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PROPOSED UTILITY RATE INCREASE

Over the past year, Highland City has made an effort to better understand the true cost of utility services. City Council and staff worked together to create master plans and maintenance plans and update our impact fees. Once that was complete, the City started working on a Utility Rate Study. The findings show that **our current utility rates do not provide enough revenue for the City to carry out that needed maintenance and capital improvement to ensure good service now and in the future.** Unfortunately, this process has not taken place in some time and as such, some utilities have been underfunded for some time.

In original analyses, it looked like utility bills would need to be raised around \$25 per month. The City felt that this was not in the best interest of residents. Council and staff worked together to come up with alternative funding for some projects and readjust the timeline of others to decrease the proposed rates.

The proposed rates would mean an increase for both Pressurized Irrigation and Storm Drain. Culinary Water and Sewer rates will remain unchanged. The table to the right shows what the rate increases will mean for you.

Lot Size (acres)	Monthly Rate Increase
0.33	\$12.49
0.5	\$14.34
0.75	\$17.06
1.0	\$19.78

It is anticipated that City Council will adopt new rates at the June 14 City Council Budget Meeting. Additional information including a discussion on impact fees, rate history, needed projects, and background information can be found at www.hIGHLANDCITY.ORG. If after reading the information you still have questions, please don't hesitate to contact us at 801-756-5751.



CITY CALENDAR

June 7: City Council*, 7:00 p.m.

June 13: Cemetery Cleanup

June 14: City Council Budget Meeting*, 7:00 p.m.

June 21: City Council*, 7:00 p.m.

June 23 : Road Reconstruction Master Plan Open House, 7:00 p.m.

June 28: Planning Commission*, 7:00 p.m.

*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/pmn

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

Republic Services (garbage and recycle pick-up, can repairs) 801-785-5935

Report a concern, pay your bill, etc. online at: www.hIGHLANDCITY.ORG

SOCIAL MEDIA

Check us out on Facebook and Twitter @HighlandCity

2016 Highland Fling Days

July 30- August 6

Mark your calendars for this year's Highland Fling.

- ◆ To become a Highland Fling **sponsor** and to be included in our City wide Highland Fling Days booklet, please call 801-772-4523.
- ◆ **Vendor** applications are now available on-line. Booth spaces fill up quickly so be sure to apply early.
- ◆ The Highland Fling committee is in search of **volunteers** to help with the Highland Fling. Baby Contest chair and other positions are open. If interested, contact Jessie Schoenfeld at jessies@highlandcity.org.

For more information about the Highland Fling Days, please visit our website at www.highlandcityfling.com.

Cemetery Decoration Clean-Up

It is the goal of Highland City 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 will be on **Monday, June 13**. 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 weeks so that the owner may claim the items before they are discarded. For more information, call (801) 772-4515.

Utah Lake Festival

Come experience Utah Lake from 10 AM - 2 PM on Saturday, June 4 at Utah Lake State Park. The Festival offers attendees the chance to experience all that Utah Lake has to offer. Come out and play in the sand, listen to music, enjoy delicious food, get out on the water, and enjoy a variety of crafts, games, and activities for the whole family.

The main goals of the Utah Lake Festival are to educate the public about what is being done to improve the lake, promote recreational activities, and allow the attendees to enjoy a beautiful Saturday at one of Utah's greatest natural resources. More information at www.utahlake.gov/2016-utah-lake-festival/.

Recycling Tip

Cardboard and paper make up 41% of the solid waste stream coming from neighborhoods just like yours. Remember to place any cardboard or paper products in your blue recycling bin. To make sure you have plenty of room for other recyclable items, be sure to break down your cardboard boxes. Remember that overfilling your recycling container makes it difficult for Republic Services to empty your container. After your cardboard is sorted at the recycling facility it is packed into large bales.

