



# HIGHLAND INSIDER

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## MAYOR'S CORNER

The Highland City 2011-2012 fiscal year budget has been a challenge for the city in the past few months. We have had events which places us in a position that would require an increase in property tax. No one likes to hear about increases in property tax including your City Council. We have found savings throughout our city departments, cut expenses including the salary of the Mayor and the City Council and have withdrawn from the American Fork Recreation subsidy of \$92,000, still leaving our total budget in a shortage of \$347,000. So why the increase in costs? The answer is in our Police, Fire/EMS Services and road funding. The Lone Peak Public Safety District (PSD) between Highland, Alpine and Cedar Hills voted to increase coverage in the District by adding 1 police officer and 4 Fire/EMS personnel. Previously the Fire/EMS stations were covered with 4 in Highland, 2 in Alpine and 2 in Cedar Hills. With the new increased coverage it gives 4 Fire/EMS personnel coverage in each fire station. All three of these stations cover a portion of Highland. The district does not just serve individual cities, but covers a one-third area of the district.

The increase in the PSD just for Highland City is \$428,000. Additionally the council has requested to move savings in our budget to our road capital fund of \$84,000. Our roads are in bad repair and we need to keep up maintenance on them before total replacement is needed. The increase, minus our reductions, has put us in a position of asking for a tax increase of approximately \$7.70 a month on an average home. Our sales tax is growing, but slowly. Highland has always been supported mainly through property tax. We are asking for your support and we work through the difficulties of budgets and tax increases. If you would like more information you can review the budget on website at [www.highlandcity.org](http://www.highlandcity.org). I would be happy to discuss this with anyone who would like more information. We appreciate your comments and thoughts in our difficult economic climate.

*Mayor Lynn Ritchie*

Mayor Ritchie is available at the City Offices on Tuesdays from 8:00 am-11:00 am. You may set up an appointment by contacting Jody at (801) 772-4505.

### CITY MEETING SCHEDULE

CITY COUNCIL, 1ST & 3RD  
TUESDAYS AT 7:00 P.M.

PLANNING COMMISSION, 2ND &  
4TH TUESDAYS AT 7:00 P.M.

### Highland Boulevard to be closed at SR-92/Timpanogos Highway

On June 4, 2011, Highland Boulevard will be closed to traffic at the Timpanogos Highway/SR-92 intersection. A detour will be set up at 11800 N and 6000 W. Flatiron Construction intends on having the roadway open by the time school starts in the fall.

For more information about the Timpanogos Highway project, please visit the project website at [www.udot.utah.gov/sr92](http://www.udot.utah.gov/sr92) or call the project hotline at 1.877.222.3757.

## Highland Town Center Plaza splash pad to open June 1st!

With warm temperatures on the way the Highland Town Center Plaza splash pad is scheduled to open on Wednesday, June 1, 2011. The splash pad will be open Monday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to dusk (weather permitting). The splash pad will not be open when temperatures are below 75 degrees, when high winds are present, and when thunderstorms or rain is present. There is no cost to use the splash pad; however, you are not able to make reservations for the splash pad.

Please observe the following rules: Children under 14 years of age must have adult supervision; No running is allowed on the splash pad or in stream; Swim diapers and plastic diaper covers are required for children who are not potty trained; No pets, alcohol, smoking, glass, diving, skateboarding, bikes, or throwing debris in stream; No climbing on waterfall rocks or playing in waterfall area. For additional information regarding the splash pad, please contact the Public Works & Events Coordinator at (801) 772-4523 or check out our website at [www.highlandcity.org](http://www.highlandcity.org)

# Illegal Sump Pump Connections

Sump pump systems are designed to capture surface or ground water that enters basements or crawl spaces and pump it away from the house. The basic sump system includes drain tile, a sump pit, a sump pump, a float or switch, and a drain line. The sump pit extends below the slab and collects surface water that enters the basement/crawl space or groundwater that rises to the slab.

Homeowners commonly use sump pumps in their basements to battle moisture and flooding issues. However, water from sump pumps can NOT be discharged into the sanitary sewer system. That's called a cross connection, and it results in higher sewer charges to the City.

When a sump pump is connected to a sanitary sewer line it is called a cross connection. Often, this is a hose leading from the sump to a laundry tub or a floor drain. As you may know, water that goes down any drain in your house leads to the sanitary sewer system, where it is treated before being released back into the environment.

When clear water is added to wastewater, it can overload the

collection system. It is estimated that a single home with a cross connected sump pump can add up to 1,400 gallons of water to the system during one day of high ground water. That's the equivalent of flushing your toilet 466 times.

Multiply that by the number of homes in your neighborhood and the magnitude of the problem becomes evident.

The key to look for is where the water goes when the sump pump is pumping. If you have a pipe that goes outdoors, and drains into your yard (well away from your foundation), your sump pump is not cross-connected. If you have a hose that drains into your laundry tub or floor drain, your sump pump is cross-connected.

