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MAYOR'S CORNER

This past month I had the opportunity to ride along with some of our police officers on their graveyard and swing sifts. It was an interesting and very informative experience. It reminded me somewhat of my military experience. There are times of quiet and times of heightened nervousness. Our officers never know what to expect when they make a stop. It is rather unnerving to police officers to make a traffic stop for a suspected DUI, and upon further checking the officer learns the driver has a concealed carry permit and is carrying a weapon in his vehicle. A call for backup was made, upon their response a field sobriety test was conducted and confirmed. Blood tests were then drawn and further confirmation resulted in an arrest and a citation issued. I was extremely impressed with the precision, execution, and professionalism of all of our police officers. During subsequent patrols at 3:00 am we found a garage door open. Our officer rang the doorbell and got a grateful resident out of bed to close the forgotten door. This was in an area where burglaries have occurred within the last month. I was impressed as we traveled the same roads multiple times; the officers were vigilant in using their spotlight as necessary to ensure our neighborhoods are safe from intruders.

During my ride along, a traffic stop resulted in a suspected drug use and the vehicle was inspected by "Ringo" one of our drug dogs. It was impressive to see his work. Drug use in Highland and Alpine is a serious issue; it is in the schools, neighborhoods, and city. We all need to be aware of this and report it to the police. Our case resulted in locating an adult male with an underage teenager who he had met on line. The police handled the case very professionally and our city is much safer as a result.

My evenings were much more than losing sleep, they were very educational. I am grateful to our police officers and the protection they give us. They are dedicated and concerned about the residents and are committed to enduring our safety.

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.

BURN PERMITS

This year the Utah County Fire Marshal has set the date for the burn window from April 1st to April 30th. Any resident inside the county is allowed to burn if they have a burn permit if it is a "burn day". You can obtain a burn permit at City Hall (Monday -Thursday, 7:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.) for no charge. Burn permits will be available starting Wednesday, March 28th. With your permit you will also receive a list of rules that must be followed. Each day before you burn you must also call the burn hotline at 801-374-BURN to find out if the air quality is good enough to burn. The Lone Peak Fire District appreciates and supports your efforts to burn safely and comply with the Utah County burn permit rules.

Did you Know?

- For your convenience our **City Hall office hours** are extended from 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. to better meet your needs, Monday - Thursday. You can contact us by phone at (801) 756-5751. For after-hours Public Works emergencies, please call (801) 420-2553.

- The next **Cemetery Decoration clean-up** will be on March 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. Please refer to our website for the Cemetery Decoration Clean-Up Policy and dates.

- The Lone Peak Police Department would like to remind you that all dogs are required to have a **Dog License**. Please contact the LPPD at (801) 756-9800 or the North Utah Valley Animal Shelter at (801) 785-3442 for more information.

- **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?

Arbor Day Activities & Annual Tree Sale

Now is the time to prune your trees! Pruning is best done in winter or early spring before buds swell when tree energy reserves are high and the tree is dormant. For information and helpful links to properly prune your trees please go on-line to the Tree Commission page (listed under Events) at www.highlandcity.org

April 28: Arbor Day Tree Planting Project - Come help the Tree Commission plant trees on Knight Avenue (behind Lone Peak High School) on Saturday, April 28th at 8:00 a.m.

April 28 & May 5: Arbor Day Tree Sale - The annual Tree Sale will be held from 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. in front of the Highland Water Building on 11000 North (next to Wendy's). April 28th is for Highland Residents only. You will need to bring proof of residency with you (ID, Utility Bill, etc.). We will only accept checks and cash. All trees are sold AS IS, with a maximum of 8 trees per resident. We will not hold trees or take special orders. A list of trees for sale and their prices will be provided on-line at least one week before the Tree Sale on the Arbor Day page at www.highlandcity.org.

For more information about all these activities please visit the Arbor Day page (listed under Events) at www.highlandcity.org or contact emily@highlandcity.org or call Emily at (801) 772-4523

Spring Clean-Up

The annual Highland City Spring Clean-Up will take place May 4-5, 2012, 8:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. at the parking lot at the mouth of the American Fork Canyon. Dumpsters will be available so you can dispose of you metal, wood, household waste, and yard waste (please no hazardous materials). Scouts and other groups are welcome to help city crews during this time and earn community service hours!

