



HIGHLAND INSIDER

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MAYOR'S CORNER

Highland City has a balanced budget for the coming year. We have not only balanced the budget these last 4 years but have done so by absorbing increases through cuts in other budget areas. These are major accomplishments. We have increased the cash flow by not spending, and at the same time reduced bond debt from \$18M to \$14M. City staff has been reduced and existing staff are doing an excellent job picking up additional responsibilities.

One area you have heard a lot about is roads. You will hear more, because we need additional funds to repair and rebuild roads. Last year we did a truth-in-taxation for roads but it was stayed by a referendum. Unfortunately, the roads continue to deteriorate. The longer we do not maintain and rebuild roads, the higher the costs will be to do so in the future. Standards show that \$1 of cost now will be \$4 of cost later if we do not do the needed repairs. With that problem we are facing, the capital road fund this year has a \$15.42 monthly per household transportation fee. This will allow the City to put \$200K additional dollars into repair and \$550K into a reserve to do future road rebuilds. As the reserve builds we can then rebuild deteriorated roads one at a time. There is a three year sunset clause with the fee in order to reevaluate and see the progress.

We know taxes and fees are not always popular. Highland has chosen to be a community that is funded mainly by taxes. We continue to encourage economic development. We do not have

a large box store nor do we see one coming to Highland in the near or distant future. Sales tax will grow but more slowly than we can keep up with needed road infrastructure. We will do everything we can to make sure we are using taxes and fees properly and appropriately to balance the needed City services without a burden on the citizens. I believe we have done that by the progress we have made over the last several years with a balanced budget.

On a personal note, the first week in June is the timeframe for candidates to turn in an application for public office. By State Statute a candidate must register between June 1st and June 7th. This is a very short window of registration. Please volunteer to serve. The Mayor and two City Council positions are open. Several people have asked me if I plan to run for re-election. I do not intend to run again for Mayor. I have accomplished the personal goals I set out to accomplish, and I have other personal goals and commitments that I need to do. Being a politician was not on my bucket list, however after serving, the last 4 years have been extremely rewarding and enjoyable. Thank you for allowing me to serve you the residents and owners of the City. I have spent 30 years serving in the military and city government and have developed a great appreciation and love for both. We need others to volunteer and apply their talents and skills in the City. Please accept my invitation to serve.

Mayor Lynn Ritchie

Water Conservation

We are currently in a drought year with limited water. Highland City is encouraging all residents to conserve water wherever possible to avoid any mandatory watering restrictions for as long as possible this irrigation season. In order to accomplish this, we are asking that you follow these voluntary guidelines to help conserve water this year:

- Water schedule:
 - Even house numbers water on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday
 - Odd house numbers water Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday
 - No watering on Sundays.
- Turn off your sprinklers in high winds or rain days.
- As the weather changes adjust your watering schedule accordingly.
- Clean driveways, patios and decks with a broom instead of a hose.
- Place mulch in planting beds to reduce evaporation.



The City will be following the guidelines of watering every other day in our parks and lawns but because of the size of our parks, some will be watered each day but the stations will be set for alternating days.

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

Thank you for your help in conserving water in the City. With everyone's help we can make a difference in conservation. more information please contact emily@highlandcity.org or call Emily at (801) 772-4523.

Cemetery Decoration Clean-Up June 10th

The next Cemetery Decoration clean-up will be on June 10th. 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. You may also subscribe to the Cemetery calendar on-line to receive email notifications about clean-up dates.

Splash Pad Open

The Highland Town Center Splash Pad is open Memorial Day through Labor Day each year. The splash pad is open Monday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to dusk (weather permitting). The splash pad will not be open when temperatures are below 75 degrees, when high winds are present, and when thunderstorms or rain is present.

There is no cost to use the splash pad; however, please observe the following:

- No lifeguard is on duty
- Children under 14 years of age must have adult supervision
- No running is allowed on the splash pad or in stream
- Swim diapers and plastic diaper covers are required for children who are not potty trained
- No alcohol, smoking, glass, diving, skateboarding, bikes, or throwing debris in stream
- No pets allowed in the park or water areas
- No climbing on waterfall rocks or playing in waterfall area

Reservations for private parties are not available. Lost and Found items may be claimed at the Highland City Library. Items will be kept for two weeks before they are discarded. Go on-line to the Parks page at www.highlandcity.org for more information and hours.

How Can I Pay My Utility Bill?

Utility payments are due the 20th of the month. Several options for payment are available:

Utility Drop Box - Payments may be deposited in the drop box located at the north side of City Hall.

Online - Saves time and provides flexibility. Current and past statements may be viewed using

Xpress Bill Pay. With an Internet connection and an e-mail address, bills may be paid online using an ETF, debit, or credit card.

