



HIGHLAND CITY

## Road Study and Funding

The 2017 Road Study & funding for roads has been a topic of discussion in the last few newsletters. In addition, over the past month, City Council has held a series of Open Houses to discuss this topic. If you haven't had the chance to attend an Open House yet, there is one more scheduled on May 4 at 7:00 at Ridge-line Elementary School. This meeting is designed for those who live west of Alpine Highway & north of S.R. 92, however anyone is welcome to come. In addition, the information will be available at our City Open House on Thursday, May 11 from 5:00-8:00 at City Hall & is available at <http://bit.ly/HC-roads>.

Unlike previous studies that were largely based on computer models, this study was based on visual assessment, core samples, & subsurface testing of roads. This allowed the City to identify the cost-effective maintenance or repair strategy, timeline, & prepare cost estimates. Based on the results of the study, 45% of our roads are in poor or failing condition.

The City spends about \$450,000 on road maintenance. This money comes from funds that are collected as part of the gas tax. The study showed that this \$500,000 is the proper amount to spend on road maintenance for only those roads that are not failing. This is within the current City Budget.

Additional money is needed for the rehabilitation of poor & failing roads & future maintenance of these improved roads. In order to rehabilitate all these roads, \$7,140,510 is needed or \$1,000,000 per year. Of the \$7,140,510, \$5,623,000 needs to go toward pavement repair & \$1,517,510 toward curb/gutter, drainage issues, etc.

We are faced with two choices: 1) increase funding & begin repairing & maintaining the roads properly or 2) continue with the status quo, allowing our failing roads to continue to deteriorate, thereby significantly increasing the costs in the future. The study estimated that postponing these necessary repairs would increase the cost by 83% as roads fall to the next level of repair.

After much deliberation, City Council has decided that raising additional funds is the fiscally responsible solution. The Council is deciding between two options: 1) Property Tax Increase or 2) Road Fee & is requesting your input.

If City Council were to approve a property tax increase, the average Highland Home, which is market valued at \$466,900, would see a \$20.31 increase per month or \$243.74 per year on their property tax bill. Each homeowner's total change would be based on their home value.

If City Council were to approve a road fee, each Highland home would be charged \$18.50 per month on their utility bill starting in July. City Council is currently scheduled to discuss & vote on this at the May 16 Council meeting.

In depth information on the study, these options, & more is available at <http://bit.ly/HC-roads>. We encourage you to stay informed & let City Council know what you think as they weigh this decision. Please continue to read the newsletter each month, watch City Council agendas, follow us on Facebook & Twitter, or stop by at City Hall. If you have any questions or comments, please reach out to City staff or the Mayor & Council.

## CALENDAR

*May 2:* City Council Meeting\*, 7:00 p.m.

*May 6:* Tree Sale, 8:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. by City Hall

*May 4:* Youth Fishing Classes starts at Highland Glen Park

*May 5-6:* Spring Clean-up, 8:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m., mouth of American Fork canyon

*May 11:* City Open House, 5:00-8:00 p.m. at City Hall

*May 13:* Highland Hollow Trail Cleanup & Building, 8:00 a.m.

*May 16:* City Council Meeting\*, 7:00 p.m.

*May 23:* Planning Commission Meeting\*, 7:00 p.m.

*May 27:* Splash Pad Opens for the Season, 10:00 a.m., weather permitting

*June 3:* Utah Lake Festival, 10:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m., Utah Lake State Park

\*Agendas, Meeting Minutes, and Recordings at <http://bit.ly/HC-archive>

## PHONE NUMBERS

*City Offices* 801-756-5751

*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* (pick-up, & can repairs) 801-785-5935

## ONLINE

Report a concern, pay your bill, reserve a pavilion, etc. on-line at: [www.highlandcity.org](http://www.highlandcity.org)

Check us out on Facebook and Twitter @HighlandCity

## Tibble Fork Release & Water Quality

In August of 2016, a dam-rehabilitation project at Tibble Fork Reservoir triggered a large release of sediment into the North Fork of the American Fork River. After the sediment release, the Utah Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) conducted tests on samples & found high levels of metal in American Fork River's sediment, but lower concentrations in the water itself. Since that time the DEQ & Highland City have continued to monitor the situation.