SPOT THE TOT - Walk Around Your Vehicle Before Moving It

Each year in Utah, an average of 65 children under age 10 are struck or run over and 5 are killed by a motor vehicle on private property. Most vehicles involved in these incidents are traveling slowly, many moving in reverse. Despite the low speed of vehicles in driveways, parking lots and other private property locations, the majority of children struck or run over suffer some type of serious injury and, in many cases, even death. Young children are small and hard to see, and can easily be hidden in a vehicle's blind spot. All vehicles whether large or small have blind spots where small children can easily be hidden from a driver's view. The best defense against backing over a child, is to walk completely around and to make sure children are supervised and in full view of the driver.

Prevention Tips: Walk completely around your vehicle before getting in; Know where children are. Have children stand in a place where they are in full view; Parents, caregivers and all adults need to be vigilant in supervising children, especially when children are in the yard, driveway or parking lot playing near parked cars; Roll down your window so you will be able to hear what is happening outside your vehicle; Owners of SUVs, trucks, and vans need to take extra care to avoid hitting or running over a child; Teach children to move away from a vehicle whenever it is started.

Highland City employees who operate City vehicles place cones behind vehicles as a reminder to walk around the vehicles and Spot the Tot. For more information contact the Violence and Injury Prevention Program at the Utah Department of Health at 801-538-6864, or visit www.health.utah.gov/vipp

Political Caucus Announcement

Attention Legislative District 27 (Alpine, Cedar Hills, Draper 01, Highland 01-09 and Provo Canyon 02). The **Democratic Caucuses** will be held on Tuesday, March 13th, 2012, Location: TBD. The **Republican Caucuses** will be held on Thursday, March 15th, 2012, 7:00 PM, Locations: TBD. **Credentialing starts at 6:00;** come early and be credentialed and ready to start caucus at 7:00. Note: Due to redistricting, many precincts have changed. Precinct maps are available at:

http://www.utahcountyonline.org/Dept/ClerkAud/Elections/Precinct_Maps/index.asp

Caucus locations will be listed soon on the URP website. If you pre-register at the website, your caucus information will be emailed to you, as soon as it is available: <http://www.utgop.org/>

May 2012 – Expected Completion for Timpanogos Highway/S.R. 92

The Timpanogos Highway/S.R. 92 project is making progress with the recent openings of 1200 West and an additional lane in each direction during commuting hours. Through its ongoing inspection process, UDOT has discovered unprecedented quality-related concerns that must be corrected. UDOT has a responsibility to taxpayers to not accept this project as complete until the contractor corrects these issues. By insisting that quality standards are met, UDOT is ensuring that the public gets what they paid for and that the road will last for decades to come.

UDOT has continually monitored quality and has required the contractor to rebuild any items that do not meet agreed-upon standards. Quality issues found so far on the project range from cracks in the concrete to drainage issues. Until recently, the contractor believed any rework, along with remaining construction activities, could be completed the first part of this year.

Rework on top of remaining construction activities have pushed the contractor's substantial completion date to May. After that, there may be some additional work off the roadway that will not require lane restrictions. UDOT is protecting the taxpayer investment from additional costs by charging the contractor \$15,000 a day in liquidated damages until the project reaches acceptable completion. UDOT began deducting these liquidated damages on Oct. 21, 2011.

UDOT believes this temporary delay will save drivers time and inconvenience in the future by ensuring the road will last. Some of the repairs will require lane closures and will be visible from the main roadway. UDOT continues to work with the contractor to limit lane closures to off-commute times and to isolate restrictions to areas only where they are performing work or inspections.

Residents are encouraged to stay actively engaged in the progress of the final stages of the project by signing up for 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.

2013 National Jamboree

Plan now for the 2013 National Jamboree. The Utah National Parks Council is sending a troop from the Highland/Alpine area to the National Jamboree in 2013 at the new Bechtel Summit Scout Camp in West Virginia. The troop will have just 36 boys (ages 12-17 at the time of the Jamboree) and spots are filling up quickly. The dates are July 10-25 and will begin with a tour of Niagara Falls, Palmyra, Susquehanna River, Philadelphia, Gettysburg, Amish Country, Baltimore and Washington D.C. before heading to the scout camp. At the Jamboree there will be scuba diving, rock climbing, white water canoeing, mountain biking and BMX bikes just to name a few activities. There will be approximately 50,000 scouts participating from all over the country (and world) as well as over 5,000 LDS scouts and Church leadership to help celebrate the 100 year anniversary of the LDS Church/BSA partnership. For more information please contact Tony Gibson, at 801-319-4162 or tony3493@gmail.com.

