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MAYOR'S CORNER

My last two articles have raised some questions from some residents. Some have asked why I do not put both sides of the issue in my article. My answer is simple. My responsibility is to educate the public about what the City Council approved. The City did not file the referendum and the residents who filed it have the responsibility to educate the residents on their point of view. What I have asked for, however, is that both sides present solutions and state the "truth". There is a half-truth circulating around the City and in meetings that the City has plenty of money. Another half-truth is that it is ok to wait 9 years to fix roads and then use Pressurized Irrigation Bond funds to fix them.

Truth is, the City is not sitting on a pile of money. As of September 2013 the City has \$3.7M in cash. Of that amount \$3.1M is in the Sewer, Water, Storm, and other Enterprise Funds that can only be used for that purpose, not roads. Then the Road Capital and Building Capital Funds have a negative <\$600k> balance. These funds must be paid back so there is not a negative fund in the City. There simply is not a \$600k balance that we can take \$200k from to do roads.

Truth is, waiting nine years to build a reserve to rebuild roads is not a real option. Roads do not

wait to deteriorate. They have already deteriorated 2 years since our professional study was completed. We will pay 4 to 7 times more to rebuild and maintain roads by waiting. They will not wait until 2026. Why do I say 2026? That is the year when the first funds become available from repayment of the building bond. That money then could be used on something else like roads. That amount is \$445,000 per year. Thirteen years is just three years short of a good road deteriorating to a road that needs rebuilding because it was not maintained properly at 4-7 times the cost of doing it right. That is why the \$20M needed now becomes \$80M in the future. My job is to educate residents about issues. I have done my best to present solutions in a truthful and straight forward manner. You the residents will choose on Election Day. We will follow the "residents will". This is a wonderful City and Nation that affords the freedoms we enjoy. Please exercise your right and vote your voice.

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Nov 5: General Elections, 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
 Nov 12: Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m.
 Nov 19: City Council, 7:00 p.m.

PHONE NUMBERS:

City Offices (801) 756-5751
 Library (801) 772-4528
 Justice Court (801) 772-4525
 Police Department and Animal Control (801) 756-9800
 Fire Department (801) 763-5365
 After-Hours Public Works Emergencies (water, sewer, streets) (801) 420-2553
 Republic Services (garbage and recycle pick-up, can repairs) (801) 785-5935
 Report a concern, pay your bill, etc. on-line at: www.highlandcity.org

YOUR VOTE COUNTS!

Tuesday, November 5th, 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Candidates for Mayor

Mark S. Thompson
 Larry M. Mendenhall

Candidates for City Council

Scott L. Smith
 Dennis LeBaron
 Ed Dennis
 Rod Mann

Proposition #11

Transportation Fee for Capital Road Projects and Road Maintenance
 (see back page for more details)

Voting Locations

Precincts HI01, HI04, HI05, HI07 & HI08 will be voting at
Highland City Hall, 5400 West Civic Center Dr., 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Precincts HI02, HI03, HI06, HI09 & HI10 will be voting at
Highland Community Center, 5378 West 10400 North, 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

For voting questions, please contact the City Recorder at (801) 772-4505 or jody@highlandcity.org



Winter Snow Removal & Plowing



With winter here, it is important for Highland residents and the City to work together during snow removal weather. During heavy snow storms it can take as much as 48 hours to clear all priority routes and through streets once the storm has subsided. Vehicles may not park on City Streets between 12:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m., December 1st through March 31st, and anytime snow is present. The Police Department may issue a parking citation. Parking on the street makes it difficult for plows to clear the streets. Residents may view a copy of Highland City's snowplow frequently asked questions on the Public Works page at www.highlandcity.org. If you have any concerns you may report them on-line using the Report a Concern feature or call Public Works at (801) 772-4523.

Protecting the Environment

Household hazardous waste should be recycled rather than disposed of in your garbage can. Items such as motor oil, paints, batteries, insect spray, bleach, swimming pool chemicals, etc. can be disposed of properly at the North Pointe Solid Waste Special Service District located at 2000 W 200 S in Lindon. For more information and hours, please call (801) 225-8538.

Dirty Gutters...can you help?

If you walk outside your home and glance at the curb and gutter in front of your home, what do you see? If you see a lot of leaves, mud and other debris, will you join in a community effort to clean the gutters out? Every fall, gutters fill with leaves and it is impossible for City crews to clean all of them. In fact, crews may clean a street today and more leaves fall tomorrow. This means that heavy rain or fast snow melts will push the debris and eventually back up somewhere, maybe even in front of your home. When this happens, water can jump the curb and flood into yards and basements. Please help keep the streets and gutters clean from debris. If you notice a storm drain that needs maintenance, please call Public Works at (801) 772-4523 or go on-line to www.highlandcity.org and fill out a Report-a-Concern form.

