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Highland Business News/Q&A

You may have noticed the Sugar Sweet produce stand at the corner of the Kountry Korner gas station. The Highland City Council, based on a Planning Commission recommendation, recently adopted a "temporary outdoor sales ordinance" which allows a variety of outdoor businesses under certain regulations and with property owner permission. A permit is required from the City. You may see more exciting, local businesses this summer season. Much of our local business is made up of small, locally-owned home occupation businesses. The City's current business license ordinance indicates the requirements and any restrictions in operating a home occupation business, as well as other types of businesses.

A frequently asked question is "*Do I need a Highland City business license?*" If your business lists your home in Highland as its physical location, you must obtain a City business license. Even if business is not specifically conducted within Highland but your home address is used for registration with the State, you are required to have a license with Highland City. Prior to applying for a City business license, an individual should contact the State of Utah to ensure that all State-mandated requirements have been met. Go to the State of Utah Web site or you may also contact the State by phone at 1-877-526-3994.

Questions about the City business licensing process should be directed to the City Recorder's Office at 801-772-4506 or via email at gina@highlandcity.org



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JUNIOR MISS

Highland's Junior Miss Program will be held September 26, 2009 at 7pm at Lone Peak Auditorium. Tickets are \$6 and can be purchased at the door or from Jr. Miss participants.

Utah County Fair offers variety and excitement!

Celebrate the Utah County Fair August 12-15 at the Spanish Fork Fairgrounds.

County Fairs are the most pure, old time of American traditions. Utah County Fair has everything a County Fair should: Live animal exhibits, food court, Fiddle Fest, live entertainment, car show, carnival, large equipment doing tiny tasks, antique tractors in weight pulling contests, ranch hands competing in specialty events, horse shows, livestock show and the Dutch Oven Cooking contest. Open class exhibits feature local cooks, crafters, canners and quilters. 4-H exhibits display creations from Utah County youth. The Fair opens Aug. 12, at 4 p.m. and closes August 15.

Parking is Free. There is no admission fee to most events. Nominal ticket prices for Demolition Derby and Carnival. Budget ticket vouchers for the Carnival may be purchased at Maceys, \$18 for a 40 ticket voucher. The voucher is redeemed at the Carnival. Demolition Derby tickets are also on sale at Maceys. Pre purchased Demolition Derby tickets are \$2 less than tickets purchased the day of the event. Demolition Derby seating is reserved seating only, no general admission available this year. For more information on this year's exciting Fair, go to www.utahcountyfair.org. Come CELEBRATE with us!

IMPORTANT ELECTION DATES!

Sept. 15 - 7:00 am - 8:00 pm
Primary Election

Nov. 3 - 7:00 am - 8:00 p.m.

See the **EARLY VOTING**
schedule on the back of the
newsletter

YARD of the MONTH - July 2009

Wilder Residence - 6391 W 9960 N

Greg and Mary Wilder have built an "arborous wonderland" right in their own yard. Greg, a botanist, has carefully planned the location of every plant, deck, pathway, and waterfall. Among the many plants and trees, there are two large waterfalls, one at a height of 26 ft and a naturally occurring pond during the spring and summer months. Greg's highlight of the yard, however, is his tribute to his wife; the leaf-shaped deck in memory of their honeymoon cottage.



Johnson Residence - 9949 N Wellington Ct

Ken & Debbie Johnson and their 9 children have lived in Windsor Meadows 4½ years. The family started with \$20 of seeds and a few plant starts from relatives. By harvesting the growing seeds and bulbs and replanting them in the spring, they now have a yard full of blooms. Debbie requires every plant in the yard to have flowers. Each child is assigned a portion of the yard and they willingly weed every Monday. The philosophy behind their yard is to teach the children how to work. The whole family takes pride in the beautiful result.

During the summer months, the Highland City Tree Committee reviews nominees for Yard of the Month and votes on their top picks. The next Yard of the Month will be in the Spring of 2010. A special thanks to the Tree Committee and to all participants this year!

LIBRARY NEWS!