### Pressurized Irrigation (PI) Water

Highland's PI water is a mixture of water from American Fork River & Deer Creek Reservoir. After the incident, the City tested the water in the Highland Glen Pond. All metals tested came back as non-detectable & under the MRL (Minimum Reporting Limit) except for arsenic. While the arsenic levels were above the MRL, they were well below the drinking water standards of 0.100.

The contractor responsible for the sediment release was required by DEQ to clean out the sediment from Highland's PI pond prior to us recharging the system mid-April. All contaminated sediment was disposed of appropriately according to the DEQ's requirements.

Please remember that PI water is not treated & unsafe for direct human consumption. However there is no reason to believe it is not safe for its intended use for irrigation, livestock, & recreation.

### Culinary Water

Some have expressed concerns that water from the American Fork River will make its way into our wells & aquifers & subsequently our drinking water. In reality, most water that enters the ground is actually used before it reaches the level of our drinking water systems hundreds of feet below. Our drinking water, which comes from mountain lakes, streams, & snow pack filters through the ground as it makes its way to our aquifers.

Highland City recently received our 2016 Drinking Water Consumer Confidence Report required by DEQ. The report showed that there were no sample violations in all of 2016 (meaning that our drinking water is completely safe) & we expect that to continue in 2017. A copy of the report is available on the City website now & more information will be sent out with the June utility bill.

For more information on the DEQ's findings & actions, visit [tibble.utah.gov](http://tibble.utah.gov). For questions on Highland City water, call 801-772-4515.

## Now Hiring

Openings for Seasonal Parks (\$11/ hour) and Streets Workers (\$13/hour). Work hours are Monday - Thursday from 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. More information and applications at <http://www.highlandcity.org/Jobs.aspx>

## 2017 Water Outlook & Conservation

Highland City's pressurized irrigation (PI) system is a valuable resource for residents. The City's primary water source for the PI system is the American Fork River & water from Deer Creek Reservoir. Despite the amount of moisture received over the winter, we need residents to continue to conserve water as our data shows that our community uses 50% more water than needed to maintain yards. As residents, we need to reduce the amount of water used to ensure we have enough water for years to come. This can only happen if we all monitor our water use & do what we can to conserve.

In order to accomplish this, we are asking that you follow these guidelines to conserve water. These guidelines are meant to not only help us conserve water but also to help with the functionality of the PI system city-wide as it helps ensure everyone has enough pressure to water. Please follow the guidelines below:

### Watering Schedule:

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

Prepare your lawn & yard by taking the following conservation measures:

- Water deeper & less frequently
- Mulch around outdoor plants & shrubs
- Raise your mower to retain moisture near grass roots
- Apply recommended fertilizer to lawns
- Spot water dry spots with a hose instead of running a sprinkler cycle
- Adjust sprinklers to water lawns, flowers, & gardens to avoid excessive flow & runoff onto sidewalks & streets
- Adjust sprinkler timers through the year by turning off sprinklers after rain storms

Through proper utilization & conservation of our precious water resources, all residents will have sufficient water through the year & in years to come.

For questions, please contact the City Offices at 801-756-5751 or visit our web site <http://bit.ly/HC-water>.

## Quick Quack Grand Opening

The Quick Quack Car Wash at 5452 W 11000 N opens in May. In celebration, Quick Quack will be providing free automated car washes from May 10—20 on Monday—Saturday from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Check out [www.DontDriveDirty.com](http://www.DontDriveDirty.com) for more information. Welcome to Highland, Quick Quack! We're excited to have you.



**To Register** for Arts Council classes or for more information, visit [www.highlandcityarts.org](http://www.highlandcityarts.org) or call Shauna at 801-756-9614. Classes are held at the Community Center, 5378 West 10400 North, unless otherwise noted.

**Summer Musical Theatre Class** for young artist ages 6-12. The class will teach technical foundations in acting, singing, and dancing. Class members will learn to perform, dance, and sing on a stage. \$30 per month. Held once a week from May 3 – July 12. Class size is limited. To reserve your spot call/text Kathy Castleton 801-362-0985 or email [kathycastleton@gmail.com](mailto:kathycastleton@gmail.com).

**Timpanogos Symphony Orchestra** Aspiring Musicians Competition Concert, Saturday May 6 at 7:30 p.m. at Willowcreek Middle. [thetso.org](http://thetso.org) or 801-210-2466.