If you are currently putting water into the sewer system through sump pumps or other ways, please find other methods to remove ground water away from basements. This is a problem that is very costly for Highland City. If you would like suggestions or ideas on how to discharge water, please call Highland City Public Works at (801) 772-4510.

## Highland Fling July 30 - August 6

This year's Highland Fling will be bigger and better with new activities! On Saturday, July 30th the Fling will kick off with a Highland Day of Service project at Highland Glen Park and then the Baby Contest at the Community Center. Starting August 1st we will have all sorts of fun activities leading up to Saturday's big event. Plan on an Art Show, Kids Night, Play Day Rodeo, Scholarship Pageants, Give Me a Chance, I'll Show You My Dance Highland (dance competition). Then on Saturday, August 6th the day will be filled with non-stop excitement with Hot Air Balloons, 5K & Kids Fun Runs, LPHS Marching Band Pancake Breakfast, Grande Parade (don't forget to nominate the Grand Marshal using the form below), Vendor Booths, DUP Cabin Camp Cabin Tours, Highland Youth City Council Kids Zone (inflatables), BMX Stunt Team, Fireman's Spray, all day Heritage Park Stage Entertainment featuring Artie Hemphill & the Iron Horse Band followed by fireworks!

## MUNICIPAL ELECTION INFORMATION

There will be 3 vacant City Council seats for election this year. Interested residents may file to run for office beginning Friday, July 1, 2011. The office will be open that day to accept declarations of candidacy from 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The last day to accept candidacy declarations is Friday, July 15 by 5:00 p.m.

Candidates for office must be a resident of Highland for one year; 18 years old; a registered voter; and submit a petition with at least 88 signatures of Highland registered voters along with the Declaration of Candidacy form. Forms must be obtained from the City Recorder. More information will be available on the [www.highlandcity.org](http://www.highlandcity.org) under the elections tab.

### Nominate the Highland Fling Grand Marshal!

I would like to nominate: \_\_\_\_\_ because: \_\_\_\_\_

Please included this slip with your utility payment or email your nomination to [emily@highlandcity.org](mailto:emily@highlandcity.org)



**June Construction Schedule Will Feature Dry Creek/ Highland Blvd. Work**

While there will be work taking place the entire length of the Utah Department of Transportation’s Timpanogos Highway (S.R. 92) project during the month of June, a major focus of attention will be in Highland’s Dry Creek area.

A pedestrian tunnel will be constructed underneath the roadway at the base of what is known as “the big dip,” just east of Highland Blvd. Construction will also begin on the start of the commuter lanes, as well as the commuter lane bridge that will go over the top of Highland Blvd., just north of the mainline arterial route. And work will also begin on the walls that will line both sides of Timpanogos Highway in the Dry Creek area.

Other work scheduled for the project in June includes: Concrete paving throughout the project; Bridge construction at 1200 East and Center Street; Continued work on the new DDI

configuration around I-15; Landscaping in Highland; And the re-opening of Triumph Blvd. and Morning Glory Road accesses to the Traverse Mountain area.

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The Timpanogos Highway project is expanding S.R. 92 from I-15 to S.R. 74 in Highland, to five lanes. Between I-15 and Highland Boulevard, UIDOT is augmenting the arterial with "Commuter Lanes," which will provide a direct connection to and from I-15 without stopping at intersections. The project is scheduled for completion in October 2011.

For more information about the Timpanogos Highway project, please visit the project website at [www.udot.utah.gov/sr92](http://www.udot.utah.gov/sr92) or call the project hotline at 1.877.222.3757.

**2011 TIMBERLINE National Youth Leadership Training**  
 This course is for young men that have received their first class rank and been on a one week campout. There are two courses offered in Alpine District. One is led by Stew Schow (801-518-5773), held on June 13- June 18. The other course is led by Kent Hadley (801-772-0650), held on June 20- June 25. To register go online to [utahscouts.org](http://utahscouts.org)

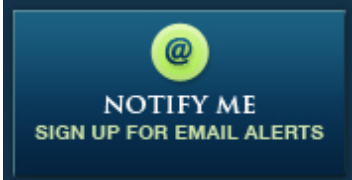
**Lone Peak Girls Soccer Camp, June 6th -10th - Monday through Friday. Grades 8th - 12th. 8:00 AM - 10:30 AM. Cost - \$60. Or Grades 4th - 7th. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM. Cost - \$50. For additional information, call Coach Mike LaHargoue at 801-717-4568 or go to [www.lpsoccergirls.com](http://www.lpsoccergirls.com)**

**Registration for Lone Peak Youth Football, grades 1st-9th deadline is June 16th. Equipment handouts are June 18th and July 16th. For more info go to [www.lonepeakyouthfootball.com](http://www.lonepeakyouthfootball.com)**

**Utah Coalition for Caregiver Support Town Hall Meeting, Thursday, June 9th at 6:30 pm at Mountainland Association of Governments, 586 E 800 N, Orem.**  
**Caregiver Support Groups:** There are 8 caregiver support groups that meet at various locations and times throughout Utah County. These provide peer support, education, and hands-on training to assist caregivers. For more information please call Geri at Mountainland Department of Aging (801) 229-3814

**Yard Waste**  
 Timpanogos Special Service District accepts yard waste to assist in the producing of compost. Mulch can also be purchased from TSSD. Please call (801) 756-5231 for more information.

