



HIGHLAND INSIDER

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MAYOR'S CORNER

Progress on the North County Blvd. (4800 W) continues, this new road will be a much needed improvement and we sincerely appreciate your patience. Construction will continue in front of Lone Peak High School daily, Monday to Friday from 7:00 am -5:30 pm through November. To help avoid problems and construction zones, the County have asks that students and others use the east side of the road.

Construction on the former Highland City Hall has begun in order to bring it into compliance with ADA standards allowing the building to be used for future community activities.

Highland City Public Works Department has completed an area just west of our public works building for the purpose of parking, drop-off/pick-up of school children in the View Point Subdivision. This solved a very serious safety issue for school children as well as traffic conflicts with our public works heavy vehicles.

Progress continues to be made on the Murdock Connector (east/west). An interlocal agreement with Utah County for construction

and right-of-way acquisition should be in place over the next month. The plan calls for construction in 2011 to take place in conjunction with the construction of phase II of the North County Blvd. that will extend from the Murdock Canal to State Street in Am. Fork.

The Highland City website will be getting a new look in 2011. Staff is working with a new website vendor to upgrade our website with many new features, new design, and upgrade of functionality. This is a time consuming process but we are looking forward to the changes.

Congressman Matheson has informed me that a Salt Lake architectural firm has completed three designs for the Timpanogos Cave Visitors Center. This is the first step in the process of moving towards construction. The new facility will be located in Highland, along SR92 near the mouth of the canyon.

If you have any concerns or ideas that you believe will improve our City, I would like to meet with you. I am available at the City Offices on Tuesdays from 8:00 am-11:00 am. You can set up an appointment by contacting Jody at 801-772-4505.

CITY MEETING SCHEDULE
TUESDAYS 7:00 PM

CITY COUNCIL
5 & 19

PLANNING COMMISSION
12 & 26

Did you Know?

- The Pressurized Irrigations System will shut off on or around October 15. Please prepare your systems accordingly.
- SENIOR CITIZEN'S APPRECIATION DINNER (for those 65+), Saturday, October 23rd, 5:30 p.m. at Lone Peak High School Cafeteria. Please RSVP to Emily at Highland City (801) 772-4523 or email emily@highlandcity.org

WE WANT YOUR PHOTOS!

Highland City wants to showcase the enormous amount of talent in our community. There are an endless number of perspectives that people view Highland City through - we want to make it easier to show those perspectives to the world by featuring them on the City's **new website**, launching in 2011. Think there's a great building in Highland? Have a cool shot of Highland Glen Park or the Canyon? What about your kids playing in the new Town Center Park Splash Pad? Awesome! We want to see it.

Please submit photos to City Recorder Gina Peterson via email pictures@highlandcity.org; or on CD to the City Office by **noon on October 18, 2010**. High resolution photos with large DPI and pixels are preferred. Every attempt will be made to give photo credits when requested. Please include a description of the photos in the name or accompanying document as well as contact information in the event we have questions.

Recycling News You Can Use!

Did you know that much of what is thrown away can be recycled? Curbside recycling can be used for the following: newspapers, magazines, junk mail, glossy ads, phone books, #1-7 plastics (pop bottles, milk jugs, detergent jars, water bottles, etc.), tin cans, aluminum cans, corrugated cardboard, tissue boxes, cereal boxes, food boxes, metal clothing hangers, empty paper and toilet paper rolls. There is no need to sort or take off labels, just rinse out food particles and toss! (No glass or Styrofoam is accepted at this time.)

Signing up is as easy as calling the City office! The service for one Recycle toter is just \$4.10 each per month, which is less than the cost of a second garbage toter. (Recycling toters are emptied every other week on the regular garbage pick-up day.) For more information please visit the Utilities page at www.highlandcity.org

Update from last months newsletter: You may recycle cardboard in ANY Green Recycle Dumpster in Highland. These dumpsters are labeled "phone books & newspaper". They will be updated with a sticker that indicates that cardboard may be placed in the container. Please contact Emily at Highland City with any questions, (801) 772-4523

Crosswalks - by Kip Botkin, Chief of Police

The police department has been asked to clarify some possible confusion involving the law as it relates to pedestrians in a crosswalk. The Utah Codes Annotated (Utah State Laws) addresses pedestrians and crosswalks in Part 10 of Title 41, Chapter 6a.

