

Highland Insider

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Highland Water Company to Consolidate with Highland City

Appointment of Water Policy Advisory Board

In a vote taken at a special meeting, the membership of the Highland Water Company voted to approve the Highland Water Board's proposal to consolidate with Highland City and dissolve the Water Company. A series of informational meetings and letters preceded the vote to educate the membership on reasons for the consolidation.

The City and Water Company have taken steps to accommodate the consolidation and begin a more comprehensive approach to Highland's future water needs. The City appointed a Water Policy Advisory Board to advise the City Council on water issues. The Board has been organizing, meeting, and preparing an outline of issues to suggest ways to better meet the community's water requirements. The Board has Jim Hewlett as Chairman, Al Schellenberg as Vice Chairman and City Engineer Matt Shipp as Secretary. Mark Thompson and Ed Gifford add considerable experience and expertise to the Board. The Board may be expanded by two additional members. The Board has presented the City Council with a recommendation for a Culinary Water Master Plan that is essential to Highland's continued growth. The Plan will include an impact fee analysis, a full water rights inventory, hydraulic modeling (both current and future) and a capital facility plan. The Plan will be prepared to meet all necessary approval requirements.

City and Water Company staffs are working together to learn each entity's information gathering and reporting systems. The Water Company staff will eventually shift to the City payroll.

"We are proceeding slowly and deliberately with the consolidation to ensure the transition is seamless and that there is no loss of quality of service, as our first priority, and that the best and most efficient methods of doing business are adopted and going forward. We don't

anticipate any cost increase for our culinary water as a result of the consolidation. The Water Policy Advisory Board believes the anticipated pending capital projects necessary to meet Highland's growth will be enhanced by operating under one entity rather than two. Both the City and Water Company bring valuable resources to planning capital projects for our water system," said Jim Hewlett. "We haven't had that ability before," he said.

A tentative plan to complete the consolidation has been set for January 1, 2005.

Did You Know? . . .

- A new pavilion and improvements for public use were recently completed north of Highland Town Center Meadows at approximately 5600 West 10680 North.
- The new well at Westfield Road and 11800 North will provide water for the secondary system. The pump will be constructed this winter so it will be on line during the peak demands during the summer of 2005.
- The City Council awarded the Highland Glen Park environmental consulting contract to Jones and Stokes from \$73,008 to \$141,439, depending on whether an Environmental Assessment is sufficient or if an Environmental Impact Statement is required.
- The City Council approved the Eagle Scout project for Curtis Gerow to place two benches at the Wimbleton Park. Thanks Curtis!
- The City Council approved a bid with J & R Development for construction of a new pavilion for Mitchell Hollow Park.
- The City Council granted final approval to the subdivision, Dry Creek Phase 3, located at 11550 North 6000 West, which will comprise 22 lots.

- The City Council granted final approval to Brookridge Subdivision, located at 10452 North 4800 West, which will comprise 14 lots.
- The City Council approved the purchase of a Skid Steerer for Public Works for \$35,000. This will be used to maintain trails and sidewalks.
- The City Council approved the purchase of a plotter/scanner for \$10,990 which will allow staff to print maps and reports.
- The US Census increased Highland's population figures from 9,642 to 11,141.
- The City Council recommended the Planning Commission consider development of provisions for the Mansion House design for 15 buildings with 3 units each on 6 acres in the Highland Towne Center at approximately 5600 West 10900 North.
- The City Council approved the site plan for Universal Community Credit Union to build a facility in the Highland Towne Center at approximately 10680 North and 5490 West.
- A contract was approved for landscaping two open space parks for Dry Creek and Canterbury North with Blake McCutchan for \$11,000.
- Blake McCutchan received approval from the City Council to clear brush for facilitating surveying for improvements on the northwest portion of the Highland Glen Park.
- Approvals have been completed for the development of a Jiffy Lube and Car Wash on the east side of Kountry Korner.
- The City Council granted Final Approval to Madison Meadows Subdivision, which is located at 9960 North 6800 West, and it will comprise 19 lots on 21.6 acres.
- The City Council granted Final Approval of Twin Bridges Estates for 80 lots on 42.5 acres. This is located at approximately 5900 West 12400 North, and was previously known as Phase I of Beacon Hill.
- The City Council agreed to wait until winter to rebid for the Canterbury Trail improvements.
- The City Council approved the Memorandum of Understanding for Use of the Murdock Canal as a Trail.
- The City Council granted approval to apply for a \$200,000 matching grant from the Division of Parks and Recreation to be used for improvements to the Highland Glen Park.
- 211 dwelling building permits have been issued since January, 2004.
- The full City Staff is available Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and two secretaries and the City Administrator are available on Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The Court is closed on Friday. The Public

Works and City Engineer are housed at the Public Works Building at 4066 West 11000 North, and can be reached at 492-6362.

