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MAYOR'S CORNER

Over the last few months I have had several questions about Open Space Subdivisions. There are 18 subdivisions developed in Highland under a City Ordinance called "Bonus Density". The bonus means the developer was able to have more homes per acre than the one acre density requirement. To develop under bonus density, the developer was required to deed to the City 30% of the land as open space (park, trail, catch basin, or unimproved open area). Residents in those homes contribute to the City \$20 a month for pressurized irrigation and maintenance in the open space areas. The concept is that the City continues the open feel of one acre density while residents have smaller lots by having open space around the subdivision.

The City has had to deal with the cost of upkeep in the open space subdivisions for several years. We have taken steps to mitigate the costs and be more efficient. Pressurized irrigation is a cost that the City has that does not get the attention it deserves. For example, a one acre lot resident pays approximately \$30.28 a month for pressurized irrigation. The same fee for a .25 acre lot in open space is approximately \$16.88 a month. Therefore, out of the \$20 a month fee paid by the open space resident \$13.40 of it must go to pressurized irrigation costs leaving \$6.60 a month for maintenance. Because of this, all residents in the City subsidize the open space subdivisions approximately \$120,000 a year, while open space residents pay approximately \$240,000 a year out of the \$360,000 a year budget. The City in turn has use of some of the parks in the subdivisions for soccer and other activities in turn for the subsidy. This allows residents of the subdivisions and sports activities of the City to use the parks and trails.

To improve some of the 'unimproved areas' behind homes, the City has allowed agreements with residents in the Open Space Subdivisions to landscape and beautify areas directly behind their homes. The resident pays for the landscaping and the City pays for the water. Some residents have expressed interest in purchasing property behind their home. The City has a 15 year obligation to not dispose of these properties or the money goes back to the developer. Some have suggested 'giving' the property to the homeowner. This would not be right for all residents in and outside the Open Space Subdivision since the property is owned by all residents of the City.

The City is taking steps to reduce some high maintenance landscaping areas along parkways to reduce costs and become more efficient. We will continue to work on issues and find solutions to problems that benefit all citizens of Highland. Some have expressed to me that we 'look down' on open space residents because that have small lots and not one acre density. This is not the case. All residents in Highland are equal. We came here for many of the same reasons. We do not consider anyone 'upscale' or 'downscale'. Highland City is a great place to live, raise children, retire, and enjoy associations with good neighbors who have common goals. I know the majority of residents feel that same way, and work to continue to make this a great place to live. Thank you for your continued support.

Mayor Lynn Ritchie

If you have any questions you can email me at mayor@highlandcity.org. Also, I am at the City on Tuesdays from 8am to 12pm if you would like to discuss an issue please call Jody at (801) 772-4505 to make an appointment.

CITY MEETING SCHEDULE

CITY COUNCIL, 1ST & 3RD
TUESDAYS AT 7:00 P.M.

PLANNING COMMISSION, 2ND &
4TH TUESDAYS AT 7:00 P.M.

Did you Know?

- The **Pressurized Irrigation** System will shut off on or around October 15. Please prepare your systems accordingly. For more information and instructions please visit the News & Announcements section on the homepage of www.highlandcity.org
- **Notify Me!** Did you know you can sign up on www.highlandcity.org to get special emails and text messages about things happening in Highland?
- A group of **volunteers** are needed to decorate the City Hall Christmas Tree towards the end of November and then remove the decorations in January. The tree and all decorations will be provided. This would be a great project for any church or school group! If you are interested in volunteering, contact Emily at Highland City (801) 772-4523 or emily@highlandcity.org
- Highland City does not set up **Utility Accounts** for Renters. If you are a Landlord, you will receive the Utility Bill, not the renters. Please make sure you are aware of our policy.

2011 MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

2011 is a Municipal Election year for Highland City, three (3) Council seats are up for election. All positions in Highland City are elected to represent the entire city. Get in the know about election related information from the City's website. New this year, follow the Candidates Blog on the city website at www.highlandcity.org.

BLOG - This year Highland City is hosting a blog to receive questions from residents and give our candidates an opportunity to respond. The blog will be available on www.highlandcity.org. Please email your questions to gina@highlandcity.org. Although it probably will not be possible for each candidate to answer all the questions, we will submit the questions to the candidates and post their response.

CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES - Abe Day, Brian W. Braithwaite, Jessie J. Schoenfeld, Kathryn Schramm, Mark Ellis, and Tim R. Irwin.

VOTING - Early voting dates are: October 25 - 27, 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m., October 28, 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., November 1-3, 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m., and November 4, 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. at City Hall. The General Election is: Tuesday, November 8.

