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## HIGHLAND CITY TO LAUNCH NEW WEBSITE WELCOME TO YOUR 24/7 CITY HALL!

Mayor Ritchie, the City Council, and staff are very excited to announce the arrival of the City's new website. The launch of the redesigned highlandcity.org will occur **Tuesday, March 22, 2011 at 5:30 p.m.** Bring your entire family and join us for the open house!

You will find the new website easy to navigate with excellent features designed for the public, including:

- The NOTIFY ME feature allows website users to sign up for automatic emails for meeting agendas, public notices, events, emergency alerts and much more! You can customize the different notifications you want to receive. Do you only want City Council agendas? How about notification of scout classes? All of these options are available!
- The new Community Calendar will focus on citizen participation and keep you in the know for all City events.
- The Citizen RequestTracker gives residents the power to report issues from code enforcement, park issues, road repair and much more. It also allows you to follow-up and view the status of your requests.
- The iPhone and iPod Touch application allows you to immediately report service needs such as sidewalk repair or potholes, including the option to send a photo and GPS location right from your phone!
- A search feature in the document archive center easily allows you to search past meeting minutes by word or phrases.
- Make park reservations and building reservations online.

- Empower yourself with social media! Social networking tools have changed the face of the World Wide Web. The City will have a Facebook profile and Twitter accounts to share information and take the pulse of the citizens. Friend us from the link on the homepage and stay in the know!
- Fun features such as healthy city and the carbon footprint calculator.
- Emergency alert on the website and via email for immediate notification of flooding, winter storm conditions, etc.

Make sure to visit the website to sign up for "Notify Me" – you just might win a prize! We welcome your feedback and suggestions on the new website.

### GAMES & ACTIVITIES AT THE EVENT

- FISHING POND
- PIN THE NOSE ON MAYOR RITCHIE
- PUPPET SHOWS BY MICHELLE FROM THE LIBRARY
- TEEN & ADULT BASKETBALL
- FOOD
- WEBSITE TOURS
- FACE PAINTING

...AND MORE

### CITY MEETING SCHEDULE

CITY COUNCIL, 1ST & 3RD TUESDAYS AT 7:00 P.M.

PLANNING COMMISSION, 2ND & 4TH TUESDAYS AT 7:00 P.M.

## MAYOR'S CORNER

We hear much about transparency, especially when it comes to government. Years ago transparency was a clear piece of plastic used to put on a overhead for a "power point" presentation to an audience. Today it is almost always associated with open dealings within government. Much trust is lost when residents do not feel transparency is paramount in city elected officials and staff members. Highland City is not exempt from the requirement to be open, honest, and forthright in process and decision-making. We work hard to make sure information is available for residents to review, give input and become involved in the process of government. One of the difficulties in the process is in getting the information automatically available to the public. We not only want to make information available but be proactive in getting information out and more easily accessible for you, the resident to obtain.

If a resident has a question, we as elected officials and city staff should have information readily available to answer. We want the information to be consistent in all areas. I have enjoyed visits from residents who have come on Tuesdays with many different questions on issues. If we do not have the answer immediately available, we will get it to you quickly. Ideally, it would be best if we had the information readily available so you did not have to even ask the question.

One of the steps we have taken to improve information flow is to review and act on our current City website. The City Council appropriated \$18,000 last year to develop and maintain a new website. Over the past few months we have been in the process of upgrading our current website. The staff and

council members have done an excellent job in selecting a greatly improved provider. It will be ready for rollout in March and has more features and benefits than our old website.

Residents will be able to use the "Notify Me" feature to receive agendas, public notices, bid postings, job notices, and calendared events that you choose. Also, another feature is the ability to access audio recordings of meetings. You will be able to listen online (not live) to City Council and Planning Commission Meetings. This is one step closer to the ability to listen live to meeting proceedings. We are working to bring the meetings to you so you do not need to come and listen to the complete meeting. You can listen to those items that interest you most. Technology is available to have software for live broadcasts and the City has been investigating the availability and costs for those services. The cost issue is an important one. We are interested in your thoughts and input on the cost versus the use issue. If live broadcasts of City Council Meetings were available, would you listen to them? Do you think the value of the live broadcast is something worth doing, and should the City incur the costs? Please send me or the City Council members an email with your thoughts. Also, let us know your feedback as you enjoy the new website.

*Mayor Lynn Ritchie*

Mayor Ritchie is available at the City Offices on Tuesdays from 8:00 am-11:00 am. You may set up an appointment by contacting Jody at (801) 772-4505.

