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Highland City Council Brief

Results from the Resident Survey showed that people wanted an easier way to find out what was going on at City Council. Introducing City Council Briefs. In each month's newsletter we will give you a brief overview of some stand-out items from City Council meetings. For full agendas, minutes, and audio, please visit bit.ly/HC-agenda.

February 2

Staff conducted a study of Highland Blvd and 11800 N and found that the average speed is indeed higher than the posted speed. As a result, Council lowered the speed limit on Highland Blvd south of 11800 N to 35 mph.

After completing a study of the area, Council voted to amend the development code to eliminate residential zoning in the remaining parcels in Town Center.

Because of health and safety concerns related to e-cigarettes, Council banned the use of e-cigarettes in the cemetery and all parks and trails.

February 16

The City is currently in the process of conducting a Utility Rate Study to understand if the City's utility fees are in line with the cost of providing service. Please see page 4 for a full discussion on this topic.

Historically, Highland has been a large lot rural residential community. Recently the City has received several requests to zone property from R-1-20 to R-1-40 which would be a higher density and have an impact of city services. Council directed staff to prepare an R-1-30 District to allow for some flexibility for property to develop. This will be discussed by the Planning Commission on March 22.

There has been concern in the past with park usage specifically by recreation teams. City Council directed staff to continue to partner with Cedar Hills in their recreation program and make their use a first priority. Council also gave the following general use policies:

- Practices and games for all groups at Beacon Hills, Lone Peak Fields, and Mitchell Hollow Parks
- Practices for all groups at Heritage Park
- Practices for all young groups at Town Center Park
- Practices for young recreation groups at all other parks.

Council further directed staff to fully develop and define these general uses and create a formal park use policy. This will be brought back to Council at a later time.

City's Revamped Social Media

Want to know what roads are closed? Interested in local events and programs? Want to know what goes on at City Council? Have a city-related question? Want to learn about great deals to local Highland businesses? Want to learn some cool history facts about Highland? Curious who the city staff are?

All this and more is on Highland City's social media. We at the City are committed to communicating with you and while we work to do so through the newsletter once a month, we work to do so on social media almost daily.

Make sure to follow us @HighlandCity on Facebook and Twitter so you can be up-to-date with all that goes on with Highland City.



CITY CALENDAR

March 1: City Council*, 7:30 p.m.

March 7: Cemetery Decoration Clean-Up

March 8: Family Preparedness Event

March 15: City Council*, 7:00 p.m.

March 26: City Easter Egg Hunt, 9:30 a.m., Heritage Park

Save the Date!

April 15: Pressurized Irrigation to turn on

April 23: Service Project at Lone Peak Bike Park

April 30 & May 7: Arbor Day Tree Sale

April 30: Arbor Day Tree Planting Project

May 6 & 7: Spring Clean-up

Winter street parking regulations into effect until March 31st, no parking between 12:00 a.m.- 8:00 a.m. and anytime snow is present.

*Access to Statewide Public Notifications, including City Council, Planning Commission and Committee Agendas, Meeting Minutes and various other notifications can be found at www.utah.gov/prmn

PHONE NUMBERS

City Offices, 801-756-5751, 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday - Thursday
Library, 801-772-4528

Justice Court 801-772-4525
Police Department/Animal Control, 801-756-9800
Fire Department, 801-763-5365

After-Hours Public Works Emergencies (water, sewer, streets), 801-420-2553

Library Events and Classes

FamilyTime: Every Wednesday 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. An after school program for parents and kids of all ages. Themes and activities will vary from week to week. March themes are: Dr. Seuss Party (3/2), Robotics (3/9), Leprechaun Traps Craft (3/16), Coded Easter Egg Hunt (3/23), and Making a Fake Lung Craft (3/30).

English/Writing Tutoring: Every Thursday, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. Tutoring help for English and writing for all ages. Help with book comprehension, essay writing, etc. Come any time during the hour.

Computer Basics for all Ages: The third Thursday of every month, 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. We will provide help with e-mail, social media, Kindles, Microsoft Office, and other forms of online help. All ages welcome, including Senior Citizens.

Genealogy Class with Matt Pinkston: Thursday, March 24, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. Professional genealogist, Matt Pinkston will answer questions and demonstrate how to use online resources.

