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MAYOR'S CORNER

Thanksgiving gives us a great opportunity to reflect on the many things in life we are thankful for. Many are thankful the election season is over. Congratulations are in order to those who won the confidence of the voters and were elected. They are going to have a great experience as an elected official. It carries a great responsibility to always try to do the "will of the people". I was disappointed about the road fee, but we will just have to find solutions- The problem did not go away with the election. I am confident we can find solutions in the future. Highland City is a great city with great people who are results oriented, so we will find ways to support the services we need.

Some have asked why I did not run again. I joke that I once heard that 'the reason politicians try so hard to get re-elected is that they would hate to have to make a living under that laws they've passed while in office.' Some of that may be true, especially on a federal level. When I declared that I was not running for office again, many people would say "have you had enough". My comment was always the same, "no, I have enjoyed the job, I just need to do other things in my life and accomplish some personal goals that I have postponed." I truly mean that I have enjoyed the job. I personally want to thank all those who have supported me and have thanked me for serving. I do not see the job as a 'thankless job', it has always been much more; and definitely a great learning and fulfilling experience for me. I have appreciated the many residents thanking me for doing the job. My attitude has always been that I work for 16,000 residents. That is a compelling responsibility.

I would be remiss if I did not express my thanks to the Highland City staff. We have reduced staff and changed responsibilities over the last 4 years. In most cases this meant existing staff picking up the old responsibilities without any additional time or resources. The staff has performed in an excellent manner and I thank them for their professionalism. I learned quickly that staff in a City are the technical experts to support elected officials. My brother taught me this when he served as a staff person in Washington DC. One of his main jobs was to educate the newly elected senators and representatives. Elected officials come and go, the technical experts are the glue that gives continuity to a City to provide the excellent services. As you review the many services - administration, library, courts, sewer, water, storm waste, land use, cemetery, financial, police, fire and paramedic services, I hope you agree we have excellent staff support.

And one more person I need to thank is my wife. She has allowed me to serve for 25 years in flying all over the world, and now as your Mayor, while she took care of things at home, our children and gave me the time to do what I have needed to do to serve. I could not have done it without her help.

We wish everyone a happy holiday season with an enjoyable Thanksgiving and Christmas with family.

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:

Dec 1: Winter street parking regulations go into effect until March 31st (no parking between 12:00 a.m.- 8:00 a.m. and any-time snow is present)
Dec 2: Cemetery Clean-Up
Dec 3: City Council, 7:00 p.m.
Dec 7: Santa at City Hall
Dec 10: Planning Commission, 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

General Municipal Election Results

The Board of Canvassers certified the following results of the Election of November 5, 2013 on Tuesday, November 19, 2013. The following individuals were elected: Mayor (4-year term): Mark S. Thompson. City Councilmember (4-year term): Dennis LeBaron and Rod Mann. Proposition #11 (Transportation Fee for Capital Road Projects and Road Maintenance): Failed (1055 votes For, 1883 votes Against). The new Mayor and City Council Members will be sworn in on Monday, January 6, 2014 at 12:00 p.m. with their first City Council Meeting on Tuesday, January 7th. For more election information, please visit www.highlandcity.org or contact the City Recorder at (801) 772-4505.

Winter Snow Removal & Plowing



During the winter months 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. Parking on the street makes it difficult for plows to clear the streets. 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.

Many people use 4 wheelers to plow their drive ways and sidewalks; the Police Department reminds you that 4 wheelers are not allowed on the street unless they are street legal.

Residents may view a copy of Highland City's snowplow frequently asked questions on the Public Works page. 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

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 water readings. 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. 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.

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. 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. For more information, please contact Public Works at (801) 772-4523.

Christmas Tree Pick-Up

Allied Waste will provide curbside Christmas Tree pick-up January 6-14, 2014. Please have all trees at the curb by 7:00 a.m. on January 6th. If your tree was missed, please contact Allied Waste at (801) 785-5935.