**Highland Fling Art Show** August 4-5. Artists start planning, painting, and creating. Media categories: oil, water media, mixed media, drawing (hand drawn and computer generated), chalk/pastel, photography, sculpture, woodworking, needlework, quilts, and glass.

**Creative Kids Summer Camp coming this June** Baking, Painting, Art, Crafts, Music, Games, & more. Email [HighlandChildrensChoir@gmail.com](mailto:HighlandChildrensChoir@gmail.com).

**Affordable Summer Cheerleading Camp** for Girls age 5-12. Full week of instruction in cheer, fitness, dance, & performance. Pom Poms provided for each girl! Now accepting reservations for summer spots. For more information, email us at [karlychree9@gmail.com](mailto:karlychree9@gmail.com).

**Quilt Guild** starting in June. Watch the website for information & schedules of workshops & quilt shows.

**Native American Flute Circle** for experienced and beginning flutists. Monthly meetings held the last Wednesday at the home of Ron Stutz, 11184 North 500 West in Highland. To register please call Ron at 801-201-4815 or email [rstutz@connect2.com](mailto:rstutz@connect2.com). Please bring any available flutes you have. Easy and fun to play for serious or casual flutists. Anyone interested is welcome.

## Lone Peak High Marching Band

The band is gearing up for next season. All students 9-12 grade in the 2017-2018 school year are welcome join!

The band is also looking for sponsors. All donations are tax deductible & will help the band provide a top caliber musical education for Lone Peak students.

For more information, see the band website at [lphsbands.com](http://lphsbands.com) or contact band director Curtis McKendrick at [lpband@mac.com](mailto:lpband@mac.com) or 801-717-4568

## City Open House

The annual Highland City Open House is scheduled for Thursday, May 11 from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at City Hall. Information will be available on Road Study & Funding Options, the City's budget, & other information. There will be interactive activities & giveaways for both adults & kids. For questions, contact Erin Wells at [erin@highlandcity.org](mailto:erin@highlandcity.org) or 801-772-4566.

## Highland Hollow Trail Cleanup

Have you been down to the Highland Hollow trail system located at the corner of Canterbury Drive & Ainsley Way? This trail system was started last year & has been mostly the work of volunteers from the Lone Peak Mountain Bike Team. The trails are designed for walkers & joggers, equestrian use, & mountain bike riders.

A trail cleanup will take place on Saturday, May 13 starting at 8:00 a.m. & we would love some community help to make this system even better. Please bring gloves, shovels, wheel barrows, & drinking water. For questions, call Davy Kammer at 801-556-2645.

## Beautification Committee

For three years our committee has cleaned up forgotten patches, done yard-of-the-month awards, & hosted back yard garden tours in conjunction with the Highland Fling. We LOVE our green spaces here in Highland & are thankful to many adopt-a-patch volunteers who keep them more beautiful. If you see a space that needs attention, you too could be an adopt-a-patch volunteer. We have available patches in Windsor Meadows, Highland Boulevard, & Larson Park to name a few.

Unfortunately, many members of our core committee group are no longer able to volunteer & we do not have enough people to keep our programs going. We need help with back yard garden tours, yard-of-the-month awards, & implementing new programs. How about it? IS IT YOUR TURN? Call Laura Dawson 801-310-1009.

## Highland Historical Society

Celebrate the opening of the Highland Historical Museum along with the yearly opening of the DUP Cabin on June 3 at the museum, 5378 W 10400 N #B-3 & across the street at the cabin from 10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. There will be fun, entertainment, & refreshments along with tours of both facilities & stories of olden times. Consider donations of appropriate articles for the museum. We will also accept tax deductible monetary donations. We also would appreciate any written histories of Highland residents that you might have.

**Monthly Story** about Highland's third LDS Bishop available at <http://bit.ly/HC-historical>.

## City Council Brief

In the newsletter we give a brief overview of some stand-out items from City Council meetings. For full agendas, minutes, & audio, please visit <http://bit.ly/HC-archive>.

### April 18

The Preliminary Plat was approved for a 10 lot subdivision at 4800 W 11350 N. The developer will now work with staff on their Final Plat application & Civil Plans before coming back to City Council at a future date.

A developer requested the City change the zoning of 1.06 acres of property at 11020 North 5500 West from Single Family Residential (R-1-40) to Residential Professional in order to build a medical type office with the primary tenant being a dentist. Ultimately, City Council voted to amend the general plan & change the zoning so that the medical office could proceed as planned. As a part of the approval, City Council asked staff to take extra measures in terms of traffic calming devices to help mitigate the impact to the surrounding residents. The developer will now work with staff on a site plan & conditional use permit application before coming back to City Council for approval at a future date.