Children's Robotics: Second Wednesday of each month, 4:00-5:00 p.m. (during Family Time). Professional Brad Midgley will teach basics on robotic programming for children/all ages. Includes slide shows and interactive learning.

Adult Book Club: Friday, March 25, 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. Optional book club discussion hour for the featured book of the month. March's choice is Chocolat by Joanne Harris.

Teen Book Club: Friday, March 25, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. Optional book club discussion hour for the featured book of the month. March's choice is Peeled by Joan Bauer.

Please contact taylor.highlandcitylibrary@gmail.com if you have any questions about library programs.

Highland City Arts Council

Taming of the Shrew: Presented by the members of the Youth Shakespeare Workshop. Join us on Friday, March 25 at 7:00pm and Saturday, March 26 at 1:00pm. Community Center. Free admission.



Oil Painting by Regan Reichert: Focusing on Portraits and techniques. Class will be held on March 7 & 21, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. Cost \$20/class.

Basic Drawing Class for Adults by Regan Reichert: Learn to draw by using shapes and values. Class will be held on March 14 & 28, 1:30 - 3:00 p.m. Registration \$15/class.

Painting Day: We will paint together and visit. Bring any project you want to work on March 9 & 16, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Contact Dawn Miller at 281-795-1021, for more information.

Drawing Class for Kids: Join us on Mondays (except holidays) 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. The cost is \$10/class.

Utah Valley Chamber Players Concert: Come hear some of our very best young musicians perform the excellent chamber music they have been working on all semester. Saturday, March 19, 5:00 p.m. at the Community Center. Free admission.

Highland Children's Choir Spring Concert: Saturday,

May 14, 5:00 p.m. at Timberline Middle School. Free admission. Everyone is welcome!

Creekside Theatre Fest: Combined with Cedar Hills Arts Council. Opening night will preview a concert in the park. Shows will be running in June for 2 1/2 weeks on alternating nights. The shows we are doing are Once On This Island and A Midsummer Night's Dream. Auditions will be held March 22-23, 2016. www.creeksidetheatrefest.org

Friends of Art: Meetings are held twice a month on the second and third Wednesdays of the month. Guest Artist (2nd Wednesday), 10:45-1:00 p.m. , Workshop (3rd Wednesday), 11-2:00 p.m. (potluck lunch). Membership Policy: \$25 a year, September through May OR \$5 a month OR \$3 a meeting (visitors: first visit is free, then pay a membership fee).

Fine Arts Scholarship: Students attending college or may be attending collage in 2016/17 may apply for a \$500 Fine Arts Scholarship. The deadline is April 1, 2016 to apply. To register for Arts Council classes or for more information, please visit www.highlandcityarts.org or call at Shauna 801-756-9614. Classes are held at the Community Center, 5378 West 10400 North, unless otherwise noted.

Recreation Programs

Highland City participates with [Cedar Hills City Recreation](#). All youth sports and recreation programs are available with no additional non-resident fees. For more information, please contact Cedar Hills Recreation at 801-785-9668, ext. 302, or email ce-darhills.org/recreation/youth-sports. You may pick up the Annual Athletics Event Guide at the Highland City office.

Register now for: Spring Soccer, Spring Tot Soccer, Teen Soccer, and Lacrosse.

Youth Hooked on Fishing Class

Highlands youth fishing class focuses on educating youth about fishing and aquatic resources. Classes are held for four weeks on Thursdays, May 5-26, from 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at Highland Glen Park. Cost is \$20 which includes instruction manual, bait, tackle, and t-shirt. A fishing pole may be rented for an additional \$5. Class is limited to 15 participants (unless we get more volunteer instructors), ages 6 years old and over. Parents are encouraged to attend and participate with the class. Register online starting April 1, at www.highlandcity.org (go to the Recreation page under the Events Department).

Youth Fishing Instructors Needed!

Do you want to share your love of fishing with young people? Then consider becoming a youth fishing instructor! Classes are held for four weeks on Thursdays, May 5-26, from 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at Highland Glen Park. Volunteers are critical to the success of our program. Instructors are teamed up with three youth during the class. The more instructors we have, the more youth who can learn to fish! Those who are in the Dedicated Hunter program with the Division of Wildlife Resources may earn volunteer hours towards the program. Please contact Emily at Highland City for more information 801-772-4523.

