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Mayor's Report: City Activities last 6 months

In January I outlined for the City Council my objectives for the City. Simply stated they are: 1) Provide essential services. 2) Build reserves of cash to fund essential projects. 3) Evaluate and update ordinances. 4) Cultivate trust, respect, and civility. 5) Progress toward solutions for open space areas. 6) Foster economic development in the town center.

We have been busy in the city over these last 6 months accomplishing these and other council objectives. Our cash position of the city has increased \$291k from original projections. This was realized through decreases in staff positions not backfilled as well as bringing our parks maintenance contract in-house from an outside contractor. We signed the agreement with Utah County for the Murdock Canal Trail. This trail will follow the Murdock Canal from Provo Canyon in Orem to the I-15 freeway and will be constructed over the next 3 years following the Piping of the Murdock Canal. We have completed all but two parcels of property for right-of-way for the Murdock Connector Road that will connect 4800W and SR74. The County will be constructing this road and we hope to complete it in the fall of 2011. Along with this road we have exchanged some small pieces of property with the County to rebuild 4800W from SR92 to the Murdock Canal. This new 5 lane road will be a great asset to Highland residents and will be completed by November 2010 changing the name from 4800 West to North County Blvd.

Additional projects we have completed are the renewal of the garbage contract for the city. We were able to hold pricing level for this year with minor increases over the next 4 years. Also, we have reviewed ordinances in the City for updating. We have put a moratorium on the Town Center Ordinance to review and revise it. The Planning Commission has done an excellent job in their

review for the ordinance to come before the Council in July. I am sure you have noticed the new development in the Town Center called Toscana at Highland. These townhomes are in the Parade of Homes and have been successful in their initial sales. There will be 162 total units at completion. Another ordinance Council is now reviewing is the new Group Home ordinance with many new changes and improvements.

We have saved \$696,000 in this current year's budget or 9.96% from reduced staffing and maintenance contracts. The difficulties going forward into next year are added expenses of \$544,000 from bond debt payments and increases in our Public Safety District. However, even with these increases we were able to generate enough savings to develop a budget \$153,000 less than last year. The Council voted to reduce \$86,000 from property tax revenues to a total revenue of \$239,000 less than last year. We are now reviewing our capital and utility funds and plans to share with residents for those funds over the next few months. One large increase is our sewer fund where we received a 27% increase from Timpanogos Service District for capital improvements. We have no choice but to raise these fees.

We created an open space committee to address problems in our open space areas. We appreciate citizens willingness to serve and expect we will see solutions as they work through issues. Last but not least, we have hired a new City Administrator. His name is John Park. John will bring much experience to the City and we are happy to welcome him to Highland.

We will keep you informed over the next 6 months of events and activities we are doing. We appreciate the active involvement of the community and the suggestions we have received.

Public Notice: Increases have been added to the following Utility Services as of July 1, 2010:
Sewer (new base amount \$33.91)
Storm Drain (new base amount \$4.73)
Culinary Water (new base amount \$12.24)

CITY MEETING SCHEDULE
TUESDAYS 7:00 PM

CITY COUNCIL
JULY 20

PLANNING COMMISSION
JULY 13 &27

Open Space Committee Created

Mayor Lynn Ritchie recently created a committee comprised of open space and non-open space residents to help define issues and develop solutions related to the 18 open space subdivisions in Highland City and to present recommendations to the City Council. The committee is chaired by Ed Dennis, a resident of the Wimbleton open space subdivision. Ed Barfuss (non-open space resident), Doug Cunningham (Beacon Hills), Ginger Ford (View Pointe), Dave Hall (Canterbury Park Circle), Carol Kounanis (Highland Hills), Greg Parkinson (non-open space resident), Kristi Vick (Chamberry Fields) and Doug Ybarra (Highland Hills) also serve on the committee. City Council member Scott Smith and City Public Works Director, Matt Shipp, have been asked to serve as the City liaisons to the committee. The committee meets twice per month at the Highland City Office building and welcomes input from all Highland City residents regarding current concerns and ideas for the future of open space areas as well as issues such as parks, trails, fences, fees, etc. More information can be found under the Community Involvement tab at www.highlandcity.org.