Within 41-6a-1002 there is a distinction of two types of "crosswalks". They are differentiated as a "crosswalk" and a "school crosswalk". A "school crosswalk" is one where flashing lights indicate that the crosswalk ahead is primarily used for or by school students and therefore is a "school crosswalk". **A driver's responsibility to pedestrians within the two types of crosswalks IS DIFFERENT.**

In a NON-school crosswalk, the law requires "... the operator of a vehicle shall yield the right-of-way by slowing down or stopping if necessary:

- to a pedestrian crossing the roadway within a crosswalk when the pedestrian is on the half of the roadway upon which the vehicle is traveling; or
- when the pedestrian is approaching so closely from the opposite half of the roadway as to be in danger.
- The operator of a vehicle approaching a **school crosswalk** shall come to a complete stop at the school crosswalk if: (emphasis added)
 - a school speed limit sign has the warning lights operating; and
 - the **crosswalk is occupied by a person.**" (emphasis added)

The difference being when a school crosswalk is functioning as a school crosswalk (indicated by flashing lights and normally a crossing guard present) drivers must yield to a pedestrian when that pedestrian is anywhere in the crosswalk (either side of the roadway). Also, remember the crossing guard is a pedestrian within the crosswalk anytime they are off the curb, on the pavement and within the marked crosswalk.

There are areas where a driver will turn onto a street between the flashing lights and the crosswalk. Some drivers enter the school crossing without passing the flashing lights. These drivers are still responsible to obey the traffic laws as they apply to pedestrians in the school crosswalk.

Hopefully, this information is helpful in understanding the law as it relates to pedestrian's rights-of way and driver's responsibilities to pedestrians within crosswalks.

Lone Peak Fire District News

Recently the fire department has responded on several **bicycle related accidents**. Our paramedics and firefighters treated injuries which ranged from bumps and bruises to one child being life flighted to Primary Children's Medical Center in critical condition. We would like to remind our citizens to review safe bicycling practices such as riding on the right side of the road, wearing a helmet, and walking their bikes across crosswalks.

October is fire prevention month. With this we would like to invite you to schedule a tour of your local fire station. Each month we get several school groups, church groups, and individual families touring our fire stations. Come by and see what it's like to be a firefighter. We also offer education classes to the communities we serve. Some of which are Boy/Cub Scout merit badges, girls camp 1st aid, CPR. If you would like us to visit your school, church, etc., or you would like to come by please call us at 801-763-5365.

Youth Council

Interested in joining the 2011 youth council or youth court? Go to the highland city website and print out an application. Be sure everything is on time! It will be a fun year! Every high-school aged teenager should seriously consider this opportunity.

Here's what other members have said: *"It is a great opportunity to serve and get more involved in the way the government works. You get to make tons of new friends you wouldn't have normally made."* and *"I am so glad I decided to do this! It gave me a chance to do so many new things and it looks great on applications!"*

TREE COMMISSION VOLUNTEERS

The Tree Commission is looking for committee volunteers that are interested in improving and beautifying the city with trees. Members are needed to represent all areas of Highland to continue to focus on projects that would benefit the city and its residents. Committee members do not need to have a knowledge of trees, but it would be helpful. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Emily, 801-772-4523/emily@highlandcity.org.

Work Accelerating on S.R. 92 as Winter Weather Looms

Paving Activities Dominate the October Construction Schedule

With winter weather looming on the horizon, work on the S.R. 92 construction project between Town Center Blvd. and I-15 is moving forward at an accelerated pace.

"There's a lot of work we want to get done before the snow flies, so we're working as hard and fast as possible," said Bryan Adams, UDOT program director for the S.R. 92 project.

Within the Highland City portion of the project, work during the month of October will focus on completing work on the south side of S.R. 92 now that traffic has been shifted to the newly paved north side. That will include the installation of new storm drains; the relocation of sewer lines; installation of curb, gutter and sidewalk; and the placement of new asphalt.