- Smokey Creek, one of the developers in the Towne Center, presented a proposal to the City Council for a building to go on Lot 3 in the Town Center Business Park. The building will go west of the site scheduled for the UCCU Credit Union, and it will provide a professional office on the top level and leased retail space on the bottom level. This proposal will be sent on to the Planning Commission for consideration.

Recreation Announcements

American Fork Recreation is registering for Basketball for boys and girls in 3rd - 12th grades.

Boys' Basketball for 9th -12th grades - Registration deadline is **November 11** - played in December through February.

Boys' Basketball for 7th - 8th grades - Registration deadline is **November 15** - played in January to mid March.

Jr. Jazz Basketball for Boys and Girls 3rd - 6th grades - Registration deadline is **November 22** - Played in January to mid March.

Girls' Basketball for 7th - 12th grades - Registration deadline is **November 22**. Played in January to mid March.

Register at the American Fork Recreation Department, 68 East 490 North (in the trailer behind the Fitness Center), Hours, Monday - Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (closed Friday and Saturday). For more information, call 763-3080, ex. 3, or e-mail us at recreation@afcity.net.

Garage Sale Signs

A city ordinance which may not have been enforced in the past will be enforced from this point forward. A resident may **only** place a sign on the property where the garage sale will take place. It is actually illegal to place garage sale signs on power poles, streetlights, street signs, the sidewalk or park strip, or any other public property. A citation and fine may be attached to garage sale signs which are not located properly due to the amount of time it has taken to remove them. Please call the City if you have any questions with this issue.

Arts Council Update

Arts Council is sponsoring the "Christmas by Me" workshops. There will be two Friday Sessions. Session #1 November 5, 12, and 19, from 3:30 - 5:00 p.m., and Session #2 December 3, 10, and 17. They will be held at the City Building and the cost is \$10, plus a \$20 supply fee. There will also be two Super Saturdays held December 11 and 18, where there will be 3 sessions offered on each Saturday. You may sign up for 1-3 classes on the Super Saturdays. They will be \$3.50 each, with a \$6.50 supply fee for each class. These classes will be held at the City Building.

Class size is limited and advanced registration is required. Pick up a flyer from Kohler's service desk, and for your convenience you can drop off your registration form at the Kohler's service desk. For more information, or to register by phone, call Laury Smith, 863-7686, or Katie Evans 768-0937.

The Arts Council will be offering a youth theater production in January.

The Arts Council is always looking for new members. It is a great way to serve, help shape our community, and get to know new people. Email Laury Smith at zoo9crew@msn.com.

Calendar of Events

City Council, 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m.

Planning Commission, 2nd and 4th Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.

Mobile Spay/Neuter Clinic

The SPAY/NEUTER CLINIC will be held **November 18, 2004, at the parking lot-junction of Highland Highway and American Fork Canyon Road, east of Highland City's Public Works Building.** Registration is on a first come, first serve basis. Intake is at 8:00 a.m., until full. Discharge time will be determined during intake. Do not feed your pet after 9 p.m. the night before surgery, if pet is older than 4 months old. Water is okay. Do not feed your pet after 6:00 a.m. the morning of surgery if pet is younger than 4 months old. Water is okay. Animals must be between 8 weeks and 6 years of age. All cats must be in a carrier labeled with identification. Vaccinations for spay/neuter clients only. Dog or cat rabies \$10. For more information call toll-free 1-866-PETS FIX or www.utahpets.org.

Youth Council

By Brian Correy, Youth Council Rep.