With the issue above, some residents on surrounding streets had petitioned the City close 5500 West from SR92 in order to lessen traffic impact. Council denied that requested & instead asked staff to work with UDOT to see if an entrance to the dentist office could be provided along SR92 rather than 5500 W.

The City Council also directed staff to work toward creating a plan for the future of properties along SR 92. This is something staff will work on in the future.

## 2017 Election Opportunity

A Municipal Election for 2 City Council seats as well as the Mayoral seat will be held this year. Each seat is a 4-year term. The election will be held on November 7. Please consider serving your community by running for office for one of these positions. Declaration of Candidacy Forms or Nomination Petitions must be filed in person with the City Recorder at City Hall from June 1— June 7 between 8:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. Monday-Thursday or by appointment on Friday. For more information, contact the Recorder, Jody Bates at 801-772-4505.

## 2017 Highland Fling

The Highland Fling runs July 29 - Aug 5, 2017. For all Fling information, contact Events Coordinator Julie Tapusoa at [Julie@highlandcity.org](mailto:Julie@highlandcity.org) or 801-772-4507.

### Calling All Performing Artists

Dancers, Poets, Musicians, & all other Performing Artists: we need your talent & creativity to help develop a special show to celebrate Highland City's 40th Year!

### Highland Fling Volunteers Needed

See the open volunteer positions below or call to learn about more ways to help. Some positions would make great Eagle Scout Projects. **One-day volunteers:** Gathering Garbage, Information Staff, Event Runners, Set Up Crew, Clean Up Crew, Parade management, & Youth Night Chaperones. **Key volunteers:** Baby Contest Chair, 40th Celebration Dinner Table Decorations, & 40th Celebration Show

## Spring Runoff

With the additional snow pack in the mountains this year, there is the potential of high water levels in some of the ditches & streams that run through our City. This will be mainly dependent on the weather & how fast the temperatures climb before the snow has melted. We advise all residents to be aware of the dangers associated with the high water that can flow through these channels & educate your children & pets to stay away from their banks & edges. While it is tempting for children to get into the ditch & dam up the water in order to back it up & play in it, this is actually very dangerous for the children as well as property owners who could be flooded due to the added materials in the channels. Because of the flooding potential, it is also illegal to dump or dispose of your waste/clippings into these streams or ditches. The water levels in these channels can change dramatically in a flood situation with little or no warning. Please help us all be safe & avoid any tragedies by taking precautions & teaching our children the dangers of these high flowing streams. If you need sand bags due to the high spring runoff, Highland City has them available for purchase at \$0.20 per bag at City Hall. Call 801-772-4515 for details.





# BEYOND THE BOOKSHELF

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May 2017



## GAMES/CHESS CLUB

**NIGHT:** Mon, May 8 @ 7:00 pm.

**Come play at the library!**

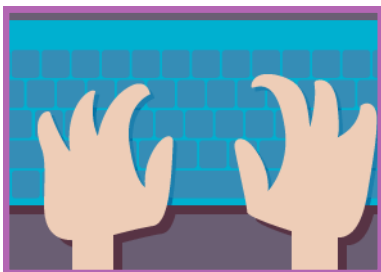


## CITY BUDGET OPEN HOUSE:

Thursday, May 11 @ 6:30 pm City Hall



Visit with city council, the mayor and heads of each city department and hear their vision and budget for the coming fiscal year.



**ROBOTICS:** Monday, May 15 @ 7:00 p.m.

## SUMMER BUCKET LIST:

### Every day in May

All month long, come make your own summer bucket list—inspiration and ideas for a fun-filled summer! Summer is almost here.



**The library will be closed, Monday, May 29 for the observance of Memorial Day**



**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY SUNDAY, MAY 14**



## MEET A PLAYER FROM THE REAL SOCCER FAMILY!

Monday, May 22 @ 4:00



## GARDENING: Pesticides & Fertilizers

Tuesday, May 30 @ 7:00 p.m.

## SUMMER READING BEGINS!

Get registered ALL DAY

Wednesday, May 31

ALL NEW PROGRAMS FOR TEENS, ADULTS, CHILDREN & TODDLERS



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