"With the placement of asphalt we are limited by temperatures and other weather conditions," Adams said. "We hope to have the entire roadway between 6400 West and Town Center Blvd. restored and open before the end of this construction season."

Within the Lehi portion of the S.R. 92 project, motorists will see a lot of concrete paving over the newly constructed roadway. At various times during the month motorists will see paving from around Triumph Blvd. and extending eastward almost to Highland Blvd. Work on the bridges at Triumph Blvd. and 1200 West will be completed. All of this work in Lehi is in preparation for moving traffic from the existing roadway to the new pavement sometime in December.

"We are aware that all of this work is creating some significant impacts on neighborhoods and motorists," Adams said. "We appreciate the patience that is being shown by all who are dealing with these impacts. We are doing everything we can to get in, get it done and get out of your way as quickly as possible so you can enjoy the new S.R. 92."

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.

Mountainland Association of Governments will hold their annual **Transportation and Community Planning Open House**

in October at the following locations:

American Fork Senior Center (10/20)

Spanish Fork Senior Center (10/21)

Orem Friendship Senior Center (10/27)

Please visit www.mountainland.org for times and more information.

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. Classes are available on Thursdays in Provo (11:30-12:30) or American Fork (2-3 pm) from Oct 7 - Dec 2. For more information or to sign up for this free course, call Nancy Madsen at Mountainland Aging & Family Services (801) 229-3818

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

Please visit www.mountainland.org for more information.

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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

2011 Highland Fling Committee

Here is your opportunity to bring
new ideas to better the annual
Highland Fling!

If you would like to volunteer to
be on the 2011 Highland Fling
Committee, please contact Emily
at Highland City, (801) 772-4523
or emily@highlandcity.org. The
first monthly meeting will be held
in November.



Highland City Arts Council is establishing the new "**Timpanogos Symphony**". We are searching out talented individuals to participate. If interested please send a short bio and interest statement to artscouncil@highlandcity.org

Handmade Christmas Gifts Pottery Class – Monday, November 8th & 15th. Two sessions times available 4:00 or 5:30 pm. Families welcome! Make a Christmas Tree and Angel Christmas Ornament. Perfect for Grandparents, teachers etc. Tuition: \$25. For information please call 801-836-3242.

For more information and to register please go to the Art Council page at www.highlandcity.org

Savvy Shopper Couponing Classes

Thursday, October 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.

Emergency Preparedness Merit Badge Class 10/29 & 11/5! Sign ups start October 1st! Please go online to the events & education page at www.highlandcity.org for details.

Library News

A MURDEROUS MELODRAM

Did our hero meet his tragic end at the hands of a dastardly villain? Help Us Solve the Mystery!

The Highland City Library Youth Advisory Committee PRESENTS: A MURDEROUS MELODRAMA - AN INTERACTIVE MYSTERY, For grades 6-9, Friday, October 22, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Prizes and Refreshments, Get your FREE ticket from the Y.A. Librarian, For more information, contact Michelle at (801) 772-4528 or michelled@highlandcity.org

WANTED: Highland Youth, ages 12-18 interested in becoming more involved in their library! The Library Youth Advisory Committee is meeting on October 6th and 20th. Snacks are provided and we have tons of fun!



Storytime Registration

Sign-ups for Session Two of storytime begin on October 5th around 8:00 am. Please be aware that morning classes do fill very quickly! There are only 20 children allowed in each class, but we do allow alternates to sign up. This session

and time EXCEPT Wednesday at 10:30 am were able to move into spots, so don't give up hope! Due to space limitations, Kindergarteners will not be able to enroll in Storytime this year. The program is intended to teach a love for books and reading for those children who are not exposed to them throughout the school year.

Storytime Session Two Themes:

- 11/2, 11/3 - Snow
- 11/9, 11/10 - Pizza & Junk Food
- 11/16, 11/17 - Magic
- 11/23, 11/24 - Families
- 11/30, 12/1 - Outer Space
- 12/7, 12/8 - Favorite Toys
- 12/14, 12/15 - Bathtime
- 12/21, 12/22 - Christmas (Party!)