Direct Pay - This option allows residents to automatically pay the monthly utility charge from a checking or savings account via Electronic Funds Transfer or EFT set up by the City.

City Hall - Payments may be brought to City Hall during office hours. Payment methods include cash, check, debit, or credit card.

For more information about any of these payment options, visit www.highlandcity.org > Departments > Utilities > Pay Bill

Highland Arts Council

Fun in the Sun

"Fun in the Sun" classes will be offered during June and July for children ages 6-11. Classes will include recreational, fitness, crafts, art, music and other fun activities for the kids. Register on-line at highlandcityarts.org.

Upcoming Summer Events

Highland City Library is having an **art contest for kids** 10-18 in June. You can pick up a registration form at the library.



We will be sponsoring **summer art classes** for children and adults. We will post these on our website along with a sign-up sheet as classes will be limited. We are also looking for a fitness club to take place in June as well.

The **Highland Fling Art Show** is coming up in August. We will be selling hand painted greeting cards and art from local artists. This will be held at the Community Center (former Highland City Building) the first weekend in August. Watch for further details.

For more information about the Highland Arts Council, please visit highlandcityarts.org

Timpanogos Symphony Orchestra

This month, the Timpanogos Symphony Orchestra will present "Broadway Classics: A Musical Theatre Review." The performance takes place on Wednesday, June 26, at 7:30 p.m. at Timberline Middle School in Alpine. Admission is \$10 for adults or \$8 for students and seniors. The TSO is sponsored in part by the Lehi City Arts Council, the Highland City Arts Council, and the Alpine Community Arts Council. To purchase tickets, please visit the symphony's Web site at theTSO.org.

Distinguished Young Women of Highland & American Fork

We'd like to thank our 2013 Representatives Ally Smoot, Brooklyn Taggart, Kylie Kap and Savanna Johnson for their year of service, and for uplifting and inspiring the members of our community to be their best selves. This year's program will be held June 28th at 7:00 p.m. at Lone Peak High School, where our 2014 Representatives will be named. Tickets available at the door.

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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.

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



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Highland City Municipal Elections

IMPORTANT DATES

Declaration of Candidacy: June 3, 2013 through June 7, 2013. Each person seeking to become a candidate for a municipal office shall file a declaration of candidacy. This information must be filed in person with JoD'Ann Bates, City Recorder at the City office Monday –Thursday from 8:00am to 6:00 pm and Friday from 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm.

PRIMARY ELECTION DATES: **Tuesday, August 13, 2013** if the following criteria are met:

The number of candidates exceed three (3) for the Mayoral Seat and/or;
The number of candidates exceeds five (5) for the Council seats.

Polls will open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m.

GENERAL ELECTION DATES: **Tuesday, November 5, 2013.**

Polls shall be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m

HIGHLAND RESIDENTS: “YOUR VOTE COUNTS”

Registered to Vote?

- You must be registered in order to vote in the upcoming elections,
- Your voter registration information must be updated if you have moved or changed your name,
- Voter registration can be done online at *Vote.Utah.Gov* or by mailing in a form to the Utah County Clerk's Office.

Vote by Absentee Ballot?

- Any registered voter can request to vote with an absentee ballot,
- Ballot will be sent to your home,
- Avoid long lines and vote at your convenience. (See reverse side for application)

Any questions, contact the City Recorder at 801-772-4505 or jody@highlandcity.org



Highland City Absentee Ballot Application

Please read the following instructions carefully before completing the application.

**** Note:** This application is intended for individual use only and not for mass distribution.

Who is eligible to vote absentee:

Any person who is registered to vote may vote by absentee ballot (Utah Code 20A-3-301).

How to apply for absentee ballot:

For absentee voting in primary or general municipal elections, this application must be filed by mail or in person at the Highland City Office, 5400 West Civic Center Dr., Highland, Utah 84003.

When to apply for absentee ballot:

1. **For regular absentee voting**, the clerk should receive this application no later than Friday before the election ,
2. **For voters who are overseas**, the clerk should receive this application no later than 20 days before the election.

NOTE TO VOTER: This application form must be received by the Highland City Recorder no later than Friday before election day, or 20 days before election day for persons who are overseas.

Name: **Last** _____ **First** _____ **Middle** _____ **Date of Birth** (Month/Day/Year) _____

Home Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

I, a qualified elector residing in Utah County at the above address, apply for an official absentee ballot to be voted by me at the following election(s): (please mark all that apply)

_____ Highland Municipal Primary Election

_____ Highland Municipal General Election

I would like my name placed on the permanent absentee voter list: _____ Yes _____ No

(This will be forwarded to the Utah County Clerk for future elections)

Voters Signature

Month/Day/Year

Please mail my absentee ballot to the following address:

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Voter ID# _____ Voting Precinct _____ Ballot # _____ Date Voted _____