



# HIGHLAND INSIDER

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## MAYOR'S CORNER

Sunday closure for all businesses in Highland City has been an issue for many years. The current ordinance restricts businesses from being open on Sunday. In 2006 the city conducted a survey by an outside consultant that asked residents if businesses should be closed. On a scale of 1.0-5.0 the score was 4.1 in favor of keeping businesses closed on Sunday. This has been interpreted as a strong mandate from residents that their wish is to have Sunday closure. Survey results were included in the Highland City General Plan in 2008. It has been suggested that if we ever change this to allow Sunday opening, it should be done through another survey or a resident vote; not just a vote of the City Council. I personally believe this is an important enough issue in the city that residents should have a vote on the issue. If the mandate from the residents has changed they need to make it known in a vote.

There have been several opinions expressed that it is time to change the ordinance and allow businesses to be open on Sunday. There are opinions on both sides of the argument. One argument is businesses should be open on Sunday and allow shoppers to choose to shop or not shop. It is also believed that businesses have chosen not to locate in Highland because of the Sunday closing ordinance. We have been told by some businesses and potential developers that not being open on Sunday is a negative for the business environment. The other argument is that we should be closed on Sunday because that is who we are as a city. Residents have voiced the desire to accept less sales tax revenue from businesses and use residential property taxes to support city services. Both arguments have merit and supporters. The question is, "what is the will of the residents now and has it changed from 2008?"

The City Council has requested that Sunday closure be put on an upcoming City Council agenda. This is planned for the Council meeting on April 17. The requirement for Sunday closing appears in two places in our ordinances. One place is

located in our planning code which requires Sunday closing only in one commercial district. Our municipal code requires Sunday closing in all zoning districts, with the exception of gas stations and some private clubs. The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on March 27, 2012 to consider the change in the one zoning district. This change, along with the overall change to the municipal code will then be considered by the City Council on April 17, 2012. Please watch the City Calendar and Agenda on the city website in case the dates change. If you have an interest in this issue please be involved by attending the meeting or contacting you City Council.

This has always been a critical issue for Highland residents. It is important that you email or personally contact City Council members who will be making the decision and voice your opinion. Your opinion, one way or the other is important to us. Should we allow businesses to be open on Sunday and potentially attract more business or remain closed and potentially risk losing business? Do you want to support city services with more sales tax revenue from businesses or use residential property tax as the major source of revenue? Please let us know your opinion and what you desire as residents. Email addresses are listed below for you to use with your response: Mayor Ritchie, [mayor@highlandcity.org](mailto:mayor@highlandcity.org)  
Brian Braithwaite, [brianb@highlandcity.org](mailto:brianb@highlandcity.org)  
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*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 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. if you would like to discuss an issue please call Jody at (801) 772-4505 to make an appointment.

### 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 afterhours Public Works emergencies, please call (801) 420-2553.
- Did you know we offer curbside Recycling services in Highland? Recycle cans cost \$4.35 each month. Cans are dumped every other Friday. To add a Recycle can, please contact our Utilities Department at (801) 756-5751. To view the list of Recyclable items and the recycle calendar, please visit the Utility page on-line at [www.highlandcity.org](http://www.highlandcity.org)
- Park Pavilion and Community Center Reservations can be made on-line at [www.highlandcity.org](http://www.highlandcity.org)
- NOTIFY ME! You can sign up on-line at [www.highlandcity.org](http://www.highlandcity.org) to get special emails and text messages about things happening in Highland such as community events and public meetings.

## Arbor Day Activities & Annual Tree Sale

**April 28: Arbor Day Tree Planting & Landscaping Projects** - Come help the Tree Commission plant trees on Knight Avenue (behind Lone Peak High School) on Saturday, April 28th at 8:00 a.m. Please bring a shovel if you can. We will return to this location to finish up the landscaping project on Saturday, May 5th at 8:00 a.m. Please bring a wheelbarrow, shovel, and a rake to help out. We will be placing river rock and weed fabric in the planter areas. Both of these projects will be coordinated by scouts who are doing this as their Eagle Projects. Please come support them by bringing your church group, family, friends, and neighbors!