Tips to Save Money on Your Utility Bill

Did you know that your winter water usage affects your monthly sewer charges? Your yearly sewer charge is based on those winter water readings.

On your monthly statement from Highland City, you can see your previous water reading, your current water reading and the usage. The usage is in 1,000 gallon increments. Winter water usage should be within a low range. The average usage per household can range from 6,000 to 10,000 gallons per month. Please watch your monthly statement. If you see unexplained increased water usages please check your household appliances for leaks (i.e. toilets, hot water heaters, etc.) If you are unable to locate a leak you may call Public Works at (801) 772-4523 for assistance. This simple tip can help all of us and save you money.

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, December 2. 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, which you can subscribe to receive notifications reminding you about the four major cleanup dates. To sign up go to 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 process, please contact us at (801) 772-4523.

It is the goal of Highland City and the City Staff to offer families and friends that visit their loved ones a clean, beautiful, and peaceful environment. Please help us maintain this goal by keeping your site clean.

Highland Arts Council

Friends of the Arts: Note date changes from regular schedule. Guest artist is Kirk Richards, Wednesday, November 13, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Workshop...bring a show and tell art piece if you desire and water based media art projects to work on, Wednesday, November 20, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Visitors - first visit free. Call Corene Bennett (801)756-9717 for more information.

Basket Weaving: November 2nd from 10:00 a.m. - 2 :00 p.m. All supplies will be included with the class. This is a very fun class and you will go home with a beautiful fall basket to display.

Christmas by Me Workshops: This promises to be a very fun event for all kids wanting to make their own Christmas Gifts. Check out the website for a list of classes and times.

Children's Holiday Art Exhibit: Held at the City Hall. Registration of art will be December 2nd from 3:00-5 :00 p.m. We are looking for holiday or winter pictures from youth ages 5-18 years old. The art will be displayed at the City Hall throughout the month of December.

For further information on the classes or registration go to our website at highlandcityarts.org , call Shauna (801) 756-9614, or email us at highlandcityarts@gmail.com

Christmas Crafts Day with Santa!

Please join the Arts Council and the Highland Youth City Council on Saturday, December 7th, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at City Hall to make inexpensive crafts (.25 - \$3.00), listen to live entertainment by the Highland Children's Choir and visit with Santa. Don't forget to bring your camera to take pictures with Santa and a canned food item to be placed under the Christmas Tree for the Community Action Services and Food Bank!

Safety Tip from Lone Peak Fire Department

“National Fire Protection Association discourages the use of outdoor gas-fueled turkey fryers.”

These turkey fryers use a substantial quantity of cooking oil at high temperatures, and units currently available for home use pose a significant danger that hot oil will be released at some point during the cooking process. The use of turkey fryers by consumers can lead to devastating burns, other injuries and the destruction of property.

- Hot oil may splash or spill at any point during the cooking process. Any contact between hot oil and skin could result in serious injury.
- A major spill of hot oil can occur with fryers designed for outdoor use. NFPA does not believe that consumer education alone can make the risks of either type of turkey fryer acceptably low because of the large quantities of hot oil involved and the speed and severity of burn likely to occur with contact.
- In deep frying, oil is heated to temperatures of 350 degrees Fahrenheit or more. Cooking oil is combustible, and if it is heated beyond its cooking temperature, its vapors can ignite.
- Propane-fired turkey fryers are designed for outdoor use, particularly for Thanksgiving, by which time both rain and snow are common in many parts of the country. If rain or snow strikes exposed hot cooking oil, the result can be a splattering of the hot oil or a conversion of the rain or snow to steam, either of which can lead to burns. Also, moving an operating turkey fryer indoors to escape bad weather is extremely risky. Fires have occurred when turkey fryers were used in a garage or barn or under eaves to keep the appliance out of the rain.
- The approximately 5 gallons of oil in these devices introduce an additional level of hazard to deep fryer cooking, as does the size and weight of the turkey, which must be safely lowered into and raised out of the large quantity of hot oil. Many turkeys are purchased frozen, and they may not be fully thawed when cooking begins.

There is a new outdoor turkey cooking appliance that does not use oil. NFPA believes these should be considered as an alternative. NFPA understands that this appliance will be listed by a recognized testing laboratory.

NFPA continues to believe that turkey fryers that use oil, as currently designed, are not suitable for acceptably safe use by even a well-informed and careful consumer.

Watch this turkey fryer safety video <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RNUnhr5Jwdc>

Daylight Savings Time will be ending in November. We ask that you **Inspect, Clean, and Replace the batteries** in your smoke detectors when you change your clocks. If you need more information please view the video on our website, www.lonepeakfd.com. Lone Peak Fire wishes the citizens a safe and happy Thanksgiving.

Youth City Council Canned Food Drive

During the month of December the HYCC will be collecting canned food items to be donated to the Community Action Services and Food Bank in Utah County. Please bring a canned food item to City Hall during the month of December and place it under the Christmas tree. Any community group including scouts are encouraged to help with the food drive.

