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MAYOR'S CORNER

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those residents who have volunteered their time and efforts to serve on three recently created Highland City Committees. The Open Space Committee has been active in recommending to the City Council an open space agreement for undeveloped areas along with a fence ordinance change for residents in open space subdivisions. The Open Space Committee was formed to address the concerns expressed by the open space residents with the goal of finding solutions.

The Economic Development Committee was recently formed and is actively defining strategies that will be recommended to the City Council for economic development in the Town Center and other economic zoned areas within the City. Our City has developed slowly in the Town Center and several residents have expressed the desire to identify obstacles and solutions to help increase development in an organized and planned manner.

A newly formed Parks Committee will begin

meeting in December. This committee will have three sub-committees in order to address the following areas: 1)Highland Glen Park, 2) City trail system, and 3) Neighborhood parks. The Highland Glen Park continues to deteriorate and is in need of critical restoration. Our trail system has areas of disconnect and needs to be updated for future needs. Finally, I feel we need to address the purpose and populations that our smaller parks are serving. This committee will be making recommendations to the City Council regarding improving our City parks for current and future needs. Residents serving on these committees are working hard and their time and effort is greatly appreciated as they discuss the concerns and needs of the City.

During this Holiday Season I would like to wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year as we look forward to continued progress in 2011.

- Mayor Lynn Ritchie

CITY MEETING SCHEDULE
TUESDAYS 7:00 PM

CITY COUNCIL, 12/7

PLANNING COMMISSION, 12/14

Did you Know?

- Frequently Asked Questions about **snowplowing** and **winter parking** can be found at www.highlandcity.org.
- The **Apple Blossom playground** (about 9860 N 5520 W) has been replaced with a new playground structure. The playground was made possible by the Utah County Municipal Recreation Grant and the Utah County Community Activities Fund.
- The **City Hall Christmas Tree** was decorated by volunteers from the Arts Council.

NEW LOOK TO UTILITY BILLS

On your December Highland City utility bill you will see a new look and a new format. This was done to be able to keep Highland residents more informed and educated on charges on the utility bill. For instance, one of the major changes is breaking out the sewer portion on the bill into two categories, one is the cost of collection, maintenance, and administration of the sewer system within the City (listed as "Sewer" on the bill), and the second is the amount charged by the Timpanogos Special Service Sewer District for sewage treatment (listed as "Timp Sewer District Fee").

Changes on the bill will help our customers see better what is being charged and why. There was an increase in sewer rates beginning in July of this year. The total increase was about 35%, with most of that increase (26%) coming from the Timpanogos Special Service Sewer District.

Other changes on the utility bill include the bill style format, useful information printed on the back of the bill, and the change of the order of services. Now services are grouped together by type to make it easier to understand the charges. As an example your Water Overage (charge appears if you go over your Water Base) is listed right after your Water Base (includes the first 6,000 gallons of water used). This should help you to be aware of your culinary water usage.

We hope the new utility bill format helps you understand your bill with ease. If you have any suggestions or comments about the utility bill format, please contact Emily in Utilities at (801) 772-4523 or email emily@highlandcity.org



Preparing for Winter Driving on S.R. 92

UDOT is Taking Precautions to Enhance Safety Through Construction Zone

With winter weather blowing into Utah Valley, S.R. 92 road project officials want to remind motorists to be especially attentive as they drive along S.R. 92 during the coming months.

"We are still under construction, and work will be continuing all along the corridor throughout the winter," said Bryan Adams, UDOT's program director for Access Utah County.

"We're going to do everything we can to minimize the impacts of construction on the traveling public, and to make the roadway as safe and easy to drive as we possibly can. But road construction is road construction, and there will be some unavoidable impacts and delays."

For example, Adams noted that while a significant portion of S.R. 92 in Highland is open with five full lanes in operation, the roadway is still not complete. The final layer of pavement will not be placed until the spring paving season arrives. So there is some unevenness in the roadway, with protruding edges near the curb and gutter that will eventually be filled in by the final asphalt layer.

"To make sure these edges can be clearly seen by motorists and

snowplow drivers even during snowstorms we are placing markers along the roadway to delineate where those edges are," Adams said. "We will also place some sandbags next to the gutter to channel the drainage into the catch basins. We will be watching this closely to be sure we do not have a problem with ice along these shoulders."