Did you know--The bookdrop, located north of the city hall/library building is open 24 hours. Please feel free to return all library materials in it. Please do not leave donated materials in the bookdrop. We are still trying to catalog and process our new materials and as such do not have room to store donated materials. Please do not bring donated materials to the library! We will announce in a future newsletter when we will accept donations.

Did you know--The library sends out courtesy messages 3 days before items are due. If you are not getting messages, please ensure messages from highlandlibrary@highlandcity.org are allowed in your mailbox. Because of the volume of messages we send out, your email provider may interpret our reminders as spam. Courtesy messages are only sent to patrons with email addresses.

Summer Reading Program wraps up in August with:

August 5 – Edible Art

August 12 – ART SHOW GALA! Come see our contest winners!

All programs start at 2:00 pm and are free of charge for library card holders.

Join us for **storytime** every Tuesday throughout the summer at 10:30 a.m. for fun stories, songs, and fingerplays. There will be no crafts this year, but our handouts will always include something extra you can do at home with your child(ren)! Storytimes will resume the Tuesday and Wednesday schedule (10:30 am and 1:00 pm each day) beginning in September.

The **teen bookclub** will meet August 6th at 4:30 to discuss *Swindle* by Gordon Korman. Contact Michelle in the library to sign up for the next book.

Contact the **Highland City Library** 801-772-4528

Email: highlandcitylibrary@highlandcity.org Web: www.highlandcitylibrary.org

Lone Peak Animal Control Cautions Residents To Be Aware of Rattlesnakes

In recent months, Lone Peak Animal Control has seen a sharp increase in reports of rattlesnake sightings in urban areas.

While human encounters with rattlesnakes are relatively common in the unimproved areas and foothills throughout both Highland and Alpine, the recent spreading of rattlesnakes into cities presents some concerns for public safety. According to Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, rattlesnakes are likely moving into neighborhoods and backyards as a result of the unusually wet summer.

The Great Basin Rattlesnake is Utah's most common venomous snake. These snakes are found throughout the northern regions of Utah and have a long history in the Highland-Alpine area. Historically, residents would stock pigs in the north foothills to kill the snakes and keep them from wandering into town. This is how Hog Hollow Road got its name.

Typically ranging in size from two to six feet, Animal Control stresses that rattlesnakes of any size or age can be extremely dangerous. In fact, juvenile snakes may be more dangerous as they will always inject venom with their bites while adults may conserve venom for prey.

Great Basin Rattlesnakes can easily be identified by the large black oval spinal blotches with beige borders, which are repeated down the back. These snakes usually have large, block-shaped heads with distinctive triangular-shaped eyes and have rough looking scales. Surprisingly, Great Basin Rattlesnakes may not always have a rattle, but can always be identified by a black bead at the tip of its tail.

Rattlesnakes take shelter during the hottest part of the day and typically prefer natural scrub, wooded or rocky areas, where it hides and preys on mice, small rodents and rabbits. They will also frequently inhabit abandoned rodent holes and the base line of buildings and fences. It is recommended that citizens wear protective footwear and clothing when working outdoors. Be aware that snakes can be anywhere - in the bush or backyard, especially vegetable patches, between rocks and under rubbish. Particular caution should be taken during the late evening hours and dusk as temperatures cool off and snakes are the most active.

"All rattlesnakes should be admired from a safe distance," says reptile expert, Jim Dix of Reptile Rescue Services of Salt Lake. Great Basin Rattlesnakes can strike at a distance up to two-thirds of their body length. If you encounter a rattlesnake, DO NOT attempt to approach or kill it.

While these animals should be respected, Animal Control urges citizens not to overreact, but recommends that the community be aware of the danger so that adequate precautions can be taken. "The irony is that most snake bites occur while humans are attempting to kill them," notes Dix.

Contrary to myth, rattlesnakes are not aggressive and will not chase humans. However when threatened, a rattlesnake does not always rattle before it bites and can strike faster than any human can react.