Distinguished Young Women of Highland & American Fork

Our local Representatives, Camille Carter, Sabrina Reilley and Maddi Bishoff, recently returned from doing an outstanding job while competing at the state program in October. Together they won \$10,200 in college scholarships and Carter came in as 1st Runner-Up. They could not have represented our city any better! If you have a daughter graduating in 2015 and would like to hear more about our scholarship program, go to distinguishedyw.org or email Gabrielle Womble at highland@distinguishedyw.org

First Aid Kits

Lone Peak Fire District is offering hospital quality first aid kits- at our cost!



Family/Group \$99.95
(\$175 value)



Police Car Kit \$62.95
(\$130 value)



Citizen Kit
\$42.50 (\$95 value)
Prices good until 12/18



Citizen Kit includes all this:

Hydrocortisone	3	Triangular bandage	1	Cotton-tip applicators	2
Burn free	2	Knuckle bandages	5	Antiseptic towelettes	8
Sting relief	2	Fingerlip bandages	5	Alcohol prep pads	10
Cold Pack	1	Extra large bandages	5	Vinyl gloves	2
5x9 ABD pad	1	Bulky bandages	3	Cloth tape	1
4x4 Gauze pads	5	2" roller gauze	2	Bandage scissors	1
2x2 Gauze pads	5	4" roller gauze	2	Triple antibiotic	3
Oval eye pads	2	4" Elastic wrap	1	EMS bag w/ dividers	1
Eye wash	1	First-aid book	1		
3/4x3 bandages	100	Tongue blade	1		

Pick up kits at: Highland Fire Station, 5582 Parkway West, Highland UT (no shipping charges) or online at www.safecommunityusa.com or call 385-223-0027

By now, you've probably heard about the Road Fee (Proposition #11), but in order to fully educate voters about the Road Fee, here is **Resolution #2013-14** (passed by City Council) in its entirety:

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-14

A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF HIGHLAND ADOPTING A HIGHLAND CITY TRANSPORTATION ROAD FEE FOR CAPITAL ROAD PROJECTS AND ROAD MAINTENANCE

WHEREAS, a study has been undertaken by staff and consultants for the City of Highland for purposes of identifying road maintenance needs and associated costs;

WHEREAS, proper notices of the public hearing was published and posted as required by law in conjunction with the Highland City Tentative Budget for the 2013-2014 Fiscal Year,

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on the Highland City Tentative Budget for the 2013-2014 Fiscal Year on May 21, 2013, which included a Transportation Road Fee for Capital Road Projects and Road Maintenance as required by law;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the governing body of the City of Highland as follows:

1. A Transportation Road Fee for Capital Road Projects and Road Maintenance of \$15.42 per household, per month to be included in the Highland City Utility Billing and;
2. Of the \$15.42 per household, per month; 70% is to be placed in a Capital Road Project Fund and 30% to be placed in a Road Maintenance Fund and;
3. The Transportation Road Fee for Capital Road Projects and Road Maintenance will remain in effect for a period of three (3) years, expiring on June 30, 2016. Prior to that the Highland City Council is to review the status of the Highland City Roads to determine if the fee is to be extended or expire as stated and;
4. This resolution shall take effect upon the beginning of the 2013-2014 Fiscal year, being July 1, 2013.

PASSED this 18th day of June, 2013.

A closer examination of the Road Fee shows several noteworthy facts:

1. The road fee can *only* be used on Highland roads and road projects. 30% of the fee will be used to immediately maintain roads, and 70% of the fee will be set aside for future rebuilding of existing roads. Necessary maintenance is already planned for several Highland roads, and the first four roads that are targeted for reconstruction are 6000 West, 9600 North, 6400 West and 6800 West.
2. Next, it is important to note that the Road Fee is temporary. Most government taxes are permanent and have no expiration date. The Road Fee expires after three years. The Road Fee could conceivably be extended, but it would require a review and a new vote by the Highland City Council. Without both of these in place, the Fee *will* expire on June 30th, 2016.
3. The Transportation Advisory Committee, made up of independent Highland engineers, recommended that Highland City budget \$600,000 per year for road maintenance and \$20 million for future road rebuilding. In order to achieve this goal, Resolution 2013-14 was approved and passed by the Highland City Council on June 18th, 2013. Keeping the Road Fee will provide funds for critical maintenance immediately and will set aside additional funds for rebuilding key roads in the future. Industry statistics show that every dollar invested in timely road maintenance will save \$4 - \$6 in future rebuilds.
4. Through utilization of the current road budget of \$350,000 and by instituting the Road Fee, Highland City will be able to provide funding needed to properly take care of the roads. Without the Road Fee, in three years the city will likely be in need of \$1.2 million for road maintenance needs and approximately \$6 million for road reconstruction needs.