



# HIGHLAND INSIDER

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## MAYOR'S CORNER

Sometime ago I wrote an article on civility. This word, I find, has different definitions depending on each individual. Recently, a resident discussed with me a problem he was having in his neighborhood regarding a problem with a dog. The dog barked, neighbors complained, and animal control visited. We have had other complaints where the dog owner claimed it was not their dog barking, but residents did not verify the location of the barking dog; they just registered a complaint. On another occasion, a resident related that residents complained because they had their garbage can on the street longer than 24 hours. And finally, another resident constructed a fence on property they did not own, and were surprised that a complaint was registered against them.

I find these cases very interesting and important for those who complain and those who have a complaint registered against them. We hear much today about freedom and "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." How do two people have liberty and happiness when their thoughts and actions oppose each other? This is where I believe civility needs to become part of the discussion. As neighbors we should be good civil citizens. If we own dogs, we should take care of them so they do not infringe on neighbors, we should return our trash cans to our

property promptly; and we should not put up fences on property that does not belong to us. Sounds simple! However, we do not all see things the same way. A little civil tolerance goes a long way in these situations. For example, did the neighbor just forget the garbage can and need a friendly reminder? Do we approach the neighbor and talk to them about barking dogs or fences before we complain? Many times a friendly discussion can solve potential problems before they become problems. If a discussion does not solve the problem, then action can be taken. Cities have ordinances to ensure all residents can enjoy freedom. When our choices and behaviors affect others outside our own property then we are taking away the same freedoms we desire from others. Free dialog, respect, civility and tolerance can resolve many problems before that becomes a big issue. I believe civility works.

*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.

## Community and Budget Open House

Highland City is holding a FREE Community and Budget Open House on May 3, 2012 from 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at Highland City Hall.

Let your opinion be heard regarding proposed budget cuts by some members of the City Council including:

- Elimination of funding for the Highland Fling
- Reduction of Police and Fire Services
- Reducing the level of maintenance of parks, open space, trails, and cemetery including personnel, equipment, weed control, fertilizer, sprinkler repairs, etc.
  - Increasing the open space fee from \$20.00 to \$30.00 per month
- Creating funds to begin a "Shop Highland" an economic development program.
  - Reducing the number of paid employees in the Library by half

We invite you to attend and provide your input on these and other budget cuts. There will be carnival games, performances by the Lone Peak High School Jazz Band, prizes, food, and more! For a comprehensive list of the proposed cuts and to review the draft budget please go to: [www.highlandcity.org](http://www.highlandcity.org).

We look forward to seeing you there!

## Highland City Tree Commission Activities

Please join us on Saturday, May 5th at 8:00 a.m. as we complete the **Arbor Day Landscape Project** located at 4800 W Knight Ave. (behind Lone Peak High School). Please bring a wheelbarrow, shovel, and a rake to help out. We will be placing river rock and weed fabric in the planter areas. This project will be coordinated by a scout who is doing this as his Eagle Project. Please come support the scouts by bringing your church group, family, friends, and neighbors!

The second day of our annual **Arbor Day Tree Sale** will be held from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. in front of the Highland City Water Building on 11000 North (next to Wendy's) on Saturday, May 5th. We only accept checks and cash, sorry no credit cards. All trees are sold AS IS, with a maximum of 8 trees per resident. A list of trees for sale and their prices are available on-line on the Arbor Day page (go to Departments, then Events) at [www.highlandcity.org](http://www.highlandcity.org).

**Tree Tip of the Month** – Tree trunks grow in the air and tree roots grow in the ground. Small, uncovered tree roots can die in a few hours on a hot day so when you are planting a new tree, take care to keep the small roots moist and covered. Also keep mulch and soil away from the trunks of new and established trees because the microbes can rot (decompose) the wood and kill the tree.

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

### Free Kids Art Class

Free art classes will be offered for kids ages 6-9 years old, the week of June 11-15th. Classes are held for one hour each day. 6-7 years old: 10-11 a.m. and 8-9 years old: 11-noon. Classes are limited to 20 kids per class. Classes will be held at the Highland City Community Center. All classes will be taught by volunteers as part of an Eagle Project. To sign up, email [ArtEagleProject@gmail.com](mailto:ArtEagleProject@gmail.com)

### North Utah County Soccer (NUCS)

NUCS will have open registration for the Fall 2012/ Spring 2013 Season during April and May. Ages 4 -16. Please go to [www.nucsonline.com](http://www.nucsonline.com) for more details.

**The Timpanogos Symphony Orchestra** presents Arabian Nights featuring Scheherazade by Rimsky-Korsakov. Also on the program is the Brahms Violin Concerto with Rosalie Macmillan, violin soloist. The concerts are Friday May 4<sup>th</sup>, and Saturday May 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm at Timberline Middle School: 500 W Canyon Crest Road, Alpine. Tickets are \$10 general admission and \$8 for students and seniors. Purchase tickets at [www.theTSO.org](http://www.theTSO.org) or call 801-210-2466.

