Cemetery is planned for this Summer! Watch for coming details on an exciting Veterans Day Celebration to honor our veterans and commemorate completion of the cemetery this November. As part of the cemetery project, "brick pavers" in the veterans memorial area can be purchased for \$100 each. Pavers are a great way to memorialize your veterans or ancestors. The pavers are a 6" x 10" gray granite block.

Also, in May the City Council will determine if Cemetery fees will increase. An independent study done on the fees recommends increases to lots sales and other cemetery fees. Watch for details in the June newsletter. Prior to the fee increases the City is offering financing of cemetery lots through your Utility Bill. You may also pay with a credit card. This will allow the cost of cemetery lots to be spread out over 2 years. For more information on the fee increases or lot financing please contact City Recorder Gina Peterson at 756-5751 ext 105.

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Yes! I want a Veterans Brick Paver at the Highland City Cemetery

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Engraving: (maximum of 4 lines 15 characters (incl. spaces) per line)

1. _____ 2. _____

3. _____ 4. _____

**Include \$100 payment and mail with Utility Bill or to the City Offices at address above