**Notify Me!**



Did you know you can sign up on [www.highlandcity.org](http://www.highlandcity.org) to get special emails and text messages about things happening in Highland?  
**[www.highlandcity.org](http://www.highlandcity.org)**

**Mountain Ridge Jr. High “Run the Ridge”** The Mountain Ridge Junior High “Run the Ridge” 5K event will take place on Wednesday, June 1st beginning at 9:30 am with the help of the Highland City and the Lone Peak Police Department. Please be prepared for temporary road closures along 10400 N while runners are in the area.

For information about the North County Boulevard (4800 West) project, please visit the Utah County Public Works Projects website at [www.utahcountyonline.org](http://www.utahcountyonline.org)

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later than the 15th of the month to

[emily@highlandcity.org](mailto:emily@highlandcity.org)

### Savvy Shopper Couponing Classes

are held on the fourth Thursday of each month at City Hall. 7:00 p.m. Is Couponing 101. Then at 8:00 p.m. Better your couponing skills, Savvy Shopping 201. Call Savvy Trainer-Katie at (801) 367-4604 for more info.

### Youth Fishing Derby

Saturday, June 18th, 7:00 am. - 12:00 p.m. at Highland Glen Park. This free event is for youth up to 13 years old. Check in at the pavilion to be eligible for prizes! Prizes will be awarded at noon for those who catch the longest fish in their age group. For more information call Emily (801)772-4523



Have ideas for a class or want to teach a class? Ballooning, Garage Band, Language Education and the Arts, or something else? Please submit your class ideas to Kelly Gummow at 801-766-2730. Proposals and Ideas always welcome. Join our Board or Committee meetings monthly: 1st Thursday, 6pm at the Highland City Hall multipurpose room. Submit ideas on the website, [www.highlandcityarts.org](http://www.highlandcityarts.org) or send to the Council to [highlandcityarts@gmail.com](mailto:highlandcityarts@gmail.com).

**Fun with Creative Drama:** This class is a 10 week children's class (ages 9-12) that will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from June 7 through July 12 (No Class on July 5th), 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. These classes will focus on fundamental skills such as Volume, Clarity, Eye Contact and Energy. Creative mediums such as nursery rhymes using hats, clay sculpting, music, picture painting, poetry, puppetry, pantomiming and story-telling will be used to make learning drama fun and exciting. Tuition for this class is \$45, Instructor: Carolyn Gifford.

**Drawing for Adults:** Taking your art to the next level. June 7 & 14, 6:30 - 9:00 p.m. Cost: \$20, Maximum Class size: 15 people. Ages:18+ Instructor: Deanne Dixon

Auditions will be held for a Mid-July production of "**Broadway Showcase**" sponsored by the American Fork and Highland City Community Arts Councils on July 7 & 8 from 7-9pm. Be prepared with a 3-5 minute accompanied presentation of a musical number, production number, dramatization or comedy scene from any Broadway production. If you have questions contact: Marie Sharon, American Fork Community Theatre, [msharon@realtor.com](mailto:msharon@realtor.com) or call (801) 362-5140

All classes will be held at the **Highland City Community Center** (5378 W 10400 N), unless otherwise noted. For more information about these classes, please call (801) 313-7794 or (801) 766-2730. To register or for more details please visit the Arts Council NEW website at

**[www.highlandcityarts.org](http://www.highlandcityarts.org)**

## Library News

**Summer Reading Program:** Activities will be held every other Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. throughout the summer in the Multipurpose Room. This year's theme is "One World, Many Stories!" Come "travel" around the world while we visit different countries and learn about their foods, customs, and cultures. Each activity will include treats and at least one craft and game. Activities are for K through 6th grade school-aged children; pre-registration is required.

Hello America! (6/8) Kickoff party. Create your summer reading "Passport to

Adventure; Hola Mexico! (6/22); Kon-nichiwa Japan! (6/22)

### Teen Summer Reading Program:

For youth 7th through 12th grade. Pick up a chart and read around the world to win great prizes! Each chart equals one entry into a drawing. Watch July's newsletter for prize announcements. 7th through 12th grade

### Library Youth Advisory Committee

**(L-YAC):** Calling all Highland youth, ages 12-18 interested in volunteer hours and Presidency experience for job and College applications. L-YAC meets every other Wednesday at 5:00 pm. We are starting to plan our annual Halloween

Murder Mystery. We need actors and behind the scenes help.

**Teen Bookclub:** The next few months' titles are: Over Sea, Under Stone by Susan Cooper; Fever 1793 by Laurie Halse Anderson; and The Hourglass Door by Lisa Mangum. Bookclub meets to discuss the current title the first Wed. of each month at 4:30 pm. Pick up your copy at the circulation desk today! If you have read the book, and are between the ages of 12 and 18, you are welcome to join us!

**Storytime:** No Storytime during the summer.

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