**American Fork Little League Cheer** - Our squads will consist of 18-24+ girls for grades 6th-9th (this means that current 5th graders will try out for 6th, 6th grade for 7th etc.) For more information, check out our blog [www.goafcheer.blogspot.com](http://www.goafcheer.blogspot.com) or call Jamie @ (801) 836-0662.

**LPY Cheer Cedar Hills/Highland** - Clinic/Tryouts 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade - 3/24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> @ TNT Gym, 308 S. 1250 W. Lindon, Utah. Please contact Director Jennie Bateman @ (801) 376-7374 or by email @ [jennierb6@gmail.com](mailto:jennierb6@gmail.com). Additional info may be also found at [lpacheer.blogspot.com](http://lpacheer.blogspot.com).

## Caregiver Educational Class/Support Groups

Are you caring for a family member or friend who is aging, chronically ill, has a disability, or mental illness? **Caregiver Guide Classes** provide hands-on training on a variety of topics to help you as a caregiver. Classes will meet once a week for 9 weeks starting in mid-March. These classes have been so popular that they have been expanded to 7 locations throughout the county, including a Spanish-speaking class.

Highland City will host a class at the Highland City Community Center (old Highland City Building) on Thursday evenings beginning March 17 – May 12, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. For topic information or to register, call Nancy Madsen at Mountainland Aging & Family Services (801) 229-3818 or visit [www.mountainland.org/care](http://www.mountainland.org/care). \$3 donation for materials is appreciated (pay on the first night).

**Caregiver Support Groups:** Various locations and times throughout Utah County. These provide peer support, education, and hands-on training to assist caregivers. For more information please call Mountainland Department of Aging (801) 229-3814 or (801) 229-3818 or visit [www.mountainland.org/aging](http://www.mountainland.org/aging).



## As Weather Heats Up, So Does Work on Timpanogos Highway

With winter winding down, construction work will be gearing up on the Timpanogos Highway (S.R. 92) reconstruction project.

“We’re probably not completely finished with winter weather,” said Bryan Adams, program director for the UDOT road building project. “We’ll probably still get a storm or two that will impact our ability to work. But for the most part, area residents will see more work being done all along the construction corridor.”

Work that you will see as you drive on Timpanogos Highway between I-15 and Highland during the month of March will include:

- Driving steel piles to support the new bridge structure at Lehi Center Street;
- Constructing support walls near Center Street, 1200 East

and in the Dry Creek area;

- Relocating Lehi City water and sewer lines near the frontage road and Morning Glory Road;
- Installing storm drains along the old S.R. 92 alignment;
- Finishing sidewalks in the Highland portion of the alignment;
- Grading for new roadway sections;
- Beginning reconstruction of Triumph Blvd.

“As the weather improves and construction ramps up, we’d like to remind residents that S.R. 92 is still a construction zone,” Adams said. “Although it is tempting to get out on our roadway – especially the new pavement – to walk and jog and ride bikes, it really isn’t safe to do so while construction is underway. When we’re finished later this year, there will be plenty of room for walkers and bikers. But for now, it’s safest for people to find other places to walk and bike.”

For more information on the Timpanogos Highway project, please visit the project website at [www.udot.utah.gov/sr92](http://www.udot.utah.gov/sr92) or call the project hotline at (877)222.3757.



## Highland Junior Miss

The city of Highland will be well represented March 7-12 when our

current *Highland Junior Miss* Representatives (pictured L to R) Sam Bunderson, Shalisa Beck and Rose Carter go to compete at the State program. The *America's Junior Miss* organization has recently changed its name to *Distinguished Young Women* to better showcase what this program is all about. This year our program will follow suit to solely be known as *Distinguished Young Women of Highland*. Although the name has changed the program remains the same. It is a national scholarship program that inspires high school girls to develop their full, individual potential through a fun growing experience that culminates in a celebratory showcase of their accomplishments. This is exactly what our representatives exhibited back in August 2010 when they were chosen at Locals, and that is precisely what they will do at State. Good luck Sam, Shalisa and Rose, we are all rooting for you!!

**Burn Permits will be available April 1st- 30th at City Hall, M-Th, 7:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.**

## Highland Youth City Council

The Highland Youth City Council and Service Council started the year off with a delivery of clothing and household goods to the LDS Humanitarian Center. They were privileged to have a tour of the facility and get a close-up look at how citizens of our community can make a difference in communities throughout the world!

Senior Citizen Dinner Photos are here! If you didn't get your picture by email, please stop by City Hall to pick up your complimentary 5 x 7 photo from the Senior Citizen Dinner.

