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MAYOR'S CORNER

The City Council has been discussing our Pressurized Irrigation (PI) rates over this past year. A major goal is to make sure all our enterprise funds are self sustaining. PI revenues have been behind expenses in the City for several years. When the City received a grant for PI in the late 90's rates were reduced \$10 per household per month. As expenses exceeded revenues, rather than raise rates the City did two things to help the situation. First, the City sold gravel where the old City water tanks were located for a one-time revenue of \$1,000,000. Second, the City refinanced the PI bond at a lower interest rate freeing up a one-time payment, but extending the bond for 5 years. Both of these helped to not raise rates, but did not address the problem of decreasing fund reserves because revenues did not match expenses.

Additionally, The City purchased water shares that became available from the Murdock Canal piping project. By purchasing the shares, water available in Highland stays in Highland instead of being sold to another entity. We as a City Council believed it was important to keep the water local to service our growth needs and ensure water for all residents. This purchase increased our expenses over the next 25 years.

We are now faced with a fund balance near zero and will go negative. If we have a major operational expense or capital expense repair, we would need to transfer funding from an-

other source. Additional revenues are just not available. We have reduced expenses over this last year to the lowest we can and not affect service. The City Council voted last year to not raise rates until July 2011 and has done so. We will need to raise rates in July to keep the fund balance from going negative by a projected (\$297,000) in July 2012 the following year.

We must reduce this negative trend that has been occurring for the last several years. It is not financially sound management to allow a negative to continue. The question before the Council is how much to raise the rates? Do we just stop the negative at this time or do we build more reserves for emergencies and future needs. We need your help as we proceed with decisions. We will be holding open house presentations and council discussions on the specific details during our current budget review for next year's budget over the next three months. Please plan to attend and help us decide the best course. You can also comment on our new website or directly by email. We enjoy your comments and involvement in the City as we address problems and deliver services to residents.

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.

Website Release Party a Success!

The City's new website was launched March 22, 2011. We hope you are enjoying the new look and interactive features. Thank you to those that attended the launch party at City Hall. The City extends its grateful appreciation to the following businesses for their extremely generous donations of food, prizes and services for the party: Alpine Credit Union, Bank of American Fork, "Changing Faces" – face painting by Susan Ostler, Kohler's, & Pizza Pie Café.

CITY MEETING SCHEDULE

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

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

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.

BURN PERMITS

This year the Utah County Fire Marshal has set the date for the burn window from April 1st to April 30th. Any resident inside the county is allowed to burn if they have a burn permit. You can obtain a burn permit at City Hall (M-Th, 7:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.) for no charge. With your permit you will also receive a list of rules that must be followed.

Each day before you burn you must also call the burn hotline at 801-374-BURN to find out if the air quality is good enough to burn. The Lone Peak Fire District appreciates and supports your efforts to burn safely and comply with the Utah County burn permit rules.

Arbor Day Activities & Annual Tree Sale

April 15: Arbor Day Story Writing Contest entries need to be turned in to their teachers. Contest winners will be selected during the week of April 22 in time for school assemblies and/or other Arbor Day activities at the school.

April 28: Tree Trimming & Planting Class: 7:00 p.m. at City Hall. Come learn about the different types of trees that grow well & Highland and most importantly how to properly care for your tree.

April 30: Arbor Day Planting Project: We have two locations for this year's Arbor Day projects. The first project will be located at Windsor Meadows Park (off of the Alpine Hwy). The second project will be located at Mitchell Hollow Park (10400 N 6400 W). Trees will be planted at both locations in addition to other tree maintenance projects. Volunteers should bring the following: gloves, shovels, buckets, wheelbarrows, and drinking water. (This has been updated since the original newsletter went out. The project at Highland Glen Park is not part of the Arbor Day activities. We apologize for this error.)

April 30 & May 7: Arbor Day Tree Sale: The annual Tree Sale will be held from 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. in front of the Highland Water Building on 11000 North (next to Wendy's). April 30th is for Highland Residents only. You will need to bring proof of residency with you (ID, Utility Bill, etc). We will only accept checks and cash. All trees are sold AS IS, with a maximum of 8 trees per resident. We will not hold trees or take special orders. A list of trees for sale and their prices will be provided on-line at least one week before the Tree Sale on the Arbor Day page at www.hIGHLANDCITY.ORG.