Pressurized Irrigation

The pressurized irrigation system will be back on and ready for use the week of **April 15**. Please be patient while the City brings up the system. It usually takes a week to ten days to bring online. Make sure your stop and waste valves are **shut off** while the system is being loaded. Individual sprinkling systems can then be loaded by residents.

Instructions to turn your valve on or off can be found on the home page at www.hIGHLANDCITY.ORG. For more information, please call Public Works at 801-772-4515.

Cemetery Decoration Clean-Up

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. The next cemetery decoration cleanup for will be on **Monday, March 7**. 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 before they are discarded. For more information, please contact Public Works at (801) 772-4515.

Burn Permits Available On-line

Burn Permits are not be available at City Hall or at the Lone Peak Fire Department. Burn permits may be issued on-line (<http://air.utah.gov/OpenBurning/form/index.php>) between March 30 and May 30 and between September 15 and October 30. Be sure to plan ahead - the entire permitting process could take 3-5 days to complete. Please include your email address when submitting a permit so you can receive your permit promptly. If completing the open burn permit application online is not an option, a hard copy of the open burn permit application, may be obtained by calling the DAQ by phone at (801) 536-4000. Please note: it may take up to 14 days from the date of request to receive an open burn permit if a hard copy is submitted for processing. You may also use the public computers at City Hall and the Library to request a permit.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day

Utah County residents with household hazardous waste items such as old gasoline, paint, fluorescent light bulbs, and unused medications will be offered to dispose of these items safely on Saturday, April 9 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The collection will take place in the west parking lot of the Provo Towne Centre Mall. For details, visit www.UtahCountyHealth.org/HHW

Curbside Recycling Tips

Cardboard Boxes – let's recycle them! Did you know that over 90% of all products shipped in the US are shipped in corrugated boxes, which totals more than 400 billion square feet of cardboard? All of that cardboard can be recycled with your help. Remember that when using your blue bin for recycling cardboard to break down your boxes.

A Glimpse into Highlands Past

The Highland Historical Society features articles each month to highlight individuals in Highland who have made an impact to the community. This month's article, is about Highland Water.

The Lehi ditch from American Fork Canyon across Highland to Lehi, was completed in 1853. When settlers began filing for homesteads on Highland in 1869 they had no water. In 1874 some homesteaders met with Lehi residents and were allowed one-half the water from the ditch if they would double its' size-which they did. They then began to dig supplementary ditches across the bench to spread the use of the water. In 1876 the Bull River ditch was completed and it watered the part of Highland north of Dry Creek. (It has changed little in 140 years).

There was a drought in 1877 and Lehi denied water usage to Highlanders but many of them used it anyway-leading to some dangerous confrontations. There was a landmark court case, which Highland won, to allow usage of the water.

In 1911 a canal was built from the mouth of Provo Canyon to the Point of the Mountain and Highlanders were allowed to buy shares which gave them late-season water.

Deer Creek dam was completed in 1941 and the canal was enlarged (more than tripled in size) and named the Murdock Canal. This made available a lot more water for Highland.

In 1958 Highland Water Company was formed and immediately began working to provide culinary water for the town. The system included more than 11 miles of pipe was completed in Dec 1959 at a cost of \$175,000.

For more information about Highland's History and to view full articles, please visit the Historical Society page found under the Events Department at www.hIGHLANDCITY.ORG.

Easter Egg Hunt & Cookie Decorating!

Join us on Saturday, March 26, for the annual Children's Easter Egg Hunt & Cookie Decorating! Come join the Youth City Council at 9:30 a.m. at Heritage Park for the Easter Egg Hunt. Once you collect your eggs, turn eggs in to the pavilion for a bag of candy. While at the pavilion, decorate cookies with the Highland Arts Council. Come prepared for the weather and bring your Easter Baskets. Special thanks to our the following for donating candy and items for the Easter Egg Hunt: Pizza Pie Café, Ridley's, & Little Cae-sars Pizza. Local businesses may still make donations! You may bring bags of individually wrapped candy, toys, or coupons from your business to Highland City. Contact Emily at 801-772-4523 or emily@hIGHLANDCITY.ORG for more information.



Parks Maintenance Workers Needed

Highland is seeking qualified individuals to fill positions for Seasonal Park Maintenance Workers. You *must* be able to work Monday - Thursday, 7:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Pay Rate is \$9.50 per hour. Please go to www.hIGHLANDCITY.ORG to apply. For more information, please call Public Works at 801-772-4515.