Welcome New City Administrator John Park

Highland City's new City Administrator John Park will begin July 6, 2010. We are excited to have John join us in this position. He is not new to the area living in American Fork for the last 18 years. He brings a wealth of experience to Highland as Assistant City Manager of Orem, Building Safety Division Manager, and Director of Public Works. John's experience also includes a Police officer in Tooele, and Director of Building Safety and working with Business Development. He has also worked with

cities as a consultant, facilitating city operational improvements, team building, and reorganizations. John has been highly recommended by every city he has worked in and with. His skills will be a great asset to Highland City. John looks forward to working with the professional staff and City Council of Highland City.

John and his wife Monica have six children and are excited to serve Highland City. He is anxious to start and looks forward to meeting residents to continue

to make Highland a great city and a wonderful place to live. Please join the Mayor, City Council, and City employees in welcoming John to Highland.



Highland SR-92 Widening Nears Halfway Point

Curb & Gutter Placement, Paving Will Lead Up To Early August Traffic Switch

Work on the Highland portion of UDOT's SR-92 project is nearing the half-way point, with July activities aimed at finishing work on the north side of the roadway between 6400 West and Town Center Blvd. in preparation for a traffic switch in early August.

"We're making good progress throughout the project, and we're hoping for a nice run of good, clear weather that will allow us to move even faster," said Bryan Adams, program director for UDOT's Access Utah County project.

Adams praised Highland residents for the excellent way they have responded to the construction configuration. "With the narrower (11-foot) lanes and the elimination of the center turning lane, motorists have to be alert and careful as they drive through the area," Adams said. "While we've had a few incidents, for the most part drivers have handled the situation well. We hope that will continue through the end of the summer, when we expect to have this portion of the SR-92 project completed."

During the month of July crews will be placing curb and gutter on the north side of the roadway in preparation for paving operations at the end of the month.

When the north side is paved and ready for operation, traffic will be switched to the new pavement and work will commence on the south side of the road.

Elsewhere on the SR-92 reconstruction project in July, work continues on preparing for the new commuter lanes, which will eventually carry motorists directly to and from I-15 without having to stop at the various intersections along SR-92. Storm drains will be put in place and final grading will be done prior to the start of paving. Work will also continue on bridges being built at 1200 West and

Triumph Blvd.

"As you drive by you'll see that things are starting to take shape," Bryans said. "But don't look too closely – please continue to concentrate on the roadway while you're driving. Construction zones require your full attention, especially when flaggers and other workers are present."

The SR-92 reconstruction project is part of Access Utah County, a UDOT program designed to improve mobility in northern Utah County. It is scheduled for completion in Fall 2011.

For more information on the project please go to www.udot.utah.gov/sr92. If you have questions or comments please e-mail access@utah.gov.

Give me a CHANCE

I'll show you my DANCE!

CELEBRITY JUDGES:

- Gev Manoukian: SYTYCD season 4 finalist
- Derryl Yeager: Odyssey Dance Theatre Director
- Mailauri Esquibel: Fame! and Dancing with the Stars
- Thayne Jasperson: SYTYCD finalist

What are you willing to do for \$1000?

All we want to see you do is DANCE!

Bring your phone because you will decide Highland's favorite dancer!

August 6 5:00 pm

Final Round 7:00 pm

Heritage Park Highland

For INFORMATION or to REGISTER for the COMPETITION go to: www.thepointeacademy.com

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Office Hours: Monday - Thursday,
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, July 29: 7:00 p.m. Couponing 101. Then at 8:00 p.m. Better your couponing skills, Savvy Shopping 201. FREE classes held monthly at City Hall. Call Savvy Trainer-Katie (801) 367-4604

Reminder from Allied Waste: Please have your garbage and recycle cans at the curb by 7:00 a.m. on Friday mornings for pick-up.

The Highland and American Fork Arts Councils Present: "Music Man". Performances: July 15-17 and 19, 2010, 7:00 pm at American Fork High School Auditorium Tickets: \$10 adults, \$8 students and seniors, \$25 family (in same household)

Highland City Beautification Volunteers Needed



- Yard of the Month: individuals willing to seek out and judge yards in Highland to be recognized as "Yard of the Month".
- Pick up trash, weeding & maintaining flowerbeds in Parks

Any individual or group wishing to volunteer a few hours may contact Emily at Highland City (801)772-4523 or emily@highlandcity.org

Youth City Council Update: Our plucky policemen and fearless firemen (and women) deserve a thank you. Thank you, neighborhood superheroes! We put on a barbecue last month for these noble men and had fun celebrating all that they do.

