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IS IT TIME TO "HUNKER DOWN"?



As a big sports enthusiast, I like to draw life lessons from my sports experience. It has been demonstrated that teams play better in front of the home crowd. This can be attributed to roars when the

home team makes a great play or the school fight song that inspires a positive atmosphere or maybe it comes from the catchy slogans that are shouted in unison. One of my favorite slogans comes from the University of Georgia Bulldogs. When things are not going right for the home team or the defense needs extra encouragement, the fans yell "Hunker down you hairy dawgs". This phrase seems to inspire the Bulldogs to fight harder.

We see many people "hunkering down" in these challenging economic times –people are delaying money spent on cars, houses, and discretionary items. In times of uncertainty, this seems to be a wise practice for individuals and families. However, there are consequences to "hunkering down". We spend less, and the economy continues to diminish, and we continue to spend less. As painful as it may be to those who have lost jobs or had income cut, this economy has a silver lining for cities. Cities have seen the cost of construction for roads and buildings fall significantly. What would cost a city \$100 a year ago costs about \$60 today. If a person has money, this appears to be the time to buy. The same is true for a city –if a city has money, now is the time to do road projects, build parks or build other facilities. Hunkering down is the natural reaction to the present economic conditions, but it may not be the wisest course.

Because of the favorable construction climate, low interest rates and pressing road needs, I

have recommended to the City Council that they consider borrowing money for the purpose of building new roads and improving other roads that are in need of improvement. Roads do not deteriorate on a straight line basis. Road life can be prolonged by proper drainage, overlays, and crack-sealing but at some point a road simply wears out and has to be rebuilt. This is especially true when the road width is no longer sufficient to handle the traffic volume. Highland City has been fortunate in that many of its roads have been rebuilt by developers as part of their project adjacent to a road, but some of our older roads have not seen much new development. One of these roads is 6000 West. 6000 West is an important transportation route because it is only 1 of 3 roads that has a direct connection with our neighboring cities on the north and south (the other two roads are Alpine Highway and 4800 West).

If the City Council approves borrowing this money, I will be recommending the funds be used to fix 6000 West; and to match Utah County funds to build an east/west connector (which for lack of a better name is called the Murdock Connector). This road will provide a much needed transportation link from the west part of Highland to 4800 West called the North County Blvd. The North County Blvd will have a direct connection to I-15 and SR-92. This connection will make southbound travel much more convenient and avoid the congestion of 100 East and State Street in American Fork. It is hoped that there will be enough funds to complete the road from 6800 West to 4800 West and to rebuild 6000 West.

It is unlikely that such an opportunity will come again soon. The County has committed to provide $\frac{1}{2}$ the funds to build the Murdock Connector from the Alpine High-

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way to 4800 West (a match of up to \$4 million).

The match money the city would need to come up with could come from the proposed bonds.

Finally, I would like to briefly explain the revenue source that will be used to pay for this borrowed money (road bonds). The city receives money from the State of Utah known as B&C Road funds which is allocated based on total miles of roads in the city and population. Our current annual allocation for these funds is about \$500,000. We can use a large portion of these funds for the payment of annual principal and interest on debt issued for the purpose of building and maintaining roads. This is a stable revenue source that sees very little annual fluctuation. These bonds would not take money away from Police, Fire or any other General Fund activity of the city. There is no tax or rate increase proposed to fund these projects. A public hearing will be held before these bonds can be issued, and I would urge each of you to come and participate in the discussion about the future of our roads and our transportation system, and why it is not time to "hunker down".

--Mayor Jay Franson

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Recycle



Allied\BFI Waste Services Highland 2009

Recycle Pick-Up Days are Shaded on Calendars

Note : Recycle Service is a Bi-Weekly Service

Any Questions, Please Call

801-785-5935

Guidelines to ensure consistent service:

*Recycle containers that have trash in them will NOT be dumped as trash and called into the city.

*All containers must be placed outside by 7 AM!

*Place the container in the street with wheels against the curb or within 2 feet of the blacktop, and the front of the container facing the street.

*The container must be placed 4 feet apart from other containers and 8 feet from mailboxes, poles, fences, trees, or parked vehicles for easy access.

*Break-Down Cardboard Boxes.

Reycle Service is delayed 1 day after the **following HOLIDAYS:**

Holidays of 2009-----Pick-Up Day of Service

2009 New Years Day (Thu)-----No effect

Memorial Day (May 25th)-----No effect

Independence Day (July 4th)-----No effect

Pioneer Day (Mon, July 24th)-----July 25th

Labor Day (Sept 7th)-----No effect

Thanksgiving Day (Nov 26th)-----Nov 28th

2009 Christmas Day (Dec. 25)-----Dec. 26th

2010 New Years Day (Jan 1st)-----No effect



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ACCEPTABLE RECYCLE ITEMS

- Magazines, Newspapers, Glossy Ads (staples & paperclips are okay), Junk Mail
- Plastic Containers #1-7 (i.e. soda/water bottles, milk jugs, laundry detergent bottles)
- Tin Cans (labels can be left on)
- Aluminum Cans
- Corrugated Cardboard, Cereal Boxes, Tissue Boxes, Empty Paper Towel or Toilet Paper Rolls
- Metal Hangers
- Small Appliances, such as toasters, iron, coffee makers, kitchen mixers, pots & pans
- Office Paper
- Wrapping Paper

Call Allied Waste/BFI at 785-5935 with questions on any other material. To download a copy of the recycle schedule, please visit the city website under the utility section.