**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 (go to Departments, then Events) at [www.highlandcity.org](http://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.

### Burn Permits

This year the Utah County Fire Marshal has set the date for the burn window from April 1<sup>st</sup> to April 30<sup>th</sup>. 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. 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.

### Savvy Shopper Couponing Classes

Couponing classes will be held on April 26 at City Hall in the Multi-Purpose Room. 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.

### 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!

### Shakeout - Earthquake Drill

On Tuesday **April 17<sup>th</sup>** at **10:15 a.m.** Highland City along with the entire state of Utah will experience a 7.0 magnitude **earthquake drill**. Will you be ready for the next one? Practice at home or work and learn to be prepared. Practice **DROP, COVER, and HOLD ON** for at least **one minute**. If you find yourself inside during the drill find a sturdy piece of furniture to crouch under or interior wall to kneel down by and cover your head. If you are outside get away from buildings or power lines that may fall on you and get low to the ground to prevent yourself from falling too.

Find out more at <http://shakeout.org/utah/>.

### HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY

FOR RESIDENTS OF UTAH COUNTY

**April 7, 2012 9:00 A.M. — 3:00 P.M.**  
**Provo Towne Center Mall West Parking Lot**

#### What **TO** bring:

- Medications
- Gasoline/fuels/motor oil / lubricants
- Antifreeze
- Solvents / paint thinners
- Aerosol cans / paints / stains
- Pesticides / herbicides
- Glues / adhesives
- Fluorescent light bulbs
- Mercury thermometers
- Photographic chemicals
- Electronics

#### What **NOT** to bring:

- Containers over 5 gallons in size
- Ammunition / explosives
- Compressed gas or propane tanks
- Asbestos materials
- PCB-related materials
- Medical / biological waste
- Radioactive waste
- Fire extinguishers
- Business / commercial / construction waste

Please do not mix wastes. Bring in original containers if possible. Waste must be capped or sealed.

For more information: 801-851-7525 or [www.UtahCountyHealth.org/hhw](http://www.UtahCountyHealth.org/hhw)



## Community and Budget Open House

Come to Highland City's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Community and Budget Open House on May 3, 2012 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at City Hall. Learn about the proposed city budget while enjoying food, games, and music. Activities for all ages – children's story time – face painting – balloon tying – bounce house – parachute beach ball – door prizes and more all provided by the Youth Council! Local businesses, Pizza Pie Café, Arctic Circle, Ace Hardware, Painted Daisy, Lorenzo's Snow, Canterbury Toffee, Sugarlene Bakery, and more will be on hand with free samples and coupons. Music will be provided by a local school jazz band. Look for additional information at [www.highlandcity.org](http://www.highlandcity.org). We look forward to seeing you!

**The Miss Northern Utah County Scholarship Pageant** is holding its Orientation meeting on May 4, 2012 at the Highland City Hall at 6:00 p.m. All young women from Alpine, Highland, Cedar Hills and American Fork who are between the ages of 17-24 are invited to compete for valuable scholarship money. The winner will receive a \$1,000 academic scholarship to the college of her choice. For info call Jenny Thacker at 801-768-8436 or e-mail [ryanjenny36@msn.com](mailto:ryanjenny36@msn.com).

**UTA Scoping Open House for FrontRunner South** - The UTA Scoping Open House dates for the upcoming Grand Opening of the FrontRunner South commuter rail train this December 2012 are: Saratoga Springs, April 11th; American Fork, April 12th; Spanish Fork, April 18th; and Orem, April 19th. For more information about the open house please visit the FrontRunner South page on-line at [www.rideutah.com](http://www.rideutah.com) or call 888-743-3882.

**CERT** "The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. Using the training learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help". CERT Training will be held on April 21st from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. and April 28th from 8 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Highland LDS Church, 5335 W. 11200 N., Highland. Taught by Kenneth Moravec. Equipment charge is \$45.00.

