



# HIGHLAND INSIDER

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## AN UPDATE ON AUTOMATED METER READERS

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Dear Resident,

As you may be aware, Highland City has completed the installation of the Automated Meter Readers (AMR) for the culinary water system. Highland City has already begun using the AMR for a monthly culinary water reading, and we have seen great success. Previously your water meter was read on a quarterly basis, with the AMR's the Public Works Department is now able to read your water meter on a monthly basis.

The new AMR's give us the ability to detect a problem such as a leak or see high water usage earlier, rather than waiting the three or four months it took with the quarterly hand readings. The City has already been able to inform residents of possible leaks or problems in their system without having to wait months in between readings.

The new system also means the meter reader will no longer need to enter the property to read the meters; instead, the readings are taken while the meter reader drives down the street. The AMR's transmit the water usage through radio frequencies to a computer in the service vehicle. This new system allows for a complete water meter reading of the City within three to six hours with one staff member. Previously it took approximately two weeks with four to six staff members. This translates into a cost savings for manpower, fuel, and equipment wear. This also means that there is more time for staff to attend to other maintenance issues.

The new meters will not interfere with any electronic devices and for security purposes

only our equipment is able to read the signal and no personal data is transmitted through the signal.

We have also replaced approximately 1,000 older meters. These meters had reached the end of their service life and would have needed retrofitting to make the AMR's work; therefore, these meters were replaced and the AMR was installed. The installation of the AMR and the new meters has not changed the flow or pressure to your home. The AMR is not placed in the flow of the water and does not impede that flow, and any meters that were replaced match the same size you had previously.

We look forward to continuing to serve you with the customer service you expect from us. Please contact the Public Works office if you have additional questions or concerns at 756-5751

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### LIKE TO READ??

The library is looking for individuals who would like to help with story times. If you would like to help out with this important event, please contact Library Director Kent Slade at the city offices, 756-5751 or by email at [kslade@highlandcity.org](mailto:kslade@highlandcity.org).

### Highland Fling July 26-August 2

The Highland Fling is right around the corner! New this year will be the Play Day Rodeo on Saturday, July 26 rather than Thursday and Friday nights the week of the Fling. Please also note the time changes for the Fine Art Show when you receive your copy of the Highland Fling schedule in the mail which should arrive early July.

A volunteer is needed to oversee the Baby Contest which will be held on Saturday, July 26th. Please contact Emily at the City Office if you are interested.

Event registration, applications for the parade, vendor booths and the ballot to vote for the Highland Fling Grand Marshal are available now on our website and at the City Offices.

If you would like to recommend someone to perform at the Highland Fling please email [emily@highlandcity.org](mailto:emily@highlandcity.org). For more information and to register for events, please visit the Highland Fling page at [www.highlandcity.org](http://www.highlandcity.org).

## AWAKE UTAH LAKE - PLANNING FOR THE HEART OF THE VALLEY

### Utah Lake Master Planning Public Information Sessions To Be Held

The Utah Lake Commission, a group comprised of local government officials and state agency leaders, is holding two public information sessions as part of their Utah Lake master planning process, entitled Awake Utah Lake. The purpose of the sessions is to review with the public the visioning statement that has been drafted, to discuss identified

opportunities and constraints, and to obtain input.

The information sessions, which are the same, will be held from 7 to 9 pm on Wednesday, July 30 at the Utah County Health & Justice Building, 151 S. University Ave, Room 1600, Provo, Utah, and from 7 to 9 pm on Thursday, July 31 at the Lehi Senior Citizens Center, 123 N. Center Street, Lehi, Utah.

The purpose of Awake Utah Lake is to create a vision and

management plan for Utah Lake that will guide the Utah Lake Commission and its member agencies in future decisions affecting the lake.

For more information about the Awake Utah Lake process, the public information sessions, or the Utah Lake Commission, visit [www.utahlakecommission.org](http://www.utahlakecommission.org).

### Garbage Can Tips to Help Clean up the Neighborhood

To ensure consistent service your trash container must be out to the street no later than 7:00 am. Please make sure that trash is bagged and that all bags are tied closed. This ensures that all of your trash will be emptied into the garbage truck and that during high winds trash will stay in your trash can.

We also recommend that all yard waste be bagged as it has a tendency to stick in the bottom of the containers.

### Birthday Party in the Park

**You're INVITED!** Come join the Arts Council as they celebrate Highland's 31<sup>st</sup> Birthday with a Birthday Party in the Park on Saturday, July 12<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-

8:00 p.m. At this free event for the family we will have a bounce house, obstacle course, a slide and Marcus the Clown.

### MOVING?

When moving, you must contact Highland City for a final water meter reading to have your account terminated. Highland City requests 48 hours notice. The garbage totes MUST stay at the residence; they are property of Allied Waste.

### MOVE INS

Anyone moving into the city, or from one home to another, MUST have a utilities agreement on file with Highland City in order to receive services.

There is a \$25 account set-up fee that must be paid along with the agreement. Failure to file the agreement and pay the setup fee may result in with services being shut off. If shut off takes place, there are reconnect fees in addition to the setup fees.



Join the Arts Council for "Music Man Jr." on Friday July

18th at 7:00 p.m. and/or Saturday July 19th at 2:00 pm at Freedom Elementary School. Bring the family out to this FREE show starring 38 of Highland's finest kids!

