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## 17 ACRE PARK EXPANSION IN HIGHLAND

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At the beginning of December, I announced to the press the purchase of 17 acres for use as a major city park. This purchase of property from the Melonas Family

has been completed bringing the total number of acres added to the Highland City parks system to 30 acres in the past year. This new acreage will go a long way to meet the outdoor recreation needs of our city. The property is located directly west of Mountain Ridge Junior High School and is one of the few remaining large parcels near the center of the city. This land has been identified on the city's general plan almost since inception of the city as a major city park. With this parcel's proximity to the Junior High School it will provide many joint use opportunities. I'd like to announce that construction on the park will start almost immediately. Once completed, this park will include a baseball complex with lights, parking, bleachers, concessions and restrooms. It will take some years to fully complete all the amenities in the park, but the road improvements on 5600 West and installation of turf should happen in early 2009. I'd like to express appreciation to the City Council who supported this acquisition

through the issuance of bonds and authorizing the actual purchase. Special appreciation goes to Councilmember Brian Brunson who assisted city staff in navigating successfully through a myriad of title issues which had the potential to block the purchase.

Negotiations for this property have been ongoing for nearly three years. It is important to note that the Melonas family and the City have worked hard together to make this happen. The park purchase was made possible by the creation of a new zone within the city which provided for increased density (more houses) in exchange for a reduced price on the purchase of the park. Due to the economic slowdown, the original developers were not able to complete their development project which would have provided the city with the park. Through direct contact with the land owners, the city was able to negotiate a purchase price that was acceptable to both parties. It is my opinion that when the housing market corrects itself there is a strong possibility that the city will be able to recover most, if not all of the \$2.5 million purchase price for the park. In the meantime though, the city will be able to take advantage of this great parcel of land for recreational uses.

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### Dog Licenses Required

At the new year, a reminder that all dogs **MUST** be licensed. You may now renew or obtain your dog license at the [Highland Justice Center \(Police Department\)](#) upon proof of a current rabies vaccination. The annual fee for the license is \$10 per dog for spayed/neutered animals and \$35 per dog for non-altered animals.

## WINTER SNOW REMOVAL & PLOWING

With winter seeming to be in full swing... it is important for Highland residents to understand their roles during snow removal.

One of the goals of the City of Highland is to provide expeditious and efficient snow removal during winter snowstorms. City road crews continue to strive towards a high level of service for its residents during these road conditions. During heavy snow storms it can take as much as 48 hours to clear all priority routes and through streets once the storm has subsided. Residents may view a copy of Highland City's snowplow priority zones at [www.hIGHLANDCITY.ORG](http://www.hIGHLANDCITY.ORG).

Please take into consideration that the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) plows SR-92 and SR-74, and like the City, UDOT will work as efficiently as allowed during winter snow storms.

FAQ's

**When does my cul-de-sac get plowed?**

Cul-de-sacs are not plowed or salted until every thru-road has been cleared. This can take any where from 3-5 days after a storm has passed.

**When do I have to clear the sidewalk of the snow?**

It is recommended that Highland City property owners clear adjacent sidewalks of snow within 24 hours after the end of the storm.

**Will the City clean out the area in front of my mailbox after the plow pushes snow in front of it?**

No, residents are responsible for removing the snow next to and in front of their mailbox to permit mail delivery.

**Where can I put the snow shoveled from my sidewalk and driveway?**

Residents are encouraged to push or throw snow onto their own property. It is illegal to throw or push any snow into any street. Putting snow into the streets can make the road more dangerous for automobiles and snowplows.

**Will the City remove snow from my driveway?**

No, residents are responsible for removing the snow on their driveways. The City does not contract out this work. If residents are seeking this type of service it is recommended that they contact a snow-plowing service at their own expense.

**Can I park my vehicle on the street during the winter season?**

Between December 1st and March 31st vehicles may not park on City streets. Parking on the street after a snow storm makes it difficult for plows to clear the streets. It also makes for hazardous driving for other vehicles trying to maneuver through the deep snow. If a car is plowed in following a storm, the snow may freeze making it nearly impossible to move the car. If the driver of the snowplow feels it is unsafe to plow a street due to parked vehicles, the street will not get plowed. Please keep in mind that other obstacles such as basketball hoops or dumpsters also need to be kept off of the City right of way.

**What will happen if I park my vehicle on the street during these dates?**

The Police Department may issue a parking citation, and/or have the vehicles that are parking on the street impounded (towed), especially during or shortly after a snow storm. To report parking/traffic

violations in your neighborhood, please contact the Alpine/Highland Police Department at 756-9800.

**The snowplows push snow into my freshly cleared driveway. Isn't there a better way to clear the streets to show some consideration to the City residents?**

Unfortunately, there isn't a better way to clear streets. The snow has to go somewhere, and to make our roads safe, that somewhere is the side of the road. Snowplow blades are designed to push snow to the side of the road. The driver has no other option as to where the snow goes. We recommend that you push the snow to the right of your driveway as you face the street.

