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MAYOR'S CORNER

I look forward to another great year for Highland City in 2011. The City is progressing forward and is moving in the right direction on many issues. We began 2010 without a City Administrator and many City employees uncertain about the City's direction. Over this past year we hired John Park as our City Administrator and Nathan Crane as our new Community Development Director. John and Nathan bring expertise and solid management to the City and have solved several problems and developed solutions to insure the City is progressing. They have been a compliment to our excellent existing City staff.

The growth of our cash flow has been a major accomplishment of the City this past year. In October 2009 the City projected a negative cash flow for November 2010. Through decreased expenses and slowing of spending we ended November 2010 with \$1,123,242 total combined cash. This compares to November 2009 total combined cash of \$627,138. We need to continue to increase the cash of the city to meet future capital and residents needs of the City. Just two years ago we had a total combined cash balance of \$2,300,000, and five years ago we had a total combined cash balance of 6,800,000. We are working to return to a financially sound cash position.

Two other positive changes were accomplished by the City Council this year. The Town Center Ordinance was changed to reduce the density allowed in the Town Center. This will hopefully foster more commercial and less residential growth in the Town Center. The Murdock Canal Trail was approved to be completed following the piping of the

Murdock Canal over the next year. This trail will connect trails in Highland to allow residents to use the City trails more effectively.

At the beginning of the year the City Council was faced with a legal challenge with the Group Home Ordinance. The City Council began immediately and made changes to the Ordinance to better serve the City's interests as well as solving the legal issue before the City.

Construction on SR92 and North County Boulevard (4800 W) has had the City torn up all summer long. Several people have asked when they will be completed. North County Boulevard is projected to be completed to the Murdock Canal by May of 2011. Then the County plans to complete the rest of the Boulevard to State Street beginning next Summer. We are working with the County to hopefully do the East West Murdock Connector at the same time as North County Boulevard is constructed to State Street. SR 92 will continue with most of the work from Bull River to the Freeway and completion in 2012. Once complete these roads will help Highland residents travel more efficiently.

We thank you for your support. We are facing new challenges in 2011 and will keep you informed as they occur throughout the year. If you have any questions you can email me at mayor@highlandcity.org. Also, I plan to continue to be at the City on Tuesdays from 8am to 12pm if you would like to discuss an issue, please contact Jody at (801) 772-4505 to set up an appointment. We welcome your input about your City.

- Mayor Lynn Ritchie

** Residents & Businesses: Please remember to clean off your portion of the sidewalk from snow or ice. This will make for safer and more walkable City.**

CITY MEETING SCHEDULE
TUESDAYS 7:00 PM

CITY COUNCIL, 4 & 18

PLANNING COMMISSION, 11 & 25

CHRISTMAS TREE PICK-UP

Allied Waste will pick up Christmas trees January 10-14th, 2011. Please remove all ornaments and lights and have your tree placed at the curb by 7:00 a.m. on January 10th. (flocked trees are not allowed for pick-up). If your tree was not picked up, please call Allied Waste at (801) 785-5935.

In addition to providing curbside pick up, a large green dumpster will be located at the Heritage Park parking lot for Christmas Tree disposal, January 7-13th.

WANTED: HIGHLAND

FLING COMMITTEE MEMBERS: If interested please join us at our first meeting on Thursday, January 13th at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

2011 PARK PAVILION RESERVATIONS can be made starting 8:00 a.m. Monday, January 3, 2011. You can submit a reservation request by fax, mail, online, or in person at City Hall.

The **2011 RECYCLE CALENDAR** is available now at City Hall and on the Utilities page at www.highlandcity.org.

DOG LICENSES REQUIRED

All dogs are required to have a Dog License. Please contact the Police Department at (801) 756-9800 for more information.

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Office Hours: Monday - Thursday,
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**Savvy Shopper Couponing Classes**

Thursday, January 27 & February 24:

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.

Merit Badge Class

Citizenship in the Community, January 14th & 29th at City Hall, Cost \$10 resident/\$12 non-resident. Scouts need to attend one

City Meeting and complete 8 hours of community service for this required Merit Badge. A service project will be provided for scouts attending this class and any other scouts needing to complete community service hours. For details and to register, please visit the Events & Education page at www.highlandcity.org. Registration starts 1/3 at 9:00 a.m., space is limited.

The **Timpanogos Symphony Orchestra** is now seeking musicians. Interested in being part of a dynamic musical organization that presents classical symphonic music of the masters? Rehearsals begin in February and the first concert is scheduled for April. Jeffrey Shumway, head of piano studies at Brigham Young University, will be the guest soloist, performing Rachmaninoff's Piano Concerto No. 2. Also on the program are Brahms' Haydn Variations. Come be part of this exciting new organization, the newest musical voice in the north county. For more information, please contact John Pew at 801-210-2466 or via email at john@thetso.org.

www.highlandcityarts.com ~ coming soon!

Youth Council News

There was an awesome turnout on December 4th to meet Santa. The crafts provided by the Arts Council were a huge hit. As the year closes and the Youth Council prepares for all the changes 2011 will bring, we reminisce on all the things the council has done this year. We made valentines for patients at Primary Children's Hospital, hosted the kid's Easter egg hunt, provided Easter Baskets for those at the Developmental Center, attended a 2 day Leadership Conference, planted dozens of trees for arbor day, held a barbecue for Highland's Firemen and Policemen, volunteered at the Highland Fling, installed permanent flag holders at the City Building, hosted the annual Senior Dinner, spent hours at the Food Care and Coalition Center, and helped Santa- all in an attempt to make this community a better place to be. It is hard to believe an entire year has passed by so quickly, but we look forward with optimism to another incredible year.

Thank you to those who served on the 2010 Youth Council: Rachel Ruff, Connor Wood, Cody Williams, Ali Ball, Blake Ellis, Cameron Leavitt, Christian Luciani, Devon Kinghorn, Easton Ollerton, Erin Modersitzki, Gabe Wood, Grant Rowberry, Jason Kinghorn, JJ Berrett, Katy Bready – Leadership Chair, Madyson Powell, McKenzie Mather, Michele Johansen, Monika Burnside, Tanner Pierce, and thank you to our wonderful advisors Sandi, Bernie, and Cori.

Library News

Teen Bookclub: January's title is City of Ashes by Cassandra Clare. Only 15 titles of each book are available. Bookclub meets to discuss the current title on the first Wednesday of each month at 4:30 pm. (We will discuss The City of Ashes on February 2nd. If you have read the book, and are between the ages of 12 and 18, you are welcome to join us!)

WANTED: Highland Youth, ages 12-18 interested in becoming more involved in their community! The Library Youth Advisory Committee is meeting on January 12th and 26th. Snacks are provided and we have tons of fun!



1/11, 1/12 – Sick in bed
1/18, 1/19 – Buggly Ugs
1/25, 1/26 – Flying high

2/1, 2/2 – Sleepy animals

2/8, 2/9 – Love WHO??!!

2/15, 2/16 – Dragon breath

2/22, 2/23 – In the Frog Bog

3/1, 3/2 – Dr. Seuss (Party!)

If you register for these classes, please be sure to show up. These are very popular and we have a lot of children who would like to attend.

Drop-in storytimes will continue on Wednesdays at 1:00 pm.