



# HIGHLAND INSIDER

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## MAYOR'S CORNER

The City Council is finishing our annual budget for next year. We have meetings on May 29<sup>th</sup> and June 5<sup>th</sup> to make the final adjustments. In the tentative budget we have a tax increase to repair and rebuild roads. The Council will debate this issue and your input is welcome. The Public Safety District approved their budget on May 17<sup>th</sup>. The Public Safety Budget includes one additional police officer for next year to be assigned to both Timberline and Mountain Ridge Junior High Schools. This increase in staffing levels is in response to a continuing community drug problem and the need to address it at the Junior High level.

Lone Peak High School recently held two meetings to help the community become more aware of the suicide and drug problem in the communities. We heard from parents who have experienced firsthand the tragedy of drug use and want to contribute their time and effort to prevention. We also heard from a student who had turned their life around and now is on a path to recovery. Both meetings were very informative and helpful. As I came away from the meetings, I realized that if we do not do something different, things will not change. It is a community problem. Parents who have lost loved-ones are good parents. Parents who have children using drugs are good parents. They cannot do it alone; neither can the police or the schools. That is why I believe we

need total community help. As a part of the solution, we have added one officer to the Junior High Schools. Officers can be very effective in working with students and detecting drug usage. Lone Peak High School is researching other changes to address the problem. As a community we are researching and want to implement a community based program. Other communities that have implemented these programs have had great success. The programs focus on opportunities, skills, and recognition for at-risk youth. An important part of this is a mentor program. I am asking for volunteers who would like to assist in an organized program. The program is led by volunteers and is supported by cities, schools, and other organizations. If you would like to volunteer, please send me a volunteer form from our website stating community youth program volunteer. Thank you for your support and your concern for the City. People make a city and we are fortunate in Highland to have great residents.

*Mayor Lynn Ritchie*

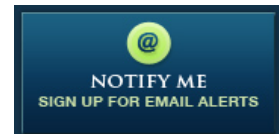
If you have any questions you can email me at [mayor@highlandcity.org](mailto:mayor@highlandcity.org). Also, I am at the City on Tuesdays from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. if you would like to discuss an issue please call Jody at (801) 772-4505 to make an appointment.

## Residential Solicitation

Warmer weather brings door-to-door solicitors out. Highland City has strict regulations governing solicitors. All residents are urged to exercise caution with solicitors who may be canvassing the city. *Each solicitor should wear a City-issued ID badge. Ask to see it. Some solicitors only display their company or corporate badge. This is not a City licensed badge.* If a City badge is not shown, the Police Department recommends you decline business and call 801-756-9800. To prohibit door-to-door sales at your residence, post a "No Soliciting" sign at the door.

### 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** is now open! Now that the Splash pad is open, shoes, umbrellas, towels and other items tend to get lost. If you lose an item, check in the Library **Lost and Found**. But hurry, since space is limited, items are only kept for a short time.
- The Highland Fling Committee is looking for more volunteers to help with activities. The Baby Contest, held on July 28th needs 5 more volunteers to help organize the event. If you would like to help, please contact Emily at (801) 772-4523 or email [emily@highlandcity.org](mailto:emily@highlandcity.org)

## PUBLIC HEARING - GENERAL PLAN LAND USE

At 7:00 pm on June 19, 2012, the City Council will hold a public hearing on a request to change the General Plan Land Use Map from low density residential to mixed use at the northwest, southeast, and southwest corners of 6000 West and SR 92. The following is background information:

- This request does not change the existing R-1-40 zoning of the property however it would allow property owners additional options to develop the property.
- The actual uses will be determined if and when the property is rezoned which requires additional public hearings and citizen involvement.
- The compatibility of future development with the adjacent residential neighborhood is a high priority and will also be addressed during the rezoning process.
- This request is part of an ongoing effort by the City Council and the Economic Development Committee to diversify the revenue collected by the city to meet current and future needs.

We look forward to receiving your input on this request. Please contact the Community Development Department at (801) 772-4515 or [jills@highlandcity.org](mailto:jills@highlandcity.org) for additional information or if you have any questions.

### A request from the Sewer Department

It isn't every day that you hear from the folks working with the sewer collection system, so when they speak, their advice should be followed. The Sewer Collection Division is seeing an increase in the number of items in the flow that shouldn't be there. These items cause sewer lines to clog and back up, sometimes into the homes of your friends and neighbors.

This is not a pleasant experience and causes great inconvenience. Please do not flush the following items down the toilet or force them down any drain: baby wipes, disinfectant wipes, diapers, feminine hygiene products, paper towels, contraceptives, grease, large globs of food, other insoluble items.

While some of these items may say they are flushable, they do not quickly breakdown or they do not decompose. This causes the sewer system to become plugged and increases the maintenance costs. Highland City appreciates your cooperation in this effort.

### Meals-on-Wheels Volunteers Needed

One hour once a week is all it takes to make a difference! Meals-on-Wheels needs volunteers to deliver meals to homebound seniors during the summer. Volunteers use their own vehicles to deliver lunchtime meals once a week to homebound seniors. Along with each meal, volunteers provide a special touch of comfort and a daily safety check enabling seniors to stay in their own homes. Meals will be picked up and delivered to seniors in a five mile radius. Delivering meals takes approximately one hour to complete.

For more information about delivering Meals-on-Wheels, contact Stephanie Benson at 801-229-3821 or [sben-son@mountainland.org](mailto:sben-son@mountainland.org), or register online at [www.mountainland.org/volunteer](http://www.mountainland.org/volunteer).

### 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)

### Savvy Shopper Couponing Classes

Couponing classes will be held on June 28 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.