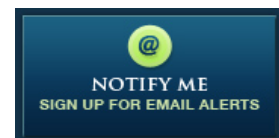
## Spring Clean-Up

The Annual Highland City Spring Clean-Up will take place May 4-5, 2012, 8:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. Dumpsters will be available at the parking lot at the mouth of the American Fork Canyon (approximately 4050 W 11000 N) 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!

### Did you Know?

- Highland City will be hosting a Farmers Market this summer as a part of the City's Shop Local program. We are currently looking for both craft and produce vendors to be a part of our market. Please contact Erin Wells for more information at (801) 756-5751 ext. 1003.

- 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. It's easy to sign up! Click on the Notify Me button on the home page and select specific categories to subscribe to.



- The Highland City Splash Pad will open Memorial Day weekend! Go on-line for more information and hours.

# HIGHLAND CITY PREPAREDNESS *Fair*

**May 12th, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Lone Peak High School**

*Classes will be taught 3 times: 9:00; 10:30 and 12:00  
each class will be taught 3 times*

## **PRESENTERS**

**Jim Phillips** — The three black holes of preparedness  
What You Don't Know WILL Kill You

**Tim Woolf** — What works and what does not work

**Jed Norwood** — 72 hr kits vs. 30 day kits

**Lisa Harkness (Only taught once)**

9:00 Class: Planning YOUR Food Storage

10:30 Class: Now that I have some Food Storage What do I Make with It?

**Keith Woodwell**—What are the Red Flags of Investment Fraud?

**LDS Employment-Sis. Elder and Sister Olson**

Employment Resources; Creating great resumes & Job Planning Strategies

**Brett Belliston** — Getting your financial house in order

**Clarence Whetten** — Gardening tips and extended season gardens

**Caleb Warnock** — Forgotten Skills of Self-Sufficiency:  
Seed-Saving & Natural Yeast

## **Plan and Prepare!**

*Gather information at booths, demonstrations, preparedness items at great prices  
and classes to help you and your family cope with unexpected adversity and disaster.*

## **Mountain Ridge Jr. High “Run the Ridge”**

It is time once again for the annual Mountain Ridge Junior High “Run the Ridge” 5K event. The 2012 5K will take place on Wednesday, May 30th beginning at 9:30 a.m. with the help of the Highland City and the Lone Peak Police Department. MRJH has been fortunate to have great local business support with many business sponsors' funding. This year, MRJH has continued to emphasize health and fitness and the positive things that happen when students eat right and exercise. MRJH is so grateful for everyone's support, and hopes to see you at the race! Please be advised, there may be some temporary road delays/closures along 10400 North near MRJH during the race.

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For your convenience our 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.

**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)

**Highland City Arts Council**

The Highland City Arts Council is 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. Please contact Richard Hoffman at 801-319-7794 or email [brohoffinan@gmail.com](mailto:brohoffinan@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, from 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.

**Savvy Shopper Couponing Classes**

Couponing classes will be held on May 24 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 more information.

**The Miss Northern Utah County Scholarship Pageant** is holding its orientation meeting on May 11, 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 [ryanjenney36@msn.com](mailto:ryanjenney36@msn.com).

# Library News

**Storytime:** There will be no Storytime or Summer Reading program for children under 5 during the summer. Watch here and on our website for information on Storytime sign-ups beginning in August.

**Family Storytime:** Come join us on May 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. for our monthly Family Storytime. All ages invited! Come enjoy books, storytellings, activities and a craft. This month's theme is Frogs.

**Elementary Summer Reading:** Sign-ups for the K-6 (next school year) Summer Reading program begin on May 29<sup>th</sup>. Bring your library card in to receive your starter kit which includes a reading chart and stickers, a calendar of events and activities, a bookmark, and prizes. The first activity is on Tuesday, June 5 @ 1:00 p.m.

**Teen Summer Reading Program:** Teen Summer Reading charts will be available starting May 29<sup>th</sup>, as well. Teens get one drawing ticket per reading chart completed for awesome prizes and electronics!

**Adult Summer Reading program:** Introducing our first Adult Summer Reading. Starts May 29<sup>th</sup>. This is a simple book

per ticket drawing for themed baskets containing items such as a book, baking mixes, trinkets, gift certificates, etc. We plan to have two baskets. If you own a local business, or just want to donate a prize, contact Michelle at 801-756-5751 ext. 1001.

**Library Youth Advisory Committee (YAC):** YAC meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m. 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:** May's bookclub title is Hope was Here by Joan Bauer. Bookclub meets the first Wednesday of the month at 5:00 p.m. Upcoming titles include Return to Sender by Julia Alvarez and Leviathan I by Scott Westerfeld. No library card necessary to come and participate!

**Adult Programs:** Free Seminar: Solar 101. Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. "Learn about the latest renewable energy options at this event sponsored by Utah Solar Energy Association and Progressive Power and Solar. Topics include grid-tied photovoltaic systems, off-grid installations, financing models, grant programs for homeowners and small businesses, and state and federal tax credits. Those in attendance are also encouraged to ask their own questions for solar professionals."