Along the Lehi portion of the project, motorists should be prepared for a traffic switch sometime during the month of December, during which traffic will be moved from the existing roadway to the newly constructed commuter lanes. Once that happens, you should be aware that during the winter months the eastbound lanes will have a soft shoulder and the westbound lanes will have a shoulder to the Murdock Canal, and no shoulder west of the Canal.

"The roadway shoulders will be graded – we'll do everything we can to make it as comfortable and safe as we can for a roadway under construction," Adams said. "But during the winter it will likely be muddy and soft. Motorists need to know that, and be careful."

RE-NAMING CONTEST: As this article was being written, the new alternative name for S.R. 92 had not yet been selected. But by the time this appears in print, the decision should have been made. Please go to www.udot.utah.gov/sr92 to check the results! Many thanks to all who participated.

The S.R. 92 project is online to be completed by the fall of 2011. For questions or comments relative to the project please go to www.udot.utah.gov/sr92, or e-mail access@utah.gov.

Holiday Concerts

Alpine Christmas Concert

Spend an evening with Todd McCabe & April Moriarty, Alex Boye, Marvin Goldstein, Cherie Call, Ryan Innes, Sam Payne, April Meservy, and Michelle Sundwall at an Alpine Christmas. 7:00 p.m. on Friday & Saturday, December 3rd & 4th at Timberline Middle School in Alpine. This is a benefit concert for the Timberline Fine Arts Department. Tickets may be purchased for \$10 at Kohler's or on-line at AlpineChristmasConcert.com or \$12 at the door.

Highland Children's Choir Christmas Concert

Friday, December 9, 7:00 p.m. at the Historic Provo Tabernacle. Come join us for a beautiful night of children's voices. Cost: \$3. Tickets are available at Kohler's Customer Service Desk. For more information about the choir, please call KeriLynn at (801) 492-0590.

Lone Peak High School Choirs

Join us on Thursday, December 16th at 7pm for our Free Christmas Concert featuring ALL the LPHS Choirs!

Also, the LPHS Chamber and the A Capella Choirs 14th annual Madrigal Feaste will be held December 1st - 7th. We will have great food, beautiful music and talented actors and dancers and loads of "medieval" atmosphere. Please contact a choir member or Ms Johnson at (801) 717-4568 ext 102 for tickets to this event.

Nominate a Local Hero to be Recognized by the American Red Cross

Ordinary citizens who have done something extraordinary to save a life or help their community

There are heroes all around us. They may be family members, friends, coworkers, or complete strangers. The Utah Region of the American Red Cross wants to honor these local heroes who have bravely acted in a time of immediate need or simply display acts of heroism in day to day life.

The Red Cross asks community members to nominate heroes from their community to be honored in events which will take place in 2011 throughout the State of Utah in Salt Lake, Provo, Ogden, St. George and Logan. Nomination categories range from Adult Good Samaritan to Workplace Safety to Wilderness Rescue. To nominate a Hero in the Provo/Mountain Valley area, visit www.utahredcross.org/heroes or call Liz Merrell at (801) 373-8580. To view stories of past award recipients visit: www.utahredcross.org/pastheroes

Christmas Memory Tree

Anderson & Sons Mortuary invites you and your family to a holiday open house Saturday, December 4, 2010, between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. (49 E 100 N in American Fork).

It is a tradition at Anderson & Sons Mortuary to have a memorial tree to remember the lives of loved ones who have passed away. We invite you to bring an ornament to be placed on our Christmas Memory Tree in honor of your loved one. The tree stands through the season as a tribute to those who have passed away. Ornaments will be available to be picked up after January 3rd for your family's future use.

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

Youth City Council News: On November 11th, the youth council spent their day serving food and entertaining at the Food Care and Coalition center in Provo- a great facility for needy families. We look forward to acting as Santa's substitute elves at City Hall with him on December 4th. All kids are welcome. This will be our last project of 2010 so be sure you are there!

Lone Peak Fire District News

This Holiday Season there are a few fire safety items that we would like to address. Remember to keep all open flames secured within a fire resistant area. Open flames such as candles, especially in bedrooms, are a high cause of house fires.

When using heaters inside a home, tent, etc. make sure that they are designed for closed spaces. Heaters that burn fuel are usually not designed to be used inside and produce Carbon Monoxide, a deadly gas. Make sure that your smoke and Carbon Monoxide detectors are working with fresh batteries installed.