**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 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at Lone Peak High School. Come listen to great speakers and visit vendors selling preparedness items! Speakers include: Jim Phillips, Tim Wolf, Jed Norwood, Lisa Harkness, LDS Employment, Brett Beliston, Clarence Whetten, Caleb Warnock, Utah Division of Securities, and more! 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](http://www.highlandcity.org).

**Yard Waste & Mulch**- Timpanogos Special Service District is having a 2 for 1 sale on compost through April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Compost hours are Wednesday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and on Saturday from 7:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Clean green waste may be dropped off at the District Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and on Saturday from 7:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. The District does not budget for overtime hours. Individuals picking up compost or dropping off green waste must be out of the plant by 5:00 p.m. The District is located at 6400 North 5050 West, Utah County (just West of I-15 exit 275). For more information, call (801) 756-5231.

**Distinguished Young Women of Highland (formerly Highland's Junior Miss)** is pleased to begin another year of excellence. For the past six months our Highland Representatives, Linsey Brown, Ally Modersitzki, and Ashley Larsen have exemplified all the remarkable qualities of the young women this program showcases. We will be hosting a Parent Orientation meeting for this year's program at the Highland City Community Center on Tuesday, April 17th 7 p.m.- 8 p.m. For more information about this scholarship program visit [distinguishedyw.org](http://distinguishedyw.org)

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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](mailto:emily@highlandcity.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 a.m. 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.



### Highland City Arts Council

The Highland City Arts Council provides quality Events and Classes for people of all ages in Highland (check out [highlandcityarts.org](http://highlandcityarts.org)) At this time we are seeking a new Chairman of the Board of Directors and some new board members. Please consider adding your enthusiasm and talent for the Arts to YOUR city's Art Council. The rewards for volunteering to promote the Arts are tremendous. Please contact Richard Hoffman at 801-319-7794 or email [brohoffman@gmail.com](mailto:brohoffman@gmail.com)

We are excited to announce our Summer show!! It will be "**Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat**" in cooperation with the American Forks Arts Council on August 6-11th and 13th at the AF Amphitheater.

It will be directed by the Amazing Stewart Shelley, the drama teacher at PGHS. Auditions will be held May 30 and 31 (**that's next month!!**) 5-9 p.m. at the American Fork Historic City Hall, 31 North Church Street, with callbacks and dance auditions June 2. Be prepared with a song from Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat. Rehearsals will be during June and July (Tues - Fri evenings and Sat mornings) up to performance dates. Contact Kittie Tenney at 801-234-0274 for more information.

## Youth Fishing Instructors Needed

Adult Volunteers are needed to help teach youth how to fish at the Highland City Hooked on Fishing classes. Classes are held Tuesdays and Thursdays, April 17th- May 3rd, from 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at Highland Glen Park. 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](mailto:emily@highlandcity.org) or call (801) 772-4523.

# Library News

**North Utah County Library Cooperative:** Highland City Library will become a member of the North Utah County Library Cooperative (NUCLC) April 1, 2012! The cooperative includes American Fork, Pleasant Grove, Lehi and Eagle Mountain libraries. Because Highland City Library is much smaller and has fewer resources than our neighboring libraries, Highland Library patrons will be required to pay \$40 to use one of the NUCLC libraries. Highland Library cards are still free to Highland residents.

When using NUCLC libraries, remember: All patrons must have a valid library card from their 'home library' and should be in good standing at that library; Your library card must be presented at the time of borrowing an item; The card entitles the patron to borrow items only - participating in programs is excluded in the agreement; All policies and procedures of the lending library are valid, and the patron must abide by said policies and will be responsible for any incurred charges; All items must be returned to the lending library according to the date due.

Requests (Holds) can only be placed at your 'home' library (Highland). Any requests made to another library will not be honored. The intent of this policy is to allow the card holders of each of the libraries first access to the materials at that library.

**Storytime:** Call 801-772-4528 or come in to check on a spot if available for the March/April session.

**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:** April's bookclub title is *The Outsiders* by S.E. Hinton. Bookclub members meet the first Wednesday of the month at 4:30 p.m. Upcoming titles include *Hope Was Here* by Joan Bauer and *Return to Sender* by Julia Alvarez.

**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.