Daughters of the Utah Pioneers Cabin

The Highland DUP Cabin is now open for the summer! Come tour the Cabin located at 4381 W. 10400 N. in Heritage Park across from the Community Center. Cabin is open 12:00-2:00 every Saturday in June and July. Special appointments for groups are available by calling: 801-756-6579 or 801-756-4405.

Highland Historical Society

Darlene Stice van Werkhoven is one of the three sisters who grew up in what is now the DUP Cabin in Heritage Park. This is a story about her early life in the cabin.

My father, born in 1903, wrote an essay when he was in the 8th grade which formed the rest of his life. The gist of it was that he wanted to be an independent farmer so he could produce food for others to eat and work outdoors in the fresh air. In living his dream the word "independent" seemed to take precedence over all else. He was the type of farmer who preferred to sleep late in the mornings. He didn't have the slightest intention of getting started on his days work before the sun had appeared behind the high mountain a few miles to the East. By the time the sun's rays finally shown on his house daylight had been present for a couple of hours. Neighbors whispered with their hands raised to their lips like the sun behind the mountains just to the east, gossiping about his quirky habits but they could not criticize him of the fact that he didn't quit working until long after dark when many of them had gone to bed.

On one occasion the electric submersible pump which was buried deep in the well which stood beside his house stopped working and the family nor the farm animals could go for very long without water. Because he was not on particularly good terms with his neighbors to call on them for help, he decided that my mother, sisters and I would have to lower him down into the well. Story continued at www.highlandcity.org



Library

THANK YOU for the overwhelming support and positive feedback regarding the changes taking place at the library. We are all the more excited about what's happening, knowing you are happy with it as well. If you haven't been in for a while, come see us!!

To help us with the moving process, we will be closed June 2-6. Another BIG step toward making "Room For Everyone". We want to thank, in advance, two local scouts, along with their troops, for their help with our move; Jared Wightman and Daniel Fluckiger. Thank you for working on your Eagle Scout projects with us.

Summer Reading kick-off, READY, SET, READ will be held June 12. Gather at the Splash Pad for a fun opening party, from 2:00-4:00 that day.

Recreation Programs

Highland City participates with Cedar Hills City Recreation. All youth sports and recreation programs are available with no additional non-resident fees. Please visit www.cedarhills.org/recreation/youth-sports or contact Cedar Hills Recreation at recreation@cedarhills.org or at 801-785-9668, ext. 302 for more information.

Utah Speed Academy A speed and agility camp for athletes ages 9-18 will be offered starting the week of June 6. There will be 12 sessions, two days a week. \$160 per athlete.

Beautification Committee News

The Beautification Committee is up and going again this year. Last month we did not find our third yard of the month until after press time. It was Mark and Becky Buhler at 9748 W 9700 N. Their house was nominated by many people who drive by and appreciate it every day.

For June we have Dick and Patsy Wilson on 5145 W Country Dr., Robert and Debbie Ahlborn on 10564 N Canterbury Way, and Scott Thompson on 6602 W 10030 N. Congratulations everyone. Do you know of a yard that deserves to be nominated? Please let us know!

Jessica Barret has joined our Adopt-a-Patch program and is going to renovate the patch called "the spruces". If you have a patch at the corner of your neighborhood that looks nice, odds are that one of your good neighbors has adopted it. We have over 15 adopting families this year. Be sure to give them a shout out. If your neighborhood entrance needs help, it could be you. Give us a call.

Our committee is in need of people to work on Yard of the month, Adopt-a-Patch, and our future blog. And of course if you like to beautify spaces we have those kind of parties too. Please consider joining us. Call Laura Dawson 801-310-1009.

Highland City Arts Council

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.



Summer Kids Camp for kids ages 4-9 on June 6-10 or June 13-17 from 10:00AM - 12:00PM. Tuition \$35. Monday: Baking and Eating, Tuesday: Creative Art, Wednesday: Olympics, Thursday: Music and Band, Friday: Water Games. For registration and info email Kerilynn at highlandchildrenschoir@gmail.com.