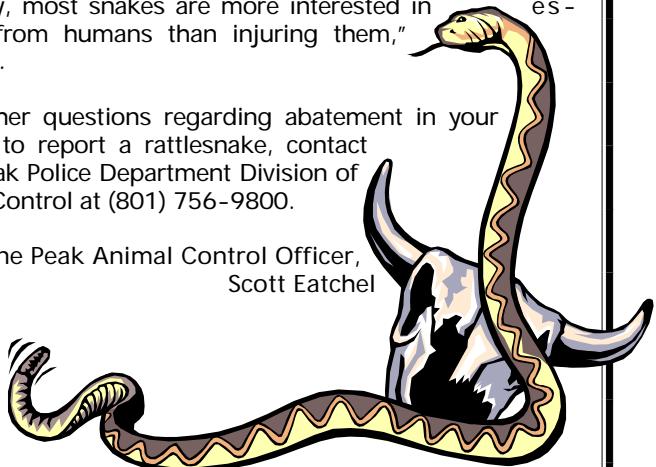
Moreover, Great Basin Rattlesnakes are classified as non-game animals and are protected by Utah state laws. Killing one is a Class B misdemeanor and can carry with it a fine of \$1,200 and or six months in jail.

For the dangers that the snakes may present, they play an important role in the environment, serving as prey for many native birds and helping to regulate rodent populations, which spread 35 known human diseases.

Great Basin Rattlesnake populations have declined steadily in recent decades due to habitat loss, road mortality, and killing by people. "It's a sad reality that these creatures are going extinct because of our own fear and ignorance, when in reality, most snakes are more interested in escaping from humans than injuring them," says Dix.

For further questions regarding abatement in your area or to report a rattlesnake, contact Lone Peak Police Department Division of Animal Control at (801) 756-9800.

-Lone Peak Animal Control Officer,
Scott Eatchel



**Thanks to everyone that made the
2009 Highland Fling a success!
See you next year!**



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WE'RE ON THE WEB!

WWW.HIGHLANDCITY.ORG

AUGUST MEETING SCHEDULE
CITY COUNCIL - 7:00 P.M.
TUESDAYS AUGUST 4 & 18

PLANNING COMMISSION - 7:00 P.M.
TUESDAYS - AUGUST 11 & 25

Are you Registered to Vote?

Did you know that anytime you move, even within the same city, you must register to vote? Find out if you are registered correctly by visiting <http://gva1.utah.gov/elections/polling.aspx>

NEW THIS YEAR! House Bill 126 requires EVERY VOTER to show photo identification before they will be allowed to vote. Please be prepared for Election day by bringing a Utah Drivers License or State or U.S. issued photo identification. For questions, visit the Election section of the City website.



Highland Children's Choir auditions will be held in August.

The new season starts in September! Age ranges are: Young Singers 4-7 yrs., Highland Children's Choir 8-12 yrs., and the Highland Girls Choir 12-16 yrs. Spaces are very limited this year and spots are filled in the order calls are received so CALL NOW at 801-492-0590!

Youth Council

The Highland Youth City Council had so much fun at The Plaza Opening! We provided kids with almost 4 hours worth of activities such as: Beanbag Toss with prizes, balloon animals and face painting. Needless to say, it was a blast doing service and hanging out with our Highland City

NOTICE OF CANDIDATES FOR HIGHLAND CITY MUNICIPAL ELECTION

In accordance with Section 20A-9-203(9) Utah State Code, the following candidates have filed for Highland City Council and will appear on the Tuesday, September 15, 2007 Primary Ballot:

Candidates for Councilmember, 4-yr terms, two (2) seats
(Vote for 2)



Tom Butler
Roger Dixon
Tim Irwin
Greg Parkinson
Scott L. Smith
Claudia Stillman
Brent Wallace

The following candidates have filed for Highland City Mayor and will appear on the Tuesday, November 3, 2009 General Election Ballot:

Candidates for Mayor, 4-yr term, one (1) seat

Jay W. Franson
Lynn Ritchie

EARLY VOTING!

Highland City residents can vote early for the City Council Primary Election! Going out of town on Election Day? Want to avoid lines? Come visit the Library, or the new Plaza and stop by City Hall to vote!

EARLY VOTING SCHEDULE:

Highland City Hall 5400 W. Civic Center Dr. MultiPurpose Room	Tues, Sept 1 through Thurs, Sept 3	3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
	Friday, September 4	1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
	Tues, Sept 8 through Thurs, Sept 10	3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
	Friday, September 11	1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.