**When will the City remove the snow from the walking trails?**

After the snow has been removed from the streets in Highland, our Public Works Department will work to remove any snow from the walking trails. Please note that this will take place after the end of a snow storm and after the roads are cleared for safe traveling.

**How can you help?**

To help expedite clearing roadways from snow and icy conditions, the City of Highland is asking for your help. You can assist our snow removal operators in several ways....

1. Always park your vehicle off the street. Vehicles left in the roadway create unnecessary obstacles for snow removal operators to work around, can slow the process of properly clearing the road and is against Highland City ordinances.
2. Keep obstructions such as portable basketball hoops, trash cans, and toys off the street and sidewalks during snow removal.
3. Exercise extreme care and caution when driving in adverse and inclement weather. Your safety and the safety of other motorists and pedestrians is the highest priority.
4. Travel at a safe distance from snow plows at all times to avoid damage to your car. Do not try to pass these vehicles and please be patient.
5. Limit and restrict travel unless absolutely necessary during severe weather.

If you would like to report any dangerous conditions please call Highland City Public Works at 772-4510.

HERE'S TO A HAPPY & SAFE WINTER IN 2009!

**Parks Reservations**

The calendars for 2009 Park Reservations opens on January 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 a.m. Park reservations are only scheduled for May 1st – September 30th, all other months are first-come first-served. Please be aware some dates may not be available due to City Events. You may download an application and view the parks calendar at [www.highlandcity.org](http://www.highlandcity.org) or you may pick up a reservation form at the City Office.

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Help your community have a successful 2010 Census.

**LIBRARY CORNER!**

The library now has nearly 10,000 items in the collection! And there are still more to add. Check out the preloaded MP3 audio books available for use!

**Storytime begins January 6th.** Children preschool age and younger are invited to attend either on Tuesdays or Wednesdays at 10:30 am or 1:00 pm. All sessions the same. There is no advance registration necessary.



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

### JANUARY MEETING SCHEDULE

CITY COUNCIL - 7:00 P.M.  
TUESDAYS JANUARY 6, 13 & 20

PLANNING COMMISSION - 7:00 P.M.  
TUESDAYS - JANUARY 13 & 27

### **CHRISTMAS TREE PICK-UP**

Allied Waste will pick up Christmas trees January 8-13, 2009. Please remove all ornaments and lights and have your tree placed at the curb by 7:00 a.m. on January 8. (FYI, no flocked trees are allowed for pickup)

**NEW THIS YEAR!** In addition to providing curbside pick up, two dumpsters will be located at Heritage Park, one for flocked trees and one for regular Christmas trees.

### **MERIT BADGE CLASS**

#### **Citizenship in the Nation (required)**

Dates/Times: January 9th & 16th - 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.  
Class Limit: 20  
Cost: \$10 residents/ \$12 non-residents

#### **Pottery (non-required)**

Dates/Times: January 12th & 26th - 5:00 to 6:30 p.m.  
Class Limit: 12  
Cost: \$25 residents/ \$27 non-residents  
Fee includes all materials for the class

Registration for Highland Residents will be online ONLY starting 9:00 a.m. on Monday, January 5. Once the class is full you may register for the waiting list online. Non-residents may register on January 6. An adult needs to attend class with their 11-year old scouts and/or scouts with special needs. For more information and to register for these classes, please visit the Events & Education page at [www.highlandcity.org](http://www.highlandcity.org)



### **ANNIE! - Youth Musical Theater Workshop!**

#### **Acting, Singing, Dancing!**

Rehearsal Dates: Monday & Wednesdays, February 2nd - April 15th  
Time: 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.  
Ages: 8 to 14 years old  
Cost: \$40 per month  
Perf Dates: April 17 & 18  
Registration - online at [www.highlandcity.org](http://www.highlandcity.org) beginning January 5th.

**YOUTH SEWING CLASS!** Come make Valentine Pajama Pants/Heart Bag with us. Two sessions offered, students can sign up for one session or two.

Session 1 Dates: February 6th & 7th  
Session 2 Dates: February 13th & 14th  
Time: Fridays 4pm - 6pm, Saturdays 10am - 1pm  
Age: Girls ages 8 and up  
Class Limit: 8  
Cost: \$40 per session.

Includes all sewing materials (bring sewing machine)

Class Instructor: Susan Ostler- Susan has taught sewing and textiles privately for 7 years and is a graduate of BYU in Home Economics Education. You may e-mail questions to [susanostler@quest.net](mailto:susanostler@quest.net) or call 756-2224. Registration: online at [www.highlandcity.org](http://www.highlandcity.org) beginning January 5<sup>th</sup>

### **Highland Children's Choir Auditions**

Limited spaces available. Spots will be filled in the order calls are received. Spaces available in the 8-12 yr Children's Choir class, and the 12-16 year Highland Girls Choir class. The 4-7 yr class is full but will be accepting new students in August. Students can be put on a waiting list for that class. For information call KeriLynn at 492-0590.  
**COME AND SING WITH US!**