Sell Your Art at the Highland Fling Art Show. Turn art in ready to hang on Monday, August 1 from 4:00-6:00.

Highland Fling Fine Arts Show August 5-6 at the Community Center. Fine arts sale, sale of hand painted greeting cards, demonstrations, and a silent auction will also take place. Art accepted on Tuesday, August 2.

2016 Theatre Season held in June at the Cedar Hills Amphitheatre. Opening night will preview a concert in the park. Shows are Once On This Island and A Midsummer Night's Dream. Please check out creeksidetheatrefest.org for more information

Summer Group Guitar Lessons by Kelly Gummow and Cayden Ottley for Beginning and Intermediate Students. Class sessions are June 7, 14, and 28 or July 5, 19, and 26. Students must have guitar and capo. Intermediate students need to know basic chords, be able to change chords easily and know some strum patterns. Call Kelly Gummow at 801-450-1489 for questions and registration.

Holdman Studios is currently displaying the winners of the glass art contest at City Hall. Everyone is invited to come and see the winners art work done in glass.

Scholarship Winner The Arts Council is excited to announce Katy Beardy as the winner of the 2016 Fine Arts Scholarship. Katy's work is currently on display at City Hall.

Highland Choral Arts members still being accepted. Choir is year long with performances in the spring and Christmas season, and adjournment over the summer months. Practices are held on Tuesdays from 8-9:30 pm. \$100 annual dues to offset music, venue rental, accompaniment, and conducting costs. Contact Michael Jemmett at 801-664-6063 for questions.

2016 Water Conservation

Highland City has set watering guidelines to encouraging water conservation efforts to allow sufficient water throughout the spring and summer to all residents. Typically, our community uses 50% more water than necessary to water our yards.

These guidelines are meant to not only help us conserve water but also to help with the functionality of the PI system city-wide.

Watering Schedule:

- Even Numbered Street Address: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday
- Odd Numbered Street Address: Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday
- No Sunday Residential Watering, allowing the storage facilities to fill.
- Recommended watering hours from 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 a.m.

For questions, please contact the City Offices at (801) 756-5751 or visit our web site www.highlandcity.org for links to water conservation information.

Highland City Road Reconstruction Master Plan Open House

The City of Highland has contracted with PEPG Consultants to provide a Road Reconstruction Master Plan for the entire City.

The process is near complete but the City and Consultant wish to obtain citizens input and offer them the opportunity to obtain specific information regarding the findings to date. The meeting will be held in the Highland City Council Chambers on June 23rd from 7:00pm to 8:30pm. Citizens will be escorted to various presentation boards for discussion and questions. All comments and questions will be addressed and recorded in the final report.

City Council Brief

In each month's newsletter we give a brief overview of some stand-out items from City Council meetings. For full agendas, minutes, and audio, please visit bit.ly/HC-agenda.

May 3

The Utah Local Governments trust is the City's insurance provider. They presented Highland City with the Trust Accountability Program Award as a result of the City's activity safety committee. This award earns the City a 5% discount on Liability Insurance premiums and a 1.5% discount on Workers Compensation premiums.

City Council approved the Final Plat for a Highland Oaks which will be a 60 lot single family subdivision located at the corner of Highland Boulevard and 11800 North. The developer is now working with the City to get their civil plans approved before starting the building process.

May 17

A public hearing was held on the tentative budget for FY2016-2017 (July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017). It can be viewed online at www.highlandcity.org. One of the big changes is an added \$258,000 to road maintenance. The final budget will be brought to City Council for approval on Tuesday, June 14 at 7:00.

Splash Pad Open

The Highland Town Center Splash Pad is open Memorial Day through Labor Day, Monday through Saturday, 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. (subject to mechanical issues, health inspections, and/or weather). The Splash Pad will be closed from 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. to allow time for cleaning and regeneration. 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. The water will run for approximately 50 minutes then shut off for approximately 10 minutes each hour.