Utility Rate Study

The City is currently in the process of conducting a Utility Rate Study. As a part of that study, staff has identified Capital Projects coming up. These are the infrastructure construction or reconstruction projects that need to be done to keep up with population growth as well as preserve the integrity of our systems. Some of these projects include pond expansions, pressure zone modifications, lift station improvements, new concrete pipes, sump and drain replacements, booster station improvements, well house replacements, etc.

In order to pay for these projects, it is likely that utility rates will need to be raised. The proposed rates as well as all data related to the costs are still being finalized, but will be made available to residents as soon as possible. Make sure to stay up-to-date by following us on social media and reading the newsletter. Also, come to our Budget Open House May 12 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. where this and information on the entire Highland City FY2017 budget will be discussed. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to us.

Free Advertising Opportunity for Highland Businesses

Highland City is hosting its fifth annual Community Open House on May 12 from 5:00 -8:00 p.m. This free event gives local businesses the opportunity to introduce their products and services to the residents of Highland City. Booths are provided for businesses to display their goods, services, as well as hand out coupons, samples, flyers, giveaways, etc. This is a great advertising opportunity to reach 300+ residents that attend this annual event. If a Food Handlers permit is needed with the Health Department for your business for this event, Highland City will reimburse you.

If you are interested, please contact Erin Wells at erin@highlandcity.org or 801-772-4566 to reserve your spot. Spaces are limited.

Family Preparedness Event

Please join Cedar Hills at their fourth annual multi-city Family Preparedness Event that will be held on Tuesday, March 8, in the Cedar Hills Community Recreation Center.

The city will join with Be Ready Utah to focus on disaster preparedness for families. Every family in attendance will receive a free QuickSeries Family Preparedness Guide, while supplies last.

7:00 p.m. - "Be Ready Utah" Presentation

5:00 to 9:00 p.m. - Preparedness Booths: Drawings and giveaways. Scheduled vendors: Bruderer Outdoors, Cabela's, Emergency Zone, Home Depot, Macey's, Shield Safety, Valley Food Storage, Water Pure Technologies.

6:00 to 8:00 p.m. - Emergency personnel on-site: Lone Peak Fire Dept. and EMS Incident Command Center tours.

The meeting will be helpful in organizing your household for emergencies and giving families an opportunity to become involved in this community effort. Our goal is to have a repre-

sentative from every household attend this important event. For more information, please contact the city's emergency management coordinator, Laurie Petersen, at lpetersen@cedarhills.org.

Highland Fling Days Volunteers Needed

The Highland Fling committee is in search of volunteers to help with Highland Fling Days (July 30-August 6, 2016). We are currently looking for volunteers to head the following events: Baby Contest, Heritage Park Stage Entertainment, Prizes, Commercial Vendor Booths, Parade safety walkers, and many other events. If you have an interest in one of the above events, please contact Jessie Schoenfeld (Fling Chairman) at jjsc Schoenfeld@hotmail.com. Thank you for your service!

It's a Toilet, Not a Trashcan!

People sometimes view the toilet as an auxiliary wastebasket - an easy place to dump all kinds of things and make them disappear with the pull of a handle. Unfortunately, many of the items that often end up in the toilet - even products labeled "flushable" or "biodegradable" - can cause significant clogging problems not only in your home plumbing, but also for Highland's sanitary sewer system.

There are only three things that can be safely flushed down the toilet or washed down the drain. Everything else poses the possibility of clogging residential or the City piping. They are:

- Human Body Waste
- Toilet Paper
- Used water

Blockage of your sewer later and the City system could cause flooding of homes basements with raw sewage. You can do simple things to help protect your sewer lateral as well as the municipal sanitary sewer system.

Common items that are often flushed, BUT SHOULD NEVER BE include:

- Wet Wipes (Baby wipes, disinfecting wipes, "flushable" wipes) these are the leading cause of backups and sewer pump damage.
- Paper towels or any type of paper product other than toilet paper
- Disposable diapers
- Facial tissues, cotton swabs and band-aids
- Feminine hygiene products and condoms
- Grease/oil
- Dental floss
- Cat Litter

Often, these items do not make it past the lateral connection from your home to your local sewer system, building up and clogging the line. If these products make it to the street, they can still plug up and damage the pipes and pumps that convey sewage to the treatment plant, potentially causing overflows and basement backups that can be costly to repair.