



# HIGHLAND INSIDER

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## CIVILITY: BY MAYOR LYNN RITCHIE

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve as your Mayor. For me personally, it is a rewarding as well as challenging responsibility. As I reflected over the past few months, and with the help and suggestion of two great neighbors, I want to address a topic that is critical to not only our community but all communities – Civility.

Civility is defined by Webster as: civilized conduct, especially courtesy and politeness. Civility is how we treat each other as we live in peaceful coexistence. In our modern world of rapid media, unsourced online writing, divergence from underlying virtues and civil manners, we are at times challenged to remember our values and responsibility to each other and to a community.

I have been reminded and encouraged by you, the citizens of Highland of the importance of this principle. Most, if not all of us believe Highland is a wonderful place to live – the reason we came here. People want to work together and want peaceful coexistence, actually they want more – they want to “contribute” not just exist.

Highland City needs the help of every citizen and the diversity of opinions. I like the quote by General George Patton who said “If everyone is thinking alike,

then someone isn’t thinking”. Diversity then is good when coupled with civility. We need debate focused on issues with factual disagreements on those issues. Parties need to explain reasoning behind their differing points of view and use persuasion to convince others to understanding. There is an interesting pledge published by the [civilityproject.org](http://civilityproject.org). It asks all to take the “civility pledge” 1) I will be civil in my public discourse and behavior. 2) I will be respectful of others whether or not I agree with them. 3) I will stand against incivility when I see it.

I have found that in Highland the citizens truly want civility. I have also found there are masters of the virtue right here among us that we can use as mentors and examples. As we proceed with the issues facing this wonderful place to live, it is my hope that we will treat each other with civility and work together to bring out the best solutions for the community collectively. Again, thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Mayor.



### FEBRUARY MEETING SCHEDULE

CITY COUNCIL - 7:00 P.M.

TUESDAYS - FEBRUARY 2 & 16

PLANNING COMMISSION  
7:00 P.M.

TUESDAYS - FEBRUARY 9 & 23

### Highland City

#### Preparedness Fair

Please join us at the Highland City Preparedness Fair on Saturday, March 27, 2010, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at Lone Peak High School, to learn and prepare for the unexpected events of life. There will be classes on finances, food storage and preparation, keeping warm, surviving disasters, etc. Dozens of vendors will offer their best prices on emergency preparedness products. We will have activities for children too! For more information please visit the Events & Education page at [www.highlandcity.org](http://www.highlandcity.org)

PUBLIC INPUT WILL BE TAKEN AT THE FEBRUARY 2, 2010 CITY COUNCIL MEETING REGARDING THE  
PROVO RESERVOIR CANAL RIGHTS-OF-WAY GREENWAY INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT.

WE'RE ON THE WEB!

[WWW.HIGHLANDCITY.ORG](http://WWW.HIGHLANDCITY.ORG)

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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](mailto:emily@highlandcity.org)

### Senses of the Season

Timpanogos Cave National  
Monument will be holding a class  
at Highland City Hall on Saturday,  
February 20 (10am- noon).

Discover the sights, sounds,  
smells, tastes and textures of the  
season. This free class taught  
by rangers is geared for children  
8 years & younger but all ages  
are welcome to attend.

### Highland Cedar Hills Baseball

Highland Cedar Hills Baseball  
registration has begun. Athlete's  
from ages 5-12 yrs are eligible to  
play. Online registration is open  
Jan. 1 - March 6 at

[www.highlandcedarhillsbaseball.org](http://www.highlandcedarhillsbaseball.org)

# Library News

### Teen Bookclub

This month we are reading "Airman"  
by Eoin Colfer. There are still some  
spaces available. Sign up today.  
Books should be ready to pick up by  
the 15<sup>th</sup> of February. Bookclub will  
meet on March 3<sup>rd</sup> to discuss this  
month's book.

### Teen Valentine's Party

February 12, 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm  
Highland City Offices, Multipurpose  
room.

Decorate valentine's cookies, create  
messages for your sweetheart with  
candy hearts and enjoy some Twisted  
Romeo and Juliet stories – make your  
own, or act out one of ours!

All local teens welcome!



February 2 & 3 – To Hibernate is  
Great!

February 9 & 10 – Who do you Love?

February 16 & 17 – Monkeys, mon-  
keys everywhere!

February 23 & 24 – Take care of your  
teeth.



### House of Order Organization Series with Marie Ricks

Part 2: Fridays, February 12 -March 12, 10:05 a.m.-12:05 p.m.  
Tuition is \$45.00 for each class. Classes are held at City Hall.

### Vegetable Gardening Series for Beginning Gardeners

4 week series will focus on gardening skills for people who have  
limited experience in vegetable gardening. This workshop will be  
held in March at the Highland Gardens. Tuition is \$30.00

For more information and to register go to the Arts Council page at [www.highlandcity.org](http://www.highlandcity.org)

### Highland City Boy Scout Merit Badge Classes

February: Reading, March Swimming & Pets. Please visit the  
Events & Education page at [www.highlandcity.org](http://www.highlandcity.org) for details.

### Conserving Water Through Education

Did you know that the Central Utah Gardens in Orem offers free  
classes, concerts and kid activities? The purpose of the gardens  
is to show homeowners how to have beautiful, colorful land-  
scapes while saving water at the same time. For more informa-  
tion, please visit [www.centralutahgardens.org](http://www.centralutahgardens.org)

### HIGHLAND YOUTH CITY COUNCIL



The 2010 Highland  
Youth City Council  
is revving up for a  
new year starting with  
their swearing in ceremony  
which was January 5th.  
We are excited to  
have new council  
members & new  
advisors!