



# HIGHLAND INSIDER

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## MAYOR'S CORNER

Several topics have come to the City recently that I felt needed to be communicated to all residents.

First, the requirements for Architectural Review in some developments. Recently, resident built homes that did not comply with the Architectural Review Committee (ARC) requirements. In other subdivisions, residents have come to the City stating that new homes have not complied with the Homeowners Association (HOA) requirements and the Conditions, Covenants, and Restrictions (CC&R). When these non-compliant issues come to the City, Highland City, or any City in Utah, does not have the authority to enforce any of these requirements. These issues are settled within the HOA. We assist developers to have them put these requirements on the plat that is recorded with the County, but we do not have the means to keep track of the requirements at the City. The developer or seller is responsible to make sure the homeowner is aware of any covenants or restrictions. The city does inform developers of existing ARC's and requires them to sign that they have contacted the committee. Homeowners should ask and get copies of all documents associated with their subdivision. The residents of that subdivision then organize and enforce the requirements.

Second, the upcoming Pressurized Irrigation Audit. We have been in the process of conducting an audit of all properties throughout Highland. The audit will include two parts – The first will only apply to those residents who were required to purchase irrigation water through their utility bill. Currently, the regular cost of Pressure Irrigation and this loan are combined on the utility bill. In the January bill, the water purchase line item will

only reflect the cost you are paying to purchase water shares. The cost of the water usage, as based on the size of your lot will now be added to the line item "PI water". The combination of the two line items will not change, but we believe this better reflects the costs. The second part of the audit includes a review of charges for Pressurized Irrigation based on the size of your lot to ensure the charge matches the acreage. This is ongoing as we want to make sure we are accurate and that residents are not paying too much or too little for the acreage owned. If the City finds a major discrepancy the staff will notify you by mail.

A final item is to express a sincere thank-you to Larry Mendenhall and Kathryn Schramm. These two individuals have served on the City Council and have contributed tremendously to our City's success. Larry has served on the Planning Commission prior to serving on the City Council. He has served additionally on the Public Safety District Board. He has given tremendous service to Highland City to make it a great City. Kathryn has served on the City Council and has given long hours and much service to the City. Additionally she has served on the North Point Special Service District. We wish them both much success in the future and thank them for sharing their time and talents with the City.

*Mayor Lynn Ritchie*

If you have any questions you can email me at [mayor@highlandcity.org](mailto: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, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6TH  
AT 7:00 P.M.  
PLANNING COMMISSION, TUESDAY  
DECEMBER 13TH AT 7:00 P.M.

### Public Meeting Notice Trail Master Plan Highland City Needs Your Input

Highland City is holding a public open house and public hearing for a new Trails Master Plan. The purpose of the Trails Master Plan is to provide an alternative transportation system linking community destinations such as schools, commercial areas, and parks. The proposed master plan distinguishes between city and neighborhood trails and identifies new trail segments and trails for abandonment.

A public open house will be held on December 13, 2011 from 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm at Highland City Hall. A public hearing before the Planning Commission will be held at 7:30 pm following the open house. We invite you to attend these public meetings to provide us with your input. If you are unable to attend one of these meetings or would like additional information please contact:

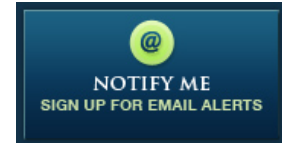
Nathan Crane, Community Development Director, Phone: (801) 772-4515, or email: [nathanc@highlandcity.org](mailto:nathanc@highlandcity.org)

For additional information, including a copy of the existing and proposed trail master plans please visit our website at [www.highlandcity.org](http://www.highlandcity.org).

## CEMETERY DECORATION CLEAN-UP

The cemetery is cleaned up weekly during the mowing season to remove perishable items and items that are in the grass area. In addition to the weekly cleanup, four times a year a mass cleanup is performed. The next mass cleanup for the Cemetery will be on Monday, December 5th. At this time perishable items will be discarded and all trinkets, ornaments, lamps, shepherd-crooks, etc. will be removed from the cemetery and taken to the Public Works Shop (4066 West 11000 North). These items will be held for two (2) weeks so that the owner may claim the items. Items not claimed after two (2) weeks will be discarded.

We have created a Cemetery calendar on our website, [www.highlandcity.org](http://www.highlandcity.org), which you can subscribe to receive notifications reminding you about the four major cleanup dates. To sign up go to [www.highlandcity.org](http://www.highlandcity.org) and select the Notify Me button. Sign in with your email account, then scroll to the bottom and click on "Cemetery" calendar. If you need assistance with this process, please contact us at (801) 772-4510.



It is the goal of Highland City and the City Staff to offer families and friends that visit their loved ones a clean, beautiful, and peaceful environment. Please help us maintain this goal by keeping your site clean.