Highland Arts Council

Christmas by Me Workshops: Highland City Arts Council are offering a series of classes and workshops where participants make gifts for family and friends. Each workshop is designed to encourage creative expression. Workshops are available for ages 5 and up including adults. Each participant will make a gift, handcrafted card and ornament to take home. For registration go to Highlandcityarts.org or call Shauna (801) 756-9614 or Laury (720) 232-5733

First Annual Children's Holiday Art Exhibit: Held at the City Hall during December. Registration of art will be December 2nd from 3:00-5:00 p.m. We are looking for artwork from youth ages 5-18 years old that reflects a holiday or winter theme. Art must be properly framed for hanging or in a mat that can be displayed. For further information call Shauna (801) 756-9614, or email us at highlandcityarts@gmail.com

The Tempest by William Shakespeare: Highland Arts Council is putting on a youth (ages 12-18) production of The Tempest. Auditions held Wednesday, January 8, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. at the Highland Community Center (5378 W. 10400 N.). Be prepared with a Shakespeare monologue. Rehearsals will be Wednesday 4-6:00 p.m. during January, February, and March. Final performances March 28-29. Tuition will be \$35 per month for three months or \$100 if paid in advance. Please contact Ellen Burns at bddgeorge@hotmail.com

Timpanogos Symphony Orchestra: Presents the Nutcracker with Utah Ballet at Thanksgiving Point on December 16. for more information go to the TSO.org

Highland Children's Choir Concert Join us at 7:00 p.m. on December 16th at Timberline Middle School Concert Hall for this free Christmas Concert featuring children from Highland.

Christmas Crafts Day with Santa!

Please join the Arts Council and the 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!

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 and place it under the Christmas tree. Any community group including scouts are encouraged to help with the food drive.

Daughters of Utah Pioneers

Historical records are at risk of being lost in Highland. We are encouraging all churches, residents, businesses, and schools – basically the entire community to join in helping with Project Oral History to preserve the past while looking to the future. Visit <https://sites.google.com/site/utahnorthcompany> for more information.

2014 Highland City Garbage & Recycle Services

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Contact Information

If you have questions concerning your garbage or recycling service, or if your cans need to be repaired, please contact Republic Services at (801) 785-5935

To remove or request additional garbage or recycle cans, please contact Highland City at (801) 756-5751

Collection

Collection days are on Friday's unless otherwise noted.
Garbage Service is a Weekly Service
Recycle Service is a Bi-Weekly Service (see calendar)

Guidelines to ensure consistent service:
All containers *must* be placed at the curb by 7:00 a.m.
Place the container in the street with the wheels against the curb or within 2 feet of the blacktop, and the front of the container facing the street.

The containers must be placed 4 feet apart from other containers and 8 feet from mailboxes, poles, fences, trees, or parked vehicles for easy access.

Recycle Collection

Recycle Pick-Up Days are shaded in dark on the calendar.
Recycle containers that have trash in them will NOT be dumped.

Please break-down all cardboard boxes.
Please review the list of Recyclable items on-line at www.highlandcity.org (under Utilities)

Holiday Collection

Service is delayed 1 day after the following Holidays:
New Year's Day (pick-up Saturday, January 4th)
Memorial Day (pick-up Saturday, May 31st)
Independence Day (pick-up Saturday, July 5th)
Labor Day (pick-up Saturday, September 6th)
Thanksgiving (pick-up Saturday, November 29th)
Christmas (pick-up Saturday, December 27th)

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Recycle Items

<u>Acceptable Items</u>	<u>Unacceptable Items</u>
❖ Newspaper	❖ GLASS
❖ Magazines	
❖ Glossy Ads (paperclips & staples OK)	❖ STYROFOAM (packing peanuts, etc)
❖ Telephone Books	
❖ Plastic Containers #1-7(see below)	❖ FOOD AND LIQUIDS
❖ Tin Cans (labels can be left on)	
❖ Aluminum Cans	❖ GREEN WASTE (tree limbs, grass, etc)
❖ Corrugated Cardboard	
❖ Cereal Boxes	❖ DIRT or ROCKS
❖ Tissue Boxes	
❖ Metal Hangers	❖ LARGE APPLIANCES
❖ Paper Towel/Toilet Paper Rolls	
❖ Junk Mail	❖ PLASTICS not labeled 1-7
❖ Office Paper	
❖ Wrapping Paper, Gift Boxes, Tissue Paper, Shoe Boxes, Holiday Cards/Envelopes, Gift Bags (if paper)	❖ RIBBONS AND BOWS, STICKY GIFT LABELS, FOAM PEANUTS, GIFT BAGS (LAMINATED OR COATED), ANYTHING ON THE TREE
Examples of acceptable plastics: Soda bottles, water bottles, milk jugs, laundry detergent bottles, juice bottles, grocery bags, any natural colored or clear plastic containers.	❖ SMALL APPLIANCES
	❖ AEROSOL CANS, PAINT CANS, LIGHT BULBS

Call Republic Services at (801) 785-5935 with questions on any other materials or visit <http://www.republicservices.com>.