Youth Fishing Classes

The Hooked on Fishin' program will focus on educating youth (6-13 years old) about fishing and aquatic resources. Parent involvement is encouraged. The program will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays, May 3-19, from 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at Highland Glen Park. Cost: \$25 (includes a t-shirt, instruction manual, bait, tackle, and Fish Fry on last day). On-line registration begins April 1st at 9:00 a.m. on www.hIGHLANDCITY.ORG

Senior Citizen's Dinner

Photo's - 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.

Yard Waste

Timpanogos Special Service District accepts yard waste to assist in the producing of compost. Mulch can also be purchased from TSSD. Please call (801) 756-5231 for more information.

Stamp Out Hunger

Help our community "Stamp out Hunger" by leaving a donation of non-perishable food or hygiene items by your mailbox on Saturday, May 19 for the National Association of Letter Carriers annual food drive. Your letter carrier will pick up donations Saturday morning on their regular route. Please help keep the Community Action Food Bank stocked for the local families who will need emergency assistance during the summer. Visit www.CommunityActionUC.org for more information and to learn other ways you can help.

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. \$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.



Triumph Blvd., Morning Glory Road Schedule to Re-Open at the End of the Month

Paving and commuter lane connections will be the focus of work along the Timpanogos Highway (S.R. 92) reconstruction corridor during the month of April.

"We have made good progress on the project during the winter," said Utah Department of Transportation program director Bryan Adams, "but we have been looking forward to warmer spring temperatures, which will allow us to do more work more quickly."

Warm weather means that paving operations can resume all along the corridor. Those who live and travel along Timpanogos Highway will also see work being done on a number of retaining walls, tunnels and roadway connections. Highland Blvd..

The end of the month will also bring the end of the ongoing closure of Triumph Blvd. and Morning Glory Road in the Traverse Mountain area.

"We appreciate the patience of all those who have been inconvenienced by closures and other construction activities," Adams said.

"We are pleased that we can begin to reward their patience with re-opened access points and new, improved roadways.

The Timpanogos Highway project is expanding a section of S.R. 92 from I-15 to S.R. 74 in Highland, to five lanes. Between I-15 and Highland Boulevard, UDOT is augmenting the arterial with "Commuter Lanes," which will provide a direct connection to and from I-15 without stopping at intersections. The project is scheduled for completion in October 2011.

For more information about the Timpanogos Highway project, please visit the project website at www.udot.utah.gov/sr92 or call the project hotline at 1.877.222.3757.

Highland Junior Miss

The week of March 7-12 gave Utah the opportunity to see our *Distinguished Young Women of Highland* Representatives Rose Carter, Sam Bunderson, & Shalisa Beck, compete at the State program where they radiated the qualities you hope every college bound young women would exemplify. This scholarship program, formerly known as *America's Junior Miss*, allows high school juniors to develop self-confidence and the abilities to interview effectively, to speak in public, to perform on stage and to build interpersonal relationships. Our Representatives earned a total of \$4,350 in cash scholarships at the city and state levels of competition and were offered scholarships totaling \$159,676 to Troy University in Alabama. These young ladies will continue to inspire others throughout our city until the next group of representatives will be named in August.

If you would like to learn more about this scholarship program, and/or have a daughter that will be graduating in 2012 go to distinguishedyw.org or email the program director, Gabrielle Womble at highland@distinguishedyw.org

For information about the North County Boulevard (4800 West) project, please visit the Utah County Public Works Projects website at www.utahcountyonline.org

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day

NO commercial waste

Saturday, April 9, 2011 • 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Orem Public Works Facility • 1450 West 550 North, Orem

What To Bring:

- Prescription medications
- Gasoline/Fuels
- Antifreeze
- Solvents/Thinners
- All-purpose cleaners
- Aerosol cans
- Pesticides/Herbicides
- Glues/Adhesives
- Fluorescent light bulbs
- Mercury thermometers
- Photographic chemicals
- Smoke detectors
- Paints/Stains*
- Motor Oil/Lubricants*
- Batteries*