Library News

Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Library are in need of members. Please contact the library to join. The friends provide invaluable service to the library including:

- Increase library awareness and membership
- Keep the community and library connected
- Increase volunteerism to support and supplement library resources
- Support library services including story-time, displays, and shelving
- Fundraising through sales and grants
- Assist with used book sales

Youth Advisory Committee Meetings Our next meetings will be on Thursday, July 1st, July 15th, and July 29th at 5:00 pm in the multipurpose room next to the Library. Everyone

ages 12 through 18 is invited to attend. We need new people and new projects. Bring your friends!

Teen Bookclub This month we are reading "Snakehead" by Anthony Horowitz. Books are ready to be picked up now! Bookclub will meet on July 7th to discuss this month's book. It is time to choose books for the next several months. If you want to be involved in this decision, come on July 7th!



K-6th grade school-aged children can bring their library card in to register for Summer Reading, and to pick up their free toy and starter kit.

Activities will be held **every Wednesday at 1:00 p.m.**

July 7th, No Summer Reading due to Independence Day!

July 14, Rain Gutter Regatta Boat Races

Races: Boat races in Boy Scout Rain Gutter Regatta style! Bring your own homemade recycled boat. A water activity!

July 21, Coping as Castaways: What if you were stranded on a desert island? Come learn fun skills, tie knots, play "Worst Case Scenario," and other survival games!

July 28, Pirate's Ahoy!: Aaargh, matey! Walk the plank, go on a treasure hunt, take part in a peg-leg race, and other fun games! Bring a towel, and plan on getting wet!

August 4, Sea Serpent Social: Measure a sea serpent, musical monsters, sea serpent races, and sea creature art. Limited water, this time, but it is outside, so getting wet is a possibility.

Storytime... Signups for next year's storytime sessions will begin in August!



WED - FRI • AUGUST 4TH - 6TH

WEDNESDAY, AUG 4TH

- **Kids Night (FREE EVENT!) 6:30 pm, Town Center Plaza**
- **Dance Contest Auditions (Details on website below)**

THURSDAY, AUG 5TH

- **Jr. Miss Pageant 7:00 pm, Lone Peak High School**

FRIDAY, AUG 6TH

- **Dance Contest 5:00 - 9:00 pm, Heritage Park Stage**
- **Play Day Rodeo 5:00 pm, Equestrian Park (9400 N 6800 W)**

SAT, AUGUST 7TH • HERITAGE PARK

- **Hot Air Balloons 6:30 am**
- **5K Fun Runs 7:00 am**
- **Kids Fun Runs 8:00 am**
- **Flag Raising Ceremony 7:00 am**
- **LPHS Marching Band Pancake Breakfast 7:30 am - 9:30 am**
- **Scottish Heavy Events 9:00 am**
- **Grand Parade 10:00 am**
- **Exhibitors & Concession Booths**
- **Art Show in the Park 10:00 am - 4:00 pm**
- **Canine Demo. by Arrow Kennels 11:00 am - 2:00 pm**
- **Highland DUP Cabin Tours 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm**
- **BMX Stunt Team 12:30 pm, 2:30 pm, 4:30 pm**
- **Fireman's Spray 1:30 pm**
- **Barbacoa Burrito Eating Contest 3:30 pm (sign up at Barbacoa)**
- **HYCC Kids Zone Inflatables \$5 11:00 am - 5:00 pm**
- **FIREWORKS 10:00 pm**

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Saturday Heritage Park Stage Entertainment



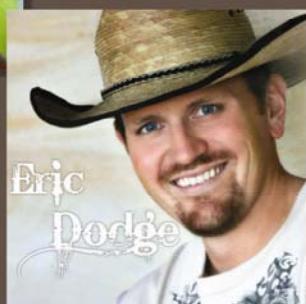
► **Dyer Highway 12:00 pm**



Joshua Creek ► 5:45 pm



► **Debra Fotheringham 7:00 pm**



Eric Dodge ► 8:30 pm

Also

- **Bobby Lawrence School of Karate**
- **Can't Stop Rockin' • HypnoMan**
- **Power Academy Irish Dance**
- **Mark Granger • 13th Floor Jazz**