Highland's new Youth City Council was sworn in before the Mayor and City Council last month. The new Council, representing every grade at Lone Peak, had a great service project in September. They hosted a dinner for all the police officers and firemen in Alpine and Highland as a way of thanking them for the great joy they do at keeping our city safe. In October they sent packages to servicemen abroad in gratitude for defending our country. The Youth Council, on November 18, is sponsoring a dinner for the seniors 55 and older from our community. They are looking for participants in a talent show that night. If you are interested, please call 763-0232. Thank you for your support of the Youth Council in our past activities.

The Youth Council spotlight for this month includes **Lauren Mortenson and Phillip Bassett.** **Lauren** is the second of three children. She has lived in Highland since 1991, and was born in Riverside, California. She likes to read and play the cello. One of her favorite books is *The Phantom of the Opera*. Lauren's favorite movie is "The Lord of the Rings" and when she grows up she wants to be a lawyer. **Philip** is Mayor pro tem for the Youth Council. He is the second of four boys in his family. During the summer he was the Utah Ambassador at the Hugh O'Brian World Youth Leadership Conference. He is a junior at Lone Peak High School, where his favorite subject is history. Phillip also referees soccer.

Message from Police Chief Kip Botkin

The bike auction scheduled for Saturday, November 6, 2004, has been canceled. Watch the next newsletter for further information.

Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Highland City Council **November 2, 2004, at 8:00 p.m., and it will be continued to November 16, 2004, at 8:00 p.m.**, at the City Building to consider amending the height requirement for fences along trails as noted in 3-612(6) of the Highland City Development Code.

The City Council meeting scheduled for **November 2, 2004, will begin at 8:00 p.m.** due to the General Election.

Cemetery Update

Following the culmination of a dream, a plan, many hours of study and review, Highland City dedicated the cemetery on July 10, 1999. Ivan Day served as Chairman of the Cemetery Committee and assisted the City in locating 17 1/4 acres, which has partially been developed and landscaped and is providing a place of solitude for those who have passed on and where their loved ones can come to remember them.

The City has sold just over 900 plots and to date there have been 68 burials in the cemetery. This past year the fence along the south side of the cemetery was completed. The beautiful veteran's memorial statute, sculpted by Dennis Smith, was placed at the crest of the hill a year ago through the efforts of the Eagle Scout Project by Cory Cosgrave, the flag poles and flags were the result of a Youth City Council legacy project, and many trees were planted through the efforts of the Shade Tree Committee in connection with Arbor Day celebrations. Future plans for the cemetery includes a medication area, memorial area, a niche columbarium, and a front entrance. The cemetery care and maintenance is under the direction of the Cemetery Sexton Lloyd Hansen.

Residents are invited to purchase lots from the City Recorder. The fee schedule is as follows: Residential Single Plot \$500; Resident Opening and Closing \$250 (\$500 for Saturday or Holiday); Non-resident Single Plot \$800; non-resident Opening and closing \$450 (\$800 for Saturday or Holiday). Donations for the Veterans Memorial can still be made. Granite pavers are available for \$100. A small tribute can be engraved on each stone for a loved one who is or has been a veteran, or in memory of residents of our community. Forms can be picked up at the City Building, and donations can be sent to Veterans Memorial Fund, 5378 W. 10400 N., Highland, Utah 84003. If you have any questions call Cory Cosgrave at 756-5065.

Polling Places for Election

Election Day, November 2. Polling places for Highland are as follows: Precinct HI01 and HI04 - Highland Elementary School @ 10865 N. 6000 W., Precinct HI02 and HI05 - Lone Peak High School @ 10189 N. 4800 W., Precinct HI-3 - Freedom Elementary School @ 6800 W. 10326 N., and Precinct HI06 - Mountain Ridge Jr. High School.

John Hancock Charter School

John Hancock Charter School is holding open enrollment through November 16 for kindergarten through eighth grade. For more information visit the web site at johnhancockcs.org or call 796-5646.

Condolences

Condolence is expressed to the families of Stephen G. Yancey and Brandon Thomas Tucker who recently passed away and who were residents of our community

FOR SENIORS 55 AND OVER

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL SENIORS' DINNER

Hosted by the Highland City Youth Council

When: Thursday, November 18, 2004

Where: Lone Peak High School Cafeteria

Time: 5:30 p.m.

This is an evening for seniors 55 and over. Please call the City if you need assistance with transportation.

We would like to invite you to participate in a talent show after dinner. Please contact the Youth Council at 763-0232 if you would like to be on the program.