Highland City Preparedness Fair

It's time to be prepared! We are excited to announce the next preparedness fair will be held on Saturday, May 12th from 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at Lone Peak High School. Come listen to great speakers and visit vendors selling preparedness items! To register to be a vendor or for more information about this event, please go on-line to the Events page at www.highlandcity.org.

Pressurized Irrigation

The pressurized irrigation system will be back on and ready for use the week of **April 15**. Please be patient while the City brings up the system. It usually takes a week to ten days to bring online. Make sure your stop and waste valves are **shut off** while the system is being loaded. Individual sprinkling systems can then be loaded by residents.

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CITY MEETING SCHEDULE

City Council, 1st & 3rd Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.
Planning Commission, 2nd & 4th Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

Please submit newsletter articles via email no later than the 15th of the month to emily@highlandcity.org

Youth Fishing Classes - The Hooked on

Fishing program will focus on educating youth about fishing and aquatic resources. Classes are held Tuesdays and Thursdays, April 17th- May 3rd, from 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at Highland Glen Park. Cost is \$15 which includes instruction manual, bait, tackle and rental of fishing pole if needed. Class is limited to 25 participants, ages 6 years old and over. Parents are more than welcome to attend and participate with the class (no registration required for adults). Register on-line at www.highlandcity.org.

Adult Volunteers are needed to help teach youth to fish. If you are enrolled in the Division of Wildlife Resources Dedicated Hunter Program, this can count towards your volunteer hours! Anyone interested in volunteering can email emily@highlandcity.org or call (801) 772-4523 to sign up.

Highland City Arts Council Cartooning Class - Saturday, March 10th, 10:00 a.m. - noon. Ages 8 and up. Tuition: \$5, Instructor: Troy Stott. For more information, please visit www.highlandcityarts.org.

Easter Egg Hunt & Cookie Decorating!

Mark your calendars on **April 7th** for the annual Children's Easter Egg Hunt & Cookie Decorating! Come join the Youth City Council at **9:30 AM at Heritage Park** for the Easter Egg Hunt. Then come to the pavilion to decorate cookies with the Highland Arts Council. It's going to be so much fun! Come prepared for the weather and bring your Easter Baskets.



Savvy Shopper Couponing Classes will be held on March 22 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 information.

Lone Peak Youth Baseball - Parents of youth baseball players ages 4 -15 living in Highland can register now through March 4th online at www.lpbbaseball.org. Games will be played from early April through the first week of June. There will be a tryout for ages 8 -15 at Burgess Park in Alpine on March 10th. All players are assigned to a team. Last year players from the league participated in the Cal Ripken State Championships at ages 8, 10, 11, and 12. Details can be found on our website.

Scouting For Food will be held on Saturday, March 24th. All donations will go to the local Community Action Food Bank. Contact your Scout Troop for more information.

Yard Waste & Mulch

Timpanogos Special Service District accepts yard waste to assist in the producing of compost. Mulch can also be purchased from TSSD. Please call (801) 756-5231 for more information.

Library News

Read and Feed: The Library has teamed up with In-N-Out Burger to provide a free hamburger or cheeseburger for kids ages 4-12 that read 5 books. Come in to get a reading log. Program ends April 14th. Each child can earn up to three certificates during the program, while supplies last.

Storytime: Call 801-772-4528 or come in to check on a spot if available for the March/April session. Family Storytime will be March 21st at 5:00 pm.

Library Youth Advisory Committee (YAC): YAC now meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays at 5:00 pm. Want

volunteer hours? Want a say in library teen programs, events, materials, and spaces? Just want to be involved with a group and have fun in your community? Anyone ages 12 to 18 with a Highland City Library card in the family is welcome!

Teen Bookclub: March book club title is Kira-Kira by Cynthia Kadohata. Bookclub members meet the first Wednesday of the month at 4:30. Upcoming titles include and The Outsiders by S. E. Hinton and Hope was Here by Joan Bauer.

Pioneer Spotlight: Did you receive a Kindle or Nook for Christmas? The library has free e-books for you to download and read or listen to! Call or contact the library for instructions for downloading.

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