

# Highland Insider

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## MAYOR'S CORNER

We have some policy information about our cemetery that I want to share with all residents. The cemetery located south of SR92 between 6000W and 6400W is a beautiful, peaceful location. At the top of the hill where the flags are located, is a Veteran's Memorial. The goal of the City is to maintain a beautiful, peaceful environment in our cemetery for all to enjoy. We welcome a new funeral home currently under construction to the east of the cemetery that will enhance and add services to our resident families.

Most cities have a policy of removal of all items from the cemetery 2 weeks following Memorial Day. We have had citizens request to leave items within the marker boarders at other times than Memorial Day. We have also had requests from citizens to remove everything from the cemetery because they feel some items take away from the beauty that should exist. To accommodate differing requests, we have expanded our policy to remove all items inside or outside marker boarders 4 times per year (1st Monday in March, 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday in June, 1<sup>st</sup> Monday in October, and 1<sup>st</sup> Monday in December). Perishable item and flowers (real or artificial) are removed every week during mowing times. This gives family members the opportunity to do "theme" decorations within marker boarders within timeframes. The policy also accommodates the citizens and cemetery sexton with maintenance and beautification. We hope this meets the goals of all residents of the City.

Our Veteran's Memorial at the top of the hill in the cemetery is a beautiful lasting memorial to our veterans and others. Pavers have been and are still available for purchase, to engrave the name of a veteran, or other family member and place it within the Veteran Memorial area. A beautiful statue honoring veterans past, present and future has been installed at the Memorial. This was done years ago by a local boy scout for his Eagle project to honor his POW veteran grandfather and other veterans. At our Highland Fling this year we honored 4 Highland WWII Veterans to express appreciation for their sacrifice. Along with the 4 veterans, 3 members of the City Council and I signed a Community Covenant to honor and acknowledge veteran's service of current and past soldiers.

The cemetery provides a place to reflect, observe, and enjoy all who have died. We want it to be a sacred place to visit and enjoy. We appreciate the efforts of our city sexton for keeping it maintained and beautiful for all to enjoy and appreciate.

Please remember to vote November 8<sup>th</sup>. Exercise your important right as a citizen to have your voice considered.

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.



General Election Day – November 8, 2011.

Polls open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

3 city council seats are open with the following people running for office: Brian Braithwaite, Abe Day, Tim R. Irwin, Jessie J. Schoenfeld, and Kathryn S. Schramm. Early voting will take place at City Hall through Friday, November 4, 2011. For a specific schedule visit the city's website at www.highlandcity.org

Election Day polling locations are as follow:

Freedom Elementary HI01 & HI03 Lone Peak High HI02 & HI05 Highland City Hall HI06 & HI07 Ridgeline Elementary HI04 Page 2 Highland Insider

#### WINTER SNOW REMOVAL & PLOWING

With winter approaching it is important for Highland residents and the City to work together during snow removal weather. Highland City tries to provide expeditious and efficient snow removal during winter snowstorms. City road crews work hard towards a high level of service for its residents during these road conditions. During heavy snow storms it can take as much as 48 hours to clear all priority routes and through streets once the storm has subsided. Please take into consideration that the Utah County plows North Utah County Blvd, Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) plows SR-92 and SR-74, and like the City, we will all work as efficiently as allowed during winter snow storms.

#### **Frequently Asked Questions**

When does my cul-de-sac get plowed? Cul-de-sacs are not plowed or salted until every thru-road has been cleared. This can take any where from 3-5 days after a storm has passed.

When do I have to clear the sidewalk of the snow? It is recommended that Highland City property owners clear adjacent sidewalks of snow within 24 hours after the end of the storm.

Where can I put the snow shoveled from my sidewalk and driveway? Residents should push or throw snow onto their own property. It is illegal to throw or push any snow into the street. Putting snow into the streets can make the road more dangerous for automobiles and snowplows.