**SR-92 Deals:** [Flatiron Construction Corp](http://Flatiron Construction Corp) has been working hard to deliver the new [Timpanogos Highway](http://Timpanogos Highway) back to the residents of Highland. We appreciate your patience and cooperation during this project. Flatiron has launched a website, [SR92deals.com](http://SR92deals.com), to help Highland residents continue to discover the many businesses offering products and services in your community. On the website you will find more discounts and coupons to use throughout the holiday season. Visit [SR92deals.com](http://SR92deals.com).

## 2011 ELECTION RESULTS

**Brian W. Braithwaite - 1181**

Abe Day - 779

**Tim R. Irwin - 1231**

**Jessie J. Schoenfeld - 1066**

Kathryn Schramm - 903

Thanks to everyone that voted! Highland City had a higher voter turnout than most Utah County cities with a 21% turnout. Brian Braithwaite, Tim Irwin and Jessie Schoenfeld will take the oath of office in January 2012 to begin their four-year terms.

**2012 Park Pavilion Reservations** can be made starting 8:00 a.m. Tuesday, January 3. You may view the reservation calendar and submit a reservation request on-line at <http://www.highlandcity.org/index.aspx?nid=171>

## Lone Peak Fire District News

This Holiday Season there are a few fire safety items that we would like to address. Remember to keep all open flames secured within a fire resistant area. Open flames such as candles, especially in bedrooms, are a high cause of house fires. When using heaters inside a home, tent, etc. make sure that they are designed for closed spaces. Heaters that burn fuel are usually not designed to be used inside and produce Carbon Monoxide, a deadly gas. Make sure that your smoke and Carbon Monoxide detectors are working with fresh batteries installed. Lastly if you live near a fire hydrant make sure that the snow is removed with at least a 3' clear radius around it. During a fire, time is of the essence. Removing the snow makes it faster to locate and attach fire hoses to take care of your emergency.

•Did you know that in 95% of emergencies bystanders or victims themselves are the first to perform emergency assistance or rescues? There is still time to purchase FIRST AID KITS from Lone Peak EMS. These make great holiday gifts. First Aid Kits may be purchased at the Highland Fire Station Monday - Thursday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. or contact Nancy at the Highland Fire Station located at 5582 Parkway West (approximately 10850 N), or call (801) 763-5365 for more information.

•Fire departments along the Wasatch Front are teaming up to collect blankets and winter coats for Utah charities that assist the poor. The annual "Operation Cover-Up" runs through Dec. 31. The public can help by donating new or gently used winter wear at any local fire station. Used donations should be clean. Donations will benefit The Road Home shelters, Christmas Box House, Shiner's Hospital, Division of Aging Services, Newborn Intensive Care Unit, and St. Vincent de Paul.

## Timpanogos Highway Update

A lot has changed during November along UDOT's Timpanogos Highway project. The easternmost section in Highland City between 6400 West and the Alpine Highway (S.R. 74) is now open to traffic and all of the landscaping is finished. Highland Blvd. was reopened and the temporary detour was removed. This allowed crews to rebuild the main entrance to Center Pointe shopping which was also reopened in November. Also, the diverging diamond interchange (DDI) at I-15 is fully open to traffic with only minimal finish work to be completed.

During December, Highland residents can expect to see additional lanes open throughout the project and the reopening of 6400 West. By the end of the year UDOT plans to have all five lanes fully open to traffic. This will significantly improve traffic flow throughout the corridor during the winter months. The commuter lanes are anticipated to open in early 2012.

Residents 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](http://www.udot.utah.gov/sr92), emailing [access@utah.gov](mailto: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.

### Christmas Memory Tree

Anderson & Sons Mortuary invites you and your family to a holiday open house Saturday, December 3rd, between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. (49 E 100 N in American Fork). We invite you to bring an ornament to be placed on our Christmas Memory Tree in honor of your loved one. The tree stands through the season as a tribute to those who have passed away. Next year, there will also be a memorial tree at the new Highland Anderson & Sons Mortuary that is currently under construction next to the Highland City Cemetery.

### Christmas Tree Pick-Up

Allied Waste will provide curbside Christmas Tree pick-up January 9-13th. Please have all trees at the curb by 7:00 a.m. on January 9th. There will also be a large dumpster available for trees at Heritage Park (5381 W 10400 N), January 4-11th.

### "An Alpine Christmas" Concert

Please join us for our 7th annual "An Alpine Christmas" Concert. We are looking forward to an incredible night of Christmas/ Inspirational music! Friday, Dec. 16th and Saturday, Dec. 17th at 7:00pm. This year's artists: Jessie Clark Funk, Sam Payne, Dallyn Bayles, Todd McCabe/April Moriarty, One Voice Children's Choir, and local artist, Suzy Lind. Tickets: [www.alpinechristmasconcert.com](http://www.alpinechristmasconcert.com) \$10.00 ea. or \$12.00 ea. at the door.