**DONATE YOUR USED OR BROKEN DOWN VEHICLE TO HELP BUILD HOMES**



Habitat for Humanity's "Cars for Homes" vehicle donation program helps your local

Habitat for Humanity affiliate build homes in partnership with families in need of decent, affordable shelter in your community.

It is quick and easy to donate your car, truck, boat, RV, motor-

cycle or construction vehicle. **You can even donate an obsolete vehicle that you would like to remove from your property.**

Habitat for Humanity will come pick it up. Your donation may be eligible for a tax deduction! For more information go to [www.carsforhome.org](http://www.carsforhome.org) or call 877.277.4344

**STOLEN BICYCLE**

On the morning of June 16th, in front of Kohler's Grocery Store in Highland, a mountain bike was stolen. Police were notified.

This bike belongs to a mentally handicapped person for whom this is his only form of transportation. The bike brand is a Specialized Hard Rock Sport, dark gray in color, with a rear bike rack.

Please call 787-7080 with any information regarding this incident.

**CELEBRATING IN SAFETY - Fire Chief Craig Carlisle**

Summer celebrations are fast approaching when fun and fireworks are a main event. With the July holidays we ask you to keep in mind safety when using fireworks. Even with the heavy precipitation this year, we are still at risk for unintentional fire situations. We ask that parents talk to their children regarding the unsupervised use of matches and fireworks.

There have been problems with illegal fireworks such as bottle rockets, ro-

man candles, and fire crackers. Keep in mind if you have to go out of state to purchase these kind of fireworks, they are illegal in Utah. The only fireworks authorized in the State of Utah are those that can be purchased from a licensed dealer within this state. Fireworks that use combustible or explosive material and raise more than 15 feet are illegal. A chaser, whistler, or any other device that travels more than 10 feet laterally on a smooth surface, or exceeds 15 feet in

height when discharged is also classified as illegal in the state of Utah.

The sale or use of illegal fireworks is a Class B Misdemeanor. Fireworks may be discharged only 3 days before, on the day of, and 3 days following July 4th, July 24th, January 1st, and the Chinese New Year. Individuals using illegal fireworks that initiate a response from the Fire Department will be billed for that response and a citation will be issued.

**Demolition Derby at Utah County Fair**

Utah County Fair officials announced Demolition Derby tickets are available at Utah County Macey's grocery stores. The Demolition Derby is Saturday, August 16, at the Spanish Fork Fairgrounds - 475 S. Main Street 7 p.m. Brandie Frampton will perform a free concert at 6:00 pm for ticket holders. Utah County Fair runs from August 13 to August 16. Admittance to the Fair is free. Parking entrance is at the rear of the Fairgrounds. For more information go to [www.co.utah.ut.us/Dept/CountyFair](http://www.co.utah.ut.us/Dept/CountyFair)

**LIBRARY NEWS!**

The library has received its password to access Pioneer, a virtual library created by the Utah State Library in cooperation with Utah's public libraries. It offers a portal to many premium research tools and databases. This includes thousands of magazine, journal and newspaper articles, health information, business and technology news and company information, databases for school reports, census and family history databases, and online auto repair reference manuals. The library has also received permission to borrow books from other libraries, once our library is opened. Materials will be limited to Utah libraries and may not include certain formats or recently published titles. Stay tuned for more information about this exciting service. For any library questions, contact Kent Slade at the city offices, 756-5751 or by email at [kslade@highlandcity.org](mailto:kslade@highlandcity.org).



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**WWW.HIGHLANDCITY.ORG**

JULY MEETING SCHEDULE  
CITY COUNCIL - 7:00 P.M.  
TUESDAY, JULY 15

PLANNING COMMISSION - 7:00 P.M.  
TUESDAY - JULY 8

## POTTERY CLASSES

### Kids Pottery Class (ages 4-15 years old)

Come get dirty this summer in our two day pottery class. Learn coil & slab techniques. Plus learn to make a pot on the wheel.  
Dates/Time: July 14 & 21 - 11:00 to 12:00 p.m.  
Cost: \$27 per person

### Scout Merit Badge Class (ages 11-17 years old)

Everything you need to complete the pottery merit badge class. Don't wear your scout shirt as it will get dirty.  
Dates/Time: July 14 & 21 - 5:00 to 6:30 p.m.  
Cost: \$27 per person

### Girl's Night Out Class Calling all mothers and daughters!

Come for an evening of fantastic fun. Paint your own terra cotta pot, and make your own ceramic wind chimes.  
Date/Time: July 15 - 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.  
Cost: \$17 per person.

Registration for Highland Residents will be online ONLY starting 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 1st. To register for these classes, please visit the Events & Education page at [www.highlandcity.org](http://www.highlandcity.org).

## ORDER CEMETERY BRICK PAVERS

You may have noticed the nearly completed improvements at the Cemetery! A Veterans Day Celebration to honor our veterans and commemorate completion of the cemetery will take place in November. As part of the cemetery project, "brick pavers" 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. Visit the Cemetery and see the previously ordered pavers which have been placed in front of the Veterans Memorial. For more questions or more information on the Cemetery, please contact City Recorder Gina Peterson at 756-5751 ext 105.

**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**