Can I park my vehicle on the street during the winter season? Vehicles may not park on City Streets between midnight - 8:00 a.m., December 1st through March 31st, and anytime snow is present. The Police Department may issue a parking citation, and/may have the vehicles that are parking on the street towed, especially during or shortly after a snow storm. Parking on the street after a snow storm makes it difficult for plows to clear the streets.

When will the City remove snow form the walking trails? After the snow has been removed from the streets, we will work to remove any snow from the walking trails.

The snowplows push snow into my freshly cleared driveway. Isn't there a better way to clear the streets to show some consideration to the City residents? Unfortunately, there isn't a better way to clear streets. The snow has to go somewhere, and to make our roads safe, that somewhere is the side of the road. Snowplow blades are designed to push snow to the side of the road. The driver has no other option as to where the snow goes. We recommend that you push the snow to the right of your driveway as you face the street, it will keep the snow from being pushed back in front of your driveway.

**How can you help**? To help expedite clearing roadways from snow and icy conditions, Highland City asks for your help. You can assist our snow removal operators in several ways

- Always park your vehicle off the street. Vehicles left in the roadway create unnecessary obstacles for snow removal operators to work around, can slow the process of properly clearing the road and is against Highland City ordinances.
- 2. Keep obstructions such as portable basketball hoops, trash cans, and toys off the street and sidewalks during snow removal.
- 3. Exercise extreme care and caution when driving in adverse and inclement weather. Your safety and the safety of other motorists and pedestrians is the highest priority.
- Travel at a safe distance from snow plows at all times to avoid damage to your car. Do not try to pass these vehicles and please be patient.
- 5. Limit and restrict travel unless absolutely necessary during severe weather

Residents may view a copy of Highland City's snowplow priority zones and frequently asked questions on the Public Works page at www.highlandcity.org. If you would like to report any dangerous conditions please call Highland City Public Works at (801) 772-4510. To report parking/traffic violations in your neighborhood, please contact the Lone Peak Police Department at (801) 756-9800.

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#### **Timpanogos Highway Update**

UDOT's Timpanogos Highway project, which includes the widening of State Route 92 and delivering the state's first-ever commuter lanes, is more than 80 percent complete. The easternmost section in Highland City between 6400 West and the Alpine Highway (S.R. 74) is finished and UDOT is confident the diverging diamond interchange (DDI) at I-15 will be completed later this fall. However, the project has encountered some unique challenges that have unfortunately postponed the overall project completion date.

To relieve some of the inconvenience as work continues, UDOT will open the new lanes on the Timpanogos Highway and all cross streets first and then complete the commuter lanes. UDOT will continue to make sure that the project meets high quality and safety standards to bring a long-term transportation solution to the region.

Drivers are encouraged to stay actively engaged in the progress of the final stages of the project by signing up for weekly email updates and frequently visiting www.udot.utah.gov/sr92, emailing access@utah.gov, or calling 877-222-3757 with questions.

The Timpanogos Highway project will bring a much-needed improvement over the previous roadway including more capacity, a smoother ride, better access to surrounding businesses and increased mobility options. With the addition of the DDI, not originally a part of the project, the interchange can now accommodate current and future traffic demands at I-15. Efficiency and commute times will also be improved with the commuter lanes, providing a no-stopping option for those traveling directly to and from I-15 from the eastern communities.

UDOT thanks drivers for their continued patience as crews complete the project for the region's future convenience.

#### Youth City Council News!

During the month of December the YCC will be collecting canned food items to be donated to the Community Action Services and Food Bank. Every donation we receive will go to help a family in Utah County. Please bring a canned food item to City Hall during the month of December and

place it under the Christmas tree. Any community group including scouts are encouraged to help with the food drive.

The YCC has invited Santa to come to City Hall on Saturday, December 3rd. Come see Santa arrive in style on the Lone Peak Fire Tuck at 10:00 am! He will be visiting with us until noon. Don't forget to bring a canned food item with you & place it under the Christmas Tree!