Lastly if you live near a fire hydrant make sure that the snow is removed with at least a 3' clear radius around it. During a fire, time is of the essence. Removing the snow makes it faster to locate and attach fire hoses to take care of your emergency.

•The Lone Peak Public Safety District (LPPSD) Board of Directors are pleased to announce the appointment of Brad Freeman as the new Fire Chief/EMS Director for the Lone Peak Public Safety District. Chief Freeman has been with LPPSD since 1996. The Board welcomes Chief Freeman and is excited about the direction and leadership that he will bring to the LPPSD in providing the residents of Cedar Hills, Highland and Alpine with the most professional fire and EMS services.



•Did you know that in 95% of emergencies bystanders or victims themselves are the first to perform emergency assistance or rescues? There is still time to purchase FIRST AID KITS from Lone Peak EMS. These make great holiday gifts. First Aid Kits may be purchased at the Highland Fire Station Monday - Thursday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. or call Nancy at (801) 763-5365 for more information.

•Fire departments along the Wasatch Front are teaming up to collect blankets and winter coats for Utah charities that assist the poor. The annual "Operation Cover-Up" runs through Dec. 31. The public can help by donating new or gently used winter wear at any local fire station. Used donations should be clean. Donations will benefit The Road Home shelters, Christmas Box House, Shiner's Hospital, Division of Aging Services, Newborn Intensive Care Unit, and St. Vincent de Paul.



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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, December 16 & January 27: 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.

Pottery Merit Badge Classes

12/6 & 12/13! Class #1 is from 4:30-5:30 p.m. and class #2 is from 6:00-7:00 p.m., Cost \$25. Create a Christmas Present & work on your Merit Badge at the same time! Please go online to the events & education page at www.highlandcity.org to register.

Ski Bus!

American Fork Recreation is offering a Ski Bus to Solitude, call (801) 763-3080. Cedar Hills Recreation is offering a Ski Bus to Snowbird, call (801) 785-9668 ext. 114



Highland City Arts Council is establishing the new **“Timpanogos Symphony”**. If interested please send a short bio and interest statement to artscouncil@highlandcity.org

The Highland City Arts Council is establishing a **“Senior Citizen Program”**. The program goal is to develop activities, information and services that support seniors in their effort to remain healthy, active and independent. We are presently seeking several members of the senior community to assist in establishing this program. If interested please contact Toni Foster at (801) 636-8750.

New to Highland! Jennifer Madsen and the **American Children’s Theater ACT OUT!** Workshops for Youth and Teens Classes for all ages starting in 2011. Call Jennifer at (801) 692-1313 for more information.

www.highlandcityarts.com ~ coming soon!

Highland's Annual Children's Christmas Celebration & Crafts Day with Santa!

December 4, 10:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. at Highland City Hall

Christmas crafts and projects for children as well as Christmas entertainment. Children's craft projects ranging from free - .25, .50, .75 , \$1.00, will be available. We will have a Storyteller in the library as well. Come and let your children get creative as we welcome in the Christmas Season.

Come Visit Santa! Santa will be arriving at 10:00 a.m. with the help of the Lone Peak Fire Department Fire Truck!! Don't forget your wish list & your camera!



Tis the Season To Give... please bring a canned food item to donate to the Utah County Food Care and Coalition.



Library News

Teen Bookclub: This next month's title is Graceling by Kristin Cashore. Bookclub meets to discuss the current title on the first Wednesday of each month at 4:30 pm. (We will discuss this month's book on January 5th. 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!)

WANTED: Highland Youth, ages 12-18 interested in becoming more involved in their community! The Library Youth Advisory Committee is meeting on December 1st, 15th, and 29th. We are gearing up for our first annual service project. Snacks are provided and we have tons of fun!

Storytime sign-ups for Session 3 begin on December 14th (not the 7th as previously announced!) at 8:00 am.

Register online at
www.highlandcitylibrary.org.

Session 3 runs from 1/11 through 3/2 and themes include Sick Bed, Buggy Uggs, Flights of Fancy, Sleepy Heads, Dragon Breath, Love who?, In the Frog Bog and a Dr. Seuss Party.

**Storytime scheduled for 1:00 p.m. on December 15th has been cancelled.

