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MAYOR'S CORNER

October is deer hunt month – right? Well, just in the mountains, not in Highland City yet. We have had an overwhelming interest in our City Ordinance passed by the City Council to allow archery hunting within the City limits. Let me answer a few questions that have been generated.

We have been working with the Department of Wildlife Resources (DWR) this past year to develop a deer management program. The DWR has developed a draft agreement with the City to allow management of the urban deer population within city borders. The program is still in the preliminary stage and requires State approvals, but the State is very supportive and we anticipate approval soon.

Why are we doing this? Residents have begged the City to do something because deer are destroying trees, shrubs, gardens, landscaping, and create a road safety hazard. Some have said that we are in the deer territory and they were here first. This is somewhat true, however, a few years ago with the bad winter; deer came from their territory to the City for food. The problem came when they did not go back to the mountains; rather, they had their young and stayed in our yards. We need to manage the herd just as the DWR does in the mountains. We will always have some deer in the City but we need to thin the overpopulation that has occurred.

Is it safe to allow a hunt? The answer is yes. Everyone will not be allowed to get a bow and just start shooting. The City program will certify hunters, so only 'expert archers' will be allowed to harvest the deer. The hunter is re-

quired to hunt from a raised stand so they will always be shooting downward. They will be required to get permission from any landowner where they may traverse or hunt. If a landowner does not want them on their property they can withhold permission. The hunt will go from August 1st to October 31st annually. As deer are harvested the archer will own the animal and can either take it and utilize the meat or donate it to the State or local food shelter to feed those in need.

With only a month to go this year, we believe we are looking at next year to start the program. We believe the concept is sound and will work to solve the problem. This is done successfully in other states and we believe it will be successful here. We will publish more details as we develop the certification program, get DWR approvals, outline areas to start, and other administrative details. Many residents have expressed support for this program and we look forward to beginning. Some have said they do not want their property encroached. Rest assured we will honor that request. We hope all can see the value in a program to control overpopulation of the urban deer population problem within the City borders.

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 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?

- The Pressurized Irrigation System will shut off around October 15. Please prepare your systems accordingly. For more information and instructions please visit the News & Announcements section on the homepage of www.highlandcity.org
- NOTIFY ME! You can sign up on-line at 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.
- Applications for the 2013 Highland Youth City Council will be available on-line at www.highlandcity.org in October.
- The annual Highland Youth City Council Senior Citizen's Appreciation Dinner is scheduled for October 19th at 5:30 p.m. Come join us for *A Night On Broadway!* RSVP by calling (801) 756-5751.
- **The next Cemetery decoration clean-up will be on Monday, October 1st.** 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.
- For your own safety, cyclists and pedestrians are prohibited from using the commuter lanes on the Timpanogos Highway (S.R. 92) between Highland and Lehi. Lehi Police will be enforcing the no bike regulation on the commuter lanes and may ticket cyclists for their own safety.
- This fall students from the UVU Biology Department will be helping the Tree Commission by doing "habitat related" community service work in Highland.

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5400 W. Civic Center Drive, Highland, Utah 84003
 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

Savvy Shopper Couponing Classes Couponing
 classes will be held on October 25 at City Hall in
 the Multi-Purpose Room. Couponing 101 is at
 7:00 p.m. At 8:00 p.m., Better Your Couponing
 Skills, Savvy Shopping 201. Call Savvy Trainer-
 Katie at (801) 367-4604 for more information.

Courage Reins Volunteers Needed

Courage Reins Therapeutic Riding Center in Highland is looking for volunteers, over the age of fourteen, and adults in particular, to help change lives. Those who know horses understand the singular impact they can have on our lives and we live that magic daily, students, volunteers, and staff alike. Visit our website at www.couragereins.org to see what we are about and join our team. Enrich your life as you help change the lives of others.

Lone Peak High School Events

Lone Peak High School Marching Band Proudly Presents: **Alex Boye** in Concert, Friday, October 5th at 7:00 p.m. at the Lone Peak High School Auditorium. Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$12 at the door. Contact a LPHS band member to purchase tickets. All proceeds benefit the LPHS Marching Band Program!

Lone Peak High School Presents: **An Evening of Shakespeare**, Wednesday October 3rd at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$3.00 for Students and \$5.00 for Adults.

Lone Peak Fire Department Open House

October is Fire Prevention Month. Lone Peak Fire District would like to invite all of our citizens to come and meet and greet your local firefighters. Every Monday night through the month of October (7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th), we will be hosting an open house. Will include tours of the stations, with home safety tips, first aid kits, and refreshments. This would be a fun family adventure. Remember that daylight savings time is a great time to change your smoke detector batteries.

Library News

Storytime: Drop-in Storytime sessions are held on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursdays at 1:00 p.m. Registration for the next six week session begins on October 23rd! Call or get online @ www.highlandcitylibrary.org to register for the Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 10:30 a.m. classes. Preschool Storytime and Toddler Time are on Thursday mornings ONLY. All other classes are a general combined Storytime. Classes all have the same theme. Sessions will begin on November 6th and run for six weeks.

Library Youth Advisory Committee (L-YAC): L-YAC members (ages 12-18) plan events and programs for local teens, volunteer at the library, have a liaison on the Library Board, and help the library be relevant to our teens. We are working on our annual Murder Mystery, and still need help!

Teen Bookclub: October's bookclub book is The Other Side of Truth by Beverley Naidoo. Bookclub discussion will

be on November 7th at 5:00 p.m. Please note that some English teachers will give extra credit if you attend one of our book clubs. If you are not sure if your teacher will, ask him or her! We have a flyer available for the teachers if they need more information to make a decision, as well.

Behind the Scenes...Hollywood: Our new series of speakers will kick off October 4th at 7:00 p.m. in the multi-purpose room of City Hall featuring Grenade Curran, former producer and actor. As a child growing up in the shadows of Hollywood legends, he later went into acting and producing. He has been involved with some of Hollywood's biggest names such as John Wayne, Walt Disney, Clark Gable and Ava Gardner. He worked behind the scenes for movies like "Camelot," "Hello Dolly" and "Planet of the Apes" at 20th century Fox. Curran produced "Ransom Money" in 1969 starring Broderick Crawford and now consults with the motion picture industry while working on a forthcoming book.

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