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. The deadline for applications has been extended to Thursday, November 4th at 5:00 p.m. Contact Emily at Highland City with any questions (801) 772-4523 or emily@highlandcity.org



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The **Pressurized Irrigation** System is now off for the winter. Please be sure your systems have been winterized.

**Savvy Shopper Couponing Classes** will be held on November 17th and December 15th 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 information.

### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

Highland City will be surplusing the following equipment: One Allis-Chalmers Grader and one a small John Deere Bulldozer. These items are no longer in working condition and are intended to be sold for scrap metal. Proceeds from the surplus of this property will be used to re-roof the pavilion in the Highland Glen Park. Bids need to be submitted in writing and received in a sealed envelope before November 15, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. For more information please contact Jody at (801) 772-4505.

# Library News

**Guest Speaker:** Howard Ruff, noted author and financial advisor will be speaking at the Highland City Library (5400 West Civic Center Drive, Highland) Wednesday, November 9th at 7:00 pm. Labeled "The Prophet of Doom" by the *New York Times*, Ruff's book, *How to Prosper During the Coming Bad Years* reached the #1 bestseller in 1979 and is still the biggest-selling financial book in history. Ruff continues to speak and advise about middle-class financial issues and is editor of the *Ruff Times*, with over 600,000 subscribers.

**Library Closed:** The Library will be closed, November 11<sup>th</sup> for staff training. No items are due that day, so please return your items before or after the 11<sup>th</sup>.

Want to receive notices via text? The library can now text you notices. Please be aware your standard text rate applies. Contact the library to set this feature up on your account.

**Dyslexia Screening:** Highland City Library will be hosting a **free dyslexia screening** put on by the Dyslexic Center of Utah on Sat, November 12th from 10am-1pm. Screening takes about 10min. per child. Call for an appointment time <u>801-995-9664</u>. Walk-ins are also welcome. Signs of dyslexia include poor reading, handwriting and spelling, a slow reader despite years of education, fear of reading out loud, high IQ levels, highly talented in art, drama, sports, music or building, but short attention span. Early detection and intervention are essential to children's success and self-esteem. Come learn more about Dyslexia and the help that can be offered your child!

**Storytime:** The next six-week session runs from November 8

to December 15. Registration is open but will close at 5 pm November 8<sup>th</sup>. Register online at <a href="www.highlandcity.org/library">www.highlandcity.org/library</a>, call 801-772-4528, or come in to register. Registration is required for Tuesday 10:30 am or 1:00 pm or Wednesday 10:30 am. Drop in sessions are on Wednesdays at 1:00 and Thursdays at 10:30 am and 1:00 pm. Drop-in sessions require five or more children in attendance to go forth and may be cancelled without prior warning.

**Library Youth Advisory Committee (L-YAC):** Calling all Highland youth, ages 12-18 interested in volunteer hours and Presidency experience for job and College applications. L-YAC meets every other Wednesday at 5:00 pm. Check our website at <a href="https://www.highlandcity.org/library">www.highlandcity.org/library</a> for dates.

**Teen Bookclub:** Sponsored by the Utah Humanities Council. The next titles are: Jar of Dreams by Yoshiko Uchida, Crispin: Cross of Lead by Avi, and Holes by Louis Sachar. Bookclub meets to discuss the current title the first Wed. of ea. month at 4:30 pm. Pick up your copy at the circulation desk today! If you have read the book, and are between the ages of 12 & 18, please join us!

**FQA's:** Question: I renewed something! Why does do I still have fines on it? Answer: Items are due by the close of business 1 week (videos) or 3 weeks (everything else) from the date they were checked out. If you renew something after the close of business the day it is due, you may be assessed a fine. Fines are \$1.00 per day for all videos, recorded books, playaways, etc. and \$.10 for books and magazines.

**Are you an artist?** The Library has space available to display framed art. Contact Kent Slade, Library Director for more information.

For more information about our programs please visit our website <a href="https://www.highlandcity.org/library">www.highlandcity.org/library</a>