UNACCEPTABLE RECYCLE ITEMS

- Glass
- Clothing
- Styrofoam (PACKING PEANUTS, etc)
- Food and liquids
- Plastics not labeled 1-7
- Plastic Grocery Bags
- Dirt or Rocks
- Yard waste/Green Waste
- Large appliances
- Aerosol Cans, Paint Cans
- Motor Oil, Car Batteries
- Light Bulbs
- Hazardous waste (paint, pesticides, other chemicals)

Do not set recyclables on the side of the recycling container or use any container other than the City-issued, blue recycling container.

BASEBALL REGISTRATION

Highland/Cedar Hills Baseball registration has begun. This Cal Ripken League is for players ages 5-12. The season will run from April 20th through the first week of June. Registration deadline is March 7th. **Tryouts for Majors and Minors are March 14th at the Heritage Park field in Highland.** Major Tryouts (Ages 11-12, Elite 10) are from 9 a.m. to Noon. Minor Tryouts (Ages 9-10, & Elite 8) are from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Registration forms are available at the city buildings in Highland and Cedar Hills. Additional registration forms and online registration is available at www.highlandcedarhillsbaseball.org. The league is looking for individuals interested in umpiring as well. All registration questions and umpiring requests should be directed to Dan Wilson at wilson-pride1@gmail.com or Jared Anderson at ila@rsalawyers.com.

Spring Soccer - NEW for 2009!

Get your kids involved in sports before the summer heat takes over! Spring soccer is now being offered by American Fork Recreation.

Registration deadline is **February 12th** for preschool through 8th grades. The season will begin March 31st and continue until May 16th.

4 games will be played on weeknights and 4 games on Saturdays. Program cost is \$30 for residents of American Fork, Highland and Alpine. Register online at AFCity.org under the Recreation Department, or at the American Fork Fitness Center, 454 North Center, AF.

For more information, call 763-3080 ext 2, or email recreation@afcity.net

WANTED! TEENS!

Calling all teens! Do you love reading? Surfing the net? Texting? The library is interested in what **YOU** like to spend your time doing. We are looking for FIVE or more teens who would like to form a new T.A.C., or **Teen Advisory Committee** for the Library. This committee would help to plan summer events and activities for teens in the Highland area.

Call the library at 772-4528 ASAP and ask for Michelle to sign up!

LIBRARY CORNER! STORYTIME IS HERE!

Please join us for Storytimes on **Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 10:30 am and 1:00 pm**. Storytimes are for **lap-babies up through preschool aged children**. Our themed storytimes include songs, finger-plays, movement activities and, of course, picture book readings. Although we will have handouts available, there will be no crafts this year, so **no registration is required**. All four storytime programs during each week will be the same, to allow ample opportunity for all non-school-aged children to attend despite parent's work and children's Preschool schedules. **Parents are invited to attend** and assist the children in learning good listening and participation skills. Meet us in the room adjoining the library on the north side (multipurpose room A) for lots of interactive fun!



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FEBRUARY MEETING SCHEDULE

CITY COUNCIL - 7:00 P.M.
TUESDAYS FEBRUARY 3 & 17

PLANNING COMMISSION - 7:00 P.M.
TUESDAYS - FEBRUARY 10 & 24

HIGHLAND CITY SURPLUS SALE

The City will be holding a surplus sale for miscellaneous office equipment, including desks and chairs. To see a complete list of items visit the website at www.highlandcity.org. You may personally view the items and place a sealed bid on Wed, February 11 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. or Thurs, February 12 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the old City Hall, 5378 W. 10400 No.

Items must be paid for and picked up between 5:00 and 6:00 p.m. on Thursday February 12 at the old City Hall. All bids will be considered.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Highland City Council will be holding a public hearing on February 17, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. to receive public comment on the issuance of excise tax road revenue bonds. See the Mayor's article (front page) for more information.

MERIT BADGE CLASS

Energy (non-required)

Dates/Times: Friday - February 5th - 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.
Friday - February 20th - 6:00 to 6:30 p.m.

Class Limit: 20

Cost: \$10 residents/ \$12 non-residents

NOTE: This elective can be difficult for younger scouts. Parental involvement is encouraged.

Registration for Highland Residents will be online ONLY starting 9:00 a.m. on Monday, February 2. Once the class is full you may register for the waiting list online. Non-residents may register on February 3. 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



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 24 & 25

Director: Katie Tenney (801-735-1242)

Registration - online at www.highlandcity.org

CARTOONING CLASS! Learn the basics of cartooning; figure set-up, anatomy, action & imagination. This is a 4-week course

Dates: Mondays, March 9, 16, 23, & 30

Time: 4pm - 5pm

Cost: \$25

Class Instructor: Jared Salmond— Jared has been teaching this course for three years. He is an illustrations major at UVU and is a professional illustrator. Registration: online at www.highlandcity.org beginning February 2.

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