What **NOT** To Bring:

- Containers over 5 gallons in size
- Ammunition
- Explosives
- Compressed gas tanks / propane tanks
- Asbestos materials
- Radioactive waste
- PCB-related materials
- Medical or biological waste
- Business or commercial waste
- Construction or demolition materials
- Electronics*
- Tires*
- Unknown or unlabeled substances

*For alternate disposal options, please see www.UtahCountyHealth.org/hhw

How To Pack Your Wastes: Do not mix wastes. If possible, leave materials in original containers with labels intact, or mark containers if labels are missing. Be sure all containers are capped or sealed. Containers must be deposited with waste materials, they cannot be returned. Transport in a cardboard box lined with newspaper.

For More Information:

North Pointe Solid Waste Special Service District

(801) 225-8538 • www.UtahCountyGarbage.org

South Utah Valley Solid Waste District

(801) 489-3027 • www.suvswd.org

Utah County Division of Environmental Health

(801) 851-7525 • www.UtahCountyHealth.org

www.UtahCountyHealth.org/hhw

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7:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., closed Friday

Please submit newsletter articles via email no later than the 15th of the month to
emily@highlandcity.org

Savvy Shopper Couponing Classes

Thursday, April 28 & May 26: 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.

2011 TIMBERLINE 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, select "Training", then select "Timberline".



Highland City Arts Council

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, or Chariman Richard Hoffman at (801)319-7794 - brohoffman@gmail.com

Photography 101 - April 26, 6:00-7:30 p.m. Cost \$5, Maximum Class size: 30 people. Instructor: Ashlee Fackrell Photography (See also: <http://photobyashlee.com/>) Please bring your DSLR or your point and shoot cameras. This is a hands-on instruction training on camera and quality photo taking.

Face Cartooning- April 9, 10:30 - 12:00 p.m. Cost: Free. Ages: 10 + Instructor: Troy Stott. For a sample of work to be done see: Troy's Imaginary Friends at.... <http://www.facebook.com/#/album.php?id=801480190&aid=55222>

Drawing for Adults: Taking your art to the next level. June 7 & 14, 6:30 - 9:00 p.m. Cost: \$20, Maximum Class size: 15 people. Ages:18+ Instructor: Deanne Dixon

All classes will be held at the Highland City Community Center. To register or for more information please visit the Arts Council website at highlandcityarts.org

Easter Egg Hunt & Cookie Decorating!

Mark your calendars on **April 23rd** for the annual

Children's Easter Egg Hunt & Cookie Decorating! Come join the Youth City Council at **10:00 AM at Heritage Park** for the Easter Egg Hunt. Then come across the street to the Highland City Community Center to decorate cookies with the Highland Arts Council. It's going to be so much fun! Come prepared for the weather and bring your Easter Baskets. Thank you to all the Highland businesses who have made donations to our annual event!

**Library News**

Library Youth Advisory Committee: Highland Youth, ages 12-18 interested in volunteer hours and Presidency experience for job and College applications! The Library Youth Advisory Committee meets every other Wednesday at 5:00 pm. Check the website at www.highlandcitylibrary.org for dates.

Teen Bookclub: The next few months'

titles are: The Upstairs Room by Johanna Reiss; Over Sea, Under Stone by Susan Cooper; Fever 1793 by Laurie Halse Anderson; and The Hourglass Door by Lisa Mangum. Bookclub meets to discuss the current title the first Wed. of ea. month at 4:30 pm. Pick up your copy at the circulation desk today! If you have read the book, and are between the ages of 12 and 18, you are welcome to join us!

Special Events: The Highland Elementary Storytelling Troupe will be giving

two performances for the Library. On Thursday, April 7 from 4-5pm they will give a Group Story Theater performance. On Tuesday, April 12 from 4:00 to 5:00, the troupe will be performing individual storytelling. Last year the troupe came to perform for us and it was a lot of fun to watch. Please come and bring your family for an hour of entertaining stories!

Storytime themes for March through May Sessions are available on-line at www.highlandcity.org