### Yard Waste & Mulch

Timpanogos Special Service District accepts yard waste and sells compost. 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. 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.

### 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, June 11th**. 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

### Highland City Tree Commission Activities

This summer the Tree Commission is sponsoring a tree awareness and tree care program for the city of Highland. It is anticipated that the program will be implemented by seniors in Landscape Management from a local university. The specialists will work for the Public Works Department as summer hires and will work in conjunction with the lawn maintenance crews to improve the health and appearance of the city's trees. The specialists will work under the direction of Josh Castleberry, a certified arborist, who is also the Park Superintendent.

In a cost cutting move two years ago, Highland's general landscape maintenance was moved from a contractor to the Parks Department. In addition to maintaining over 120 acres of lawn, the Parks Department is also responsible for the care and maintenance of nearly 5,000 city owned trees that have a replacement value of approximately \$3,000,000. In order to protect and nurture this growing investment in trees, the city plans to hire two tree specialists for the summer.

The specialists will work through out the city and be available to answer landscape questions of Highland residents. There will be classes and demonstrations on tree pruning and tree care. Literature will be distributed through out the city around the time the specialists will be in the area. One of the major undertakings will be to establish rings of mulch around the base of the trees.

### Outside Water Conservation Tips from the Public Works Department

- Avoid watering during the heat of day or during times of wind. This will reduce water loss to evaporation.
  - As the weather changes adjust your watering schedule accordingly.
- Aerate your lawn to increase the amount of water the ground soaks in. This is best done in the spring or fall.
  - Water your lawn separately from other landscaped areas.
    - Invest in a rain switch or moisture sensor.
    - Place mulch in planting beds to reduce evaporation.
  - Plant drought resistant trees and plants. Ask a local nursery about Utah-friendly landscape materials.

Control weeds. Weeds use a lot of water.

- Increase the mowing height of your lawn mower. Longer grass grows deeper roots, uses less water and stands the stresses of hot dry weather better.
  - Use a shut-off spray nozzle on your hose to wash the car.
  - Clean driveways, patios and decks with a broom instead of a hose.
- Check for leaks. A leaking sprinkler system or hose bib can waste a significant amount of water.

For more information about conserving water, please visit <http://www.conservewater.utah.gov/>

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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 Legacy Concert Series will present its premier concert on Friday, June 8 at 7:30pm at American Fork Junior High. This is an exciting new series designed to showcase local musicians performing solo and small ensemble works. The program for this inaugural concert includes the woodwind ensemble, Aspen Winds, and Popper's Requiem for Three Cellos. This wonderful program is free and open to the public. Bring your sweetheart or aspiring young musician to hear the music of the great masters.

**The Miss Northern Utah County Scholarship Pageant**

The 2nd Annual Miss Northern Utah County Pageant will be held July 20, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at Timberline Middle School. Come join us for an exciting evening of talent as our young women vie for the title and a \$1,000 academic scholarship. Tickets are on sale now for \$10 and can be purchased by calling Jenny Thacker at 801-787-7824.

# Library News

**Attention Storytellers:** A five day storytelling skills camp will be held June 25-29th. For program cost and details, contact Story Camp at 801-318-7197 or 801-362-4411.

**Summer Reading program:** Bring in your library card on May 29th to sign up for all programs!

*Elementary* – Grades K to 6 next school year. Start-up kit includes a reading chart with star stickers, suggested activities door-hanger, event calendar, bookmark, coupons for free food, toys and prizes. Children earn small prizes for reaching reading goals. When their chart is completed, they get to choose one free book to keep! Activities will be held every other Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. starting June 5th. Must be registered to attend!

*Teen* – Grades 7 to 12 next school year. Bring in your library card to pick up your reading chart on May 29th. Each chart is one ticket into the drawing held at a party on Wednesday, August 22nd at 5:00 p.m. Check out our website for a list of our great prizes including fun electronics!

*Adult Summer Reading Program, NEW!* – Show your library card and pick up your bookmark/entry form on May 29th. Each book read enters you to win one of two great baskets. Each basket contains books (either a set of Culinary Mysteries by Josi Kilpack or How to Grill by Steven Raichlen) with ingredients and tools to make some of the recipes. Each basket also includes a gift certificate to Texas Roadhouse!

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

**Going on Vacation?** You can set your account up so that items you have on hold will be passed over during your vaca-

tion. When an item on hold is checked in, the library holds it for you for 7 days. Unclaimed holds are then checked in and provided to the next patron. Log in to your account, and using the "requests" tab, select the items you wish to suspend and enter the date you will be back. This will allow us to skip over you until the date you have entered, at which you will be placed back into the holds queue. And if you happen to return early, you can reactivate your holds whenever you wish to.

**Mobile Catalog:** Did you know you can check your library account, renew or reserve material, or check the library catalog from your smart phone? Go to <http://highland.polarislibrary.com/mobilesite.aspx> to access our mobile catalog.

**Teen News:** L-YAC meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m. We are starting to plan our annual Murder Mystery. Come and get involved and help make this year's mystery the best yet! Anyone ages 12 to 18 with a Highland City Library card in the family is welcome! The next title is: Hope Was Here by Joan Bauer. Discussion will be on June 6 at 5:00 p.m. 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! \*No bookclub in July.

**Alpine School District Reading Event:** Tuesday, June 12th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Come listen to teachers, principals, and other Alpine School District employees and officials read to your children. Last year we had so much fun as the readers dressed up as characters and to local children. Come and join in on the fun, this year, as well!

**Reminder:** Coming to the Library to check something out? Don't forget your Library card. You cannot check out materials without it!

For more information, visit the Library website at: <http://highlandcitylibrary.org> or contact us at 801-772-4528.