DEBATES AND MEET THE CANDIDATES - There will be two opportunities for the candidates to debate and to meet the residents. The first debate will be on October 13th, 7:00 p.m. at Mountain Ridge Jr. High School. The second debate will be on October 27th, 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

VOTER REGISTRATION - Please be sure you are registered to vote. If you have changed your name or address, even within the City, it is necessary to re-register. Utah County no longer has satellite registration, so you must use a mail-in voter registration form or register in person at the Utah County Elections Office in Provo.

WHERE DO I GO TO VOTE? Please visit the Utah County Elections website at www.utahcountyonline.org/Dept/ClerkAud/Elections/ for information.

WANT TO BE A POLLWORKER? - Please contact Gina, Highland City Recorder, at (801) 772-4506.

LONE PEAK POLICE DEPARTMENT'S NEW CANINE'S RINGO AND HARRAS



In January 2010 the Lone Peak Public Safety District Board gave approval to the Lone Peak Police to move forward with fund raising efforts to start the Department's first ever Canine Program.

Over the ensuing year more than \$12,000 was raised from numerous sources. These included donations by the Officers, Bank of American Fork, Kohler's Grocery, The Moritary Family through the Alpine Christmas Concert, and many, many more including private citizens, the business community, and anonymous donations.

Due to these generous donations the Police Department was able to purchase not one, but two police dogs. In April of this year our Officers traveled to Bullock Kennel in North Carolina. While there two dogs were selected that would suit the needs of the Department.

Both dogs and handlers spent several weeks in North Carolina in an initial training and trial period. After returning to Utah, again both dogs and handlers attended the Utah Peace Officer Standards and Training K9 Academy. This particular academy focused on narcotics detection. All four (dogs and handlers) completed the academy and are now certified by the State of Utah.

The Police Department is excited to introduce both "Ringo" a German Shepherd (pictured left with handler Spencer Beardshall) and "Harras" a Belgian Malinois (pictured right with handler Travis Eddington). The Police Department is grateful to all of those who stepped in and donated to make this possible. We believe that the addition of both canines will help deter crime and assist the department in making Highland and Alpine a safer and better community.



Timpanogos Highway Update

October will bring many exciting changes along the entire length of the Utah Department of Transportation's Timpanogos Highway (S.R. 92) project. The project is nearly 85 percent complete.

In October, the Alpine/Highland I-15 interchange is scheduled to be completed with all lanes open in the new Diverging Diamond Interchange (DDI) configuration. There may still be some minor landscape work occurring off the main roadway so motorists should continue to use caution in this area as workers may be nearby.

Many of the side-streets along the corridor, such as the frontage road, Center Street, 1200 East and Tamarack Drive are scheduled to be completed and opened in their final configuration this month. The south intersections of 6400 West in Highland will remain closed until the end of October. Residents will need to use 6000 West and 1200 East to access Timpanogos Highway.

Other work scheduled for the project in October includes: concrete paving throughout the project, traffic shifts to new pavement, bridge construction at Center Street, 1200 East and Highland Blvd., and landscaping in Highland.

The Timpanogos Highway project is expanding S.R. 92 from I-15 to S.R. 74 in Highland, to five lanes. Between I-15 and Highland Boulevard, UDOT is augmenting the arterial with "Commuter Lanes," which will provide a direct connection to and from I-15 without stopping at intersections. The majority of the project is scheduled for completion in late Fall 2011. For more information about the Timpanogos Highway project, please visit the project website at www.udot.utah.gov/sr92 or call the project hotline at 877-222-3757.

Caregiver Guide Classes

Are you caring for a family member or friend who is aging, chronically ill, has a disability, or mental illness? When a loved one leans on you, lean on the **Caregiver Guide Classes**. These classes provide hands-on training on a variety of topics to help you as a caregiver. Classes meet once a week for 9 weeks and have been so popular that we have 4 locations throughout the county. For topic information, questions, or to register, call Adam Frary at Mountainland Aging & Family Services (801) 229-3818 or visit www.mountainland.org/care.

Caregiver Support Group

To any and all who are currently in a caregiver role, taking care of spouse, parents, special needs children or adults. North County Caregiver Support Group meets the 2nd Wednesday of each Month 11:30 to 1:00 p.m. The October Meeting on October 12th will be held in Alpine at River Meadows Senior Living 137 E. Red Pine Drive. A light lunch will be served. No registration is required. Facilitator: Geri Lehnardt of Mountainlands Aging and Family Services. Call MarKae P. Funk R.N. at 801-372-0893 for more information.