## Highland Glen Park Field Trip

The Highland Glen Park committee is sponsoring a park field trip on March 19 at 10 a.m. Interested residents are invited to join the committee at the park playground to discuss concerns and learn about ideas for park improvements. The park can be accessed from the Alpine Hwy via West Park Dr., or from North County Blvd. via the access road north of Lone Peak High School.

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7:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., closed FridayPlease submit newsletter articles via email no  
later than the 15th of the month to  
[emily@highlandcity.org](mailto:emily@highlandcity.org)**Savvy Shopper Couponing Classes**

Thursday, March 24 & April 28: 7:00 p.m.  
Couponing 101. Then at 8:00 p.m. Better  
your couponing skills, Savvy Shopping 201.  
These FREE classes are held monthly at City  
Hall. Call Savvy Trainer-Katie at (801) 367-  
4604 for more info.

**Citizenship in the World Merit Badge**

**Class 3/4 & 3/11, 4:00 -5:45 p.m. in the**  
Multi-Purpose Room at City Hall. Class  
limited to 20 scouts, Cost \$10 resident/\$12  
non resident. Please go online to the events  
& education page at [www.highlandcity.org](http://www.highlandcity.org)  
to register.

**2011 TIMBERLINE NYLT National**  
**Youth Leadership Training:** This course  
is for young men that have received their  
first class rank and been on a one week  
campout. There are two courses offered in  
Alpine District. One is led by Stew Schow  
(801-518-5773), held on June 13- June 18.

The other course is led by Kent Hadley  
(801-772-0650), held on June 20- June 25.  
To register go online to [utahscouts.org](http://utahscouts.org), se-  
lect "Training", then select "Timberline".



The Highland City Arts Council is looking for talented artists (music, dance, theater, visual arts, crafts, etc) to teach classes or workshops here in Highland. If you are interested, please contact Classes & Workshops Rep: Kelly Gummow at (801)766-2730 - [gkgummow@netzero.com](mailto:gkgummow@netzero.com) or Chariman Richard Hoffman at (801)319-7794 - [brohoffman@gmail.com](mailto:brohoffman@gmail.com)

Play A Part in the **Timpanogos Symphony Orchestra!** The Timpanogos Symphony is now seeking musicians. For more information or to schedule an appointment for an audition, please call John Pew at (801) 210-2466 or email [auditions@thetso.org](mailto:auditions@thetso.org)

New to Highland! Jennifer Madsen and the **American Children's Theater ACT OUT!** Workshops for 3rd - 12th grades (8-18 years old) starting the week of March 7, 2011. Tuition for the 12 class workshop and performances is \$190 (monthly payment plans available) Tuition includes performance T-shirt, workshops, and two tickets to the performance on May 12th at Freedom Elementary School. To register and for more information please go to the Arts Council page at [www.highlandcity.org](http://www.highlandcity.org) or call Jennifer Madsen at (801) 692-1313

FREE 2 hour **Sign Language Storytelling Class** for High School Students! If interested please contact Richard Hoffman at (801) 319-7794.

**Youth Baseball**

The cities of Highland, Alpine, and Cedar Hills have merged baseball leagues this year. Please visit [www.lpbbaseball.org](http://www.lpbbaseball.org) or <http://lonepeak.baberuthonline.com> to register your athlete for Lone Peak Youth Baseball. All information regarding leagues, tryouts, and schedules may be found on the website. Boys and Girls ages 4-15 may sign up. Registration deadline is March 6, 2011.

**Lone Peak High School Baseball Camp**

Date: Saturday, March 26 Time: 9:00 to 2:00, Cost: \$40.00 lunch and t-shirt included, Ages 8-14 invited. Sign up the day of the camp or if your child will be playing city league baseball, they can sign up through Alpine Baseball or Highland/Cedar Hills Baseball. Any questions you can e-mail Susan at: [knights@lonepeakbaseball.com](mailto:knights@lonepeakbaseball.com)

**Library News**

Please help us to help you. When pulling items off a shelf please put them back exactly where you found them. If you don't know where the item was, please don't guess, turn it in to the circulation desk. Having items in the correct places helps others and library

staff find the materials faster and easier. Teaching your children to do this as well will help others.

LearningExpress is the newest offering on Pioneer: Utah's Online Library. LearningExpress has resources to help people succeed in jobs and in life, such as practice tests for the GED, ACT, SAT, Toefl, CLEP, and AP ex-

ams. There are also resources for elementary school, middle school, high school, and college students. For adults who want to continue their learning, computer skills courses such as Microsoft Word and Excel are available as well as resources on writing resumes and learning public speaking. All of these are free. For Pioneer access codes, contact the Library.