### Lone Peak High School Choir Concerts

**Free Christmas Concert:** December 13th. **Variety Show:** January 5th & 6th at 7:30 PM Admission \$5 students, \$7 for non-students. **Madrigal Feast:** November 30th-December 6th (excluding Sunday). Tickets are \$10 for students and \$14 for adults. Need **entertainment** for your Christmas gathering? Consider the Lone Peak High School Chamber Choir. The choir is working hard to raise funds for its choir tour in NYC. If you are interested call Ms. Lois Johnson at (801) 717-4568 ext.102



## 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 groups 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 Truck at 10:00 am! He will be visiting with us until noon. Don't forget to bring your camera to take pictures with Santa and a canned food item to be placed under the Christmas Tree!



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Please submit newsletter articles via email no later  
than the 15th of the month to  
[emily@highlandcity.org](mailto:emily@highlandcity.org)

### Savvy Shopper Couponing Classes

will be held on December 29th 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 info.

### Did you Know?

- Frequently asked questions about **snow-plowing** and **winter parking** can be found at [www.highlandcity.org](http://www.highlandcity.org).
- The **City Hall Christmas Tree** was decorated by the **Highland 18th Ward Activity Day Girls**.

### Highland City Arts Council

We are wanting community members to join and serve their community on the Highland City Arts Council. There is work for every skill, talent and interest level. Volunteer to ...help at an event...build a set...organize a gathering...start a book club...teach a class...sew a costume...perform on stage...suggest ideas to enhance our community through the arts...attend a gathering of art enthusiasts at the Highland Arts Council meetings held on the first Wednesday of every month at 6:00 pm at the Highland City Hall.

**Artist Group:** January 11 - Guest Artist Showcase 1-3 pm. January 18 - Studio Workshop, come bring lunch and an art project to work on. Please, no oil or children...they don't mix. 11am -2pm. For more information, Call Corene at (801)-768-9643 or Jo (801)-756-9717

**Music:** Highland Children's Choir Christmas Concert - December 1, 7:00 p.m. at Timberline Middle School. Please come and enjoy an evening of beautiful children's voices. Tickets \$3.00 available at Kohler's Customer Service Desk. For more information regarding the Highland Children's Choir call 801-492-0590.

**Christmas Crafts Day with Santa:** The Arts Council will be once again hosting the Christmas Crafts Day on Saturday, December 3rd from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. We will have Children's craft projects ranging from free - \$1.25 per craft. Be sure to bring a canned food item to be donated to the food bank.

**Theatre:** American Children's Theatre: Musical Theatre Workshop Classes, Ages 7-12, Monday afternoons beginning January 9, 2012, For more information, call Jennifer at 801-692-1313 or e-mail [madsenfam@mac.com](mailto:madsenfam@mac.com)

For more info visit [www.highlandcityarts.org](http://www.highlandcityarts.org) or [info@highlandcityarts.org](mailto:info@highlandcityarts.org)

## Library News

**Holiday Hours:** The Library will be open 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 24th. The Library will be closed on Monday, December 26th and Monday, January 2nd. No items will be due those days. Please return your items before or after the holidays to avoid over-filling the book drop.

**Booklists:** Did you know we have 24 booklists, available to you online? These booklists range from children's mysteries to Jane Eyre readalikes. And we are always adding to the list. See our list at <http://www.highlandcity.org/index.aspx?nid=125>. Our online catalog lists them all and a quick click on a title will tell you it's status. Visit the catalog at <http://highland.polarislibrary.com/> and look for "Booklists" on the left side. And check out our newest booklists: Children's Horse Fiction, Boys Easy Chapter Books, Girls Easy Chapter Books and Beehive Award Books.

**ReferenceUSA:** Our newest database, ReferenceUSA is now available. This service, available through Pioneer, "Utah's Online Library" is the leading provider in business and consum-

er research. Users can get assistance to create marketing plans, conduct competitive analysis, raise funds and locate people. Its selections provide access to more than 20 Million Businesses, 222 Million Consumers, U.S. New Businesses, U.S. New Homeowners and Movers. The database is available at <http://pioneer.utah.gov> and only requires your Highland Library card number for access.

**L-YAC:** Calling all Highland youth, ages 12-18 interested in volunteer hours and experience for job and College applications. L-YAC meets every other Wednesday at 5:00 pm. Check our website at [www.highlandcity.org/library](http://www.highlandcity.org/library) for dates.

**Teen Bookclub:** Sponsored by the Utah Humanities Council. The next titles are: Crispin: Cross of Lead by Avi, Holes by Louis Sachar, and Romiette & Julio by Sharon Draper. Bookclub meets to discuss the current title the first Wed. of each 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!

For more information about our programs please visit our website [www.highlandcity.org/library](http://www.highlandcity.org/library)