Transportation & Community Planning Open House

You are invited to come out and learn about air quality, road/highway improvements, new community development, transit plans, and how it affects you. Information will be available on: Lehi 2100 North, I-15 CORE Reconstruction, Commuter Rail, Bus Rapid Transit, Geneva Road, SR-92, North County Blvd, Lehi 2300 West, Santaquin Main Street, and Springville/Spanish Fork Transportation Study. Representatives from Mountainland, UDOT, UTA, and communities in Utah County will be available to answer questions on transportation plans and community development. Bring the kids and discover the future vision for Utah County.

Open Houses will be from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at the following locations: Saratoga Springs Council Chambers (10/5), American Fork Senior Center (10/12), Spanish Fork Senior Center (10/13), and Orem Friendship Senior Center (10/26). For more information please visit <http://www.mountainland.org>

Youth City Council Senior's Appreciation Dinner

The Highland Youth City Council invites all seniors 60 & over to the annual Young At Heart Appreciation Dinner. Please join us at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 8th at the Lone Peak High School Cafeteria for an evening of food and entertainment. Please RSVP to Emily at Highland City (801) 772-4523

For information about the **North County Boulevard** (4800 West) project, please visit the Utah County Public Works Projects website at www.utahcountyonline.org

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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

YOUTH COUNCIL

Interested in joining the 2012 Youth Council, Youth Court, or Youth Service Committee? This is a great program for youth to get involved with city government and service opportunities in your community. Youth in grades 9-11th residing in Highland are encouraged to apply. Applications are available at the schools and on-line at www.highlandcity.org. Applications are due on Wednesday, October 19th (late applications will not be accepted). Contact Emily at Highland City with any questions (801) 772-4523 or emily@highlandcity.org

Lone Peak Fire Department Open House



Join us for an Open House and get to know your local Fire Fighters at the Alpine City Fire Station (50 East 100 North) on Saturday, October 15th, 11 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Bring the family for lunch, tours of the station, hands-on activities, see all the fire trucks and equipment, and share in other fun events.

Savvy Shopper Couponing Classes

are held on October 27th (the fourth Thursday of each month) at City Hall. Couponing 101 is at 7:00 p.m. Then at 8:00 p.m. Better your couponing skills, Savvy Shopping 201. Call Savvy Trainer-Katie at (801) 367-4604 for more info.

CLEAN OUT THE CABINET

Utah County Health Department Division of Substance Abuse and SMART will be holding another **Prescription Take Back day** on **Saturday, October 29th** from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at various Utah County locations. Please go to www.CleanOutTheCabinet.org or call 801-851-7181 for more information.

Lost & Found

Lose something in City Hall or the Splash Pad? Lost and found items are held for 30 days in the Highland Library (801-772-4528). Valuable items such as wallets, cash, credit cards, phones or cameras are turned over to the Lone Peak Police Department (801-756-9800). Unclaimed items are disposed of after 30 days.

YARD WASTE

Timpanogos Special Service District accepts yard waste to assist in the producing of compost. TSSD will have a 2 for 1 Compost Sale during the month of October (or until it's gone). Purchase one yard at \$20 get the second yard free! Compost is sold Wednesday through Saturdays. Please call (801) 756-5231 for more information.

Library News

LearningExpress: LearningExpress provides comprehensive test preparation, skills improvement resources, and career guidance for elementary students to adult learners. Each of the Library's Learning Centers offers the practice tests, exercises, skill-building courses, eBooks, and information you need to achieve the results you want—at school, at work, or in life. Looking to land a job? You'll find an entire Learning Center dedicated to helping you get the one that's right for you. Over 770 online practice tests and interactive skill-building tutorials are available, along with more than 130 eBook titles—all developed by expert academic and industry professionals. Access to the database requires your Highland City Library card number.

Lost & Damaged items: One question we are asked is "If we lost or damaged an item can we just replace it?" Our answer is

no, because we purchase many of our items in a library-quality, we need to replace the item with a similar quality. This allows us to use the item much longer than had we purchased it in a retail version. Please contact us for more information.

TEEN MURDER MYSTERY!

Grimsby Graves gives up ghost

Terrified townie reports return of Evil-Eyed Emil

Reaper Junction—The body of prominent Reaper Junction resident Grimsby Graves was found early this morning at the bottom of a newly dug grave in the Reaper Cemetery.

Ages 12-18?

Dress in costume and join us for **free pizza and homemade root beer.** Be a detective and help us figure out who dunnit!

Friday, Oct 28th
6 pm SHARP!