



# HIGHLAND INSIDER

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## MAYOR'S CORNER

Over the last few months several people have expressed their appreciation as they read my articles. Thank you the encouragement to continue to write information that is useful to you.

As you know, we have been focused on finances in the City over the last year and a half. The City is moving towards a financially sound position. We ended the 2010-2011 Fiscal year with a General Fund surplus of approximately \$100K. The cash reserve account went from \$1.3M June 2010 to \$2.1M June 2011, an increase over \$800K. With a \$6.9M budget, we need a solid cash reserve to be current with all of the expenses. The City Council has focused on ensuring we keep up with our road infrastructure and has included in this year's budget funds for road repair. We will be able to repair roads that are prioritized by our transportation committee, but will not include the building of any new roads. The Murdock Connector road is the only new road on our current plan. We are working with Utah County and the Developmental Center for the right-of-way on the east portion of the road and hope to begin building the road in 2012.

We know the Pressurized Irrigation increase was a hard hit to all residents, particularly those with larger properties. Although painful, the increase has stopped the ongoing loss in the operation of our PI Fund and made the account solvent. If you have questions, as some have had, please contact Laurie Adams at the City offices and she can go over your specific situation and the formula used in the calculations.

Other budget areas within the City are very

flat. We reduced expenses in the City over the last year to fund increases in some areas. One area we have needs in is our volunteers to assist in helping improve our city. You will hear more about an exciting program of "Adopt-A-Trail". Our Public Works is developing the program for citizen participation. We hope you will participate as individuals and families. Other needs are in our parks maintenance.

As I write this article, I was informed that we have had two nights this past week where soap had been placed in the City Splash Pad Park water system. This resulted in the shutdown and repairs of pumps and filters and is very costly to the City. Please get the word out to those who think this a prank. This is a serious, costly, inconvenient, and damaging activity. It may sound fun, but the damage is very serious to the City and affects all citizen taxpayers.

Thank you for all you do to make the City the great place to live and enjoy. We appreciate your support of the Highland Fling. The Fling Committee is to be commended for all the work they did to prepare and bring the Fling to fruition. It was a huge task and we appreciate the long hours and hard work that we all enjoyed. Thanks for coming and enjoying the events.

*Mayor Lynn Ritchie*

If you have any questions you can email me at [mayor@highlandcity.org](mailto:mayor@highlandcity.org). Also, I am at the City on Tuesdays from 8am to 12pm if you would like to discuss an issue please call Jody at (801) 772-4505 to make an appointment.

### CITY MEETING SCHEDULE

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

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

### Municipal Election Information

This year Highland City will not have a primary election. The general election will take place on **November 8, 2011 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.** Candidates running for the three open City Council seats are: Brian W. Braithwaite, Abe Day, Mark Ellis, Tim R. Irwin, Jessie J. Schoenfeld, and Kathryn Schramm.

**We need you!** Are you interested in serving as a pollworker for this year's General Election? Please fill out an application from the Election page on the City website. Training will be provided!

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

Follow election updates and get information about the candidates by choosing the "Get Election Information from the "I Want To" tab on the homepage.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

### Tests Showed Coliform Bacteria in Highland City Water

Our water system recently violated a drinking water standard. Although this incident was not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened and what we did to correct this situation.

We routinely monitor for drinking water contaminants. We took 15 samples to test for the presence of coliform bacteria during July. Two of our samples showed the presence of total coliform bacteria. The standard is that no more than one sample per month/5% of samples may do so.

#### What should I do?

- **You do not need to boil your water or take other corrective actions.** However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.
- People with severely compromised immune systems, infants, and some elderly may be at increased risk. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available from EPAs Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1 (800) 426-4791.

#### What does this mean?

This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. Coliform bacteria are generally not harmful themselves. *Coliforms are bacteria which are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially-harmful, bacteria may be present. Coliforms were found in more samples than allowed and this was a warning of potential problems.*

Usually, coliforms are a sign that there could be a problem with the systems treatment or distribution system (pipes). Whenever we detect coliform bacteria in any sample, we do follow-up testing to see if other bacteria of greater concern, such as fecal coliform or *E. coli*, are present. **We did not find any of these bacteria in our subsequent testing, and further testing shows that this problem has been resolved.**

Upon finding the problem, it was reported to the State of Utah Division of Drinking Water, and corrective actions were taken to resolve the problem. The water system was flushed with a chlorination treatment as a precaution. After the chlorination treatment the following samples came back negative. We have increased our sampling on a more frequent basis and each sample has been found clean.

For more information, please contact Highland City Public Works at (801) 772-4510 or 5400 W. Civic Center Dr. Suite 1, Highland, UT 84003.

This notice is being sent to you by Highland City. Water System ID#: 25014. Date distributed: 8/31/11

**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 information.

**Cedar Hills Flag Football:** The league is open to boys and girls grades 2-9. Games will be played Tuesdays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays, Sept. 20 - Oct. 27. **Registration** is now open and will continue through Sept 9 at 4:00pm. Register online at [www.cedarhills.org](http://www.cedarhills.org) or come into the Cedar Hills City office. Fees are as follows: 2nd grade \$25; 3rd-6th grades \$40; 7th-9th grades \$50. A \$10 late fee per person will be incurred after Sept 9, until all spaces are filled. No non-resident fees!

**Congratulations to the following young women of Highland** who were representatives in the following scholarship pageants: **Distinguished Young Women of Highland**: Linsey Brown, Ally Modersitzki, and Ashley Larsen. **Miss Utah County**: Lauren Tucker. **Miss Northern Utah County**: Lauren Jones, Chelsi Lukens, and Hailee Skye Childs.

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)

Be the first to see the **Lone Peak Marching Band's 2011 show entitled "Hold Your Breath: An Underwater Journey"** at a special premiere performance on September 12th at 7 p.m. on Lone Peak High School's football field. Admission is free and dinner will be available to purchase. For more information contact Lori at [lpmarchingknights@gmail.com](mailto:lpmarchingknights@gmail.com).

## Timpanogos Highway Update

The Diverging Diamond Interchange (DDI) at the Highland/Alpine I-15 interchange is nearing completion. Two major tasks remain: paving the final layer of asphalt and striping, and constructing barriers and center medians. This work is scheduled for completion by the end of September 2011.

Aug. 11-15, it will be necessary to close each of the I-15 ramps and side streets at night to allow this work to be done as efficiently as possible. Beginning Aug. 15, the interchange will be in a DDI configuration but not quite complete. For the next six weeks, traffic will be reduced to one lane in each direction while crews work to finish construction at the interchange. Signs and barrels will be in place to guide motorists through the interchange. Motorists should plan ahead for heavy delays especially during commute times, and use frontage roads as alternate routes. For information on how to drive a DDI, visit: [udot.utah.gov/sr92](http://udot.utah.gov/sr92)

## Transportation and Community Planning Open House

You are invited to come out and learn about air quality, road/highway improvements, new community development, transit plans, and how it affects you. Information will be available on: Lehi 2100 North, I-15 CORE Reconstruction, Commuter Rail, Bus Rapid Transit, Geneva Road, SR-92, North County Blvd, Lehi 2300 West, Santaquin Main Street, and Springville/Spanish Fork Transportation Study. Representatives from Mountainland, UDOT, UTA, and communities in Utah County will be available to answer questions on transportation plans and community development. Bring the kids and discover the future vision for Utah County.

Open Houses will be from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at the following locations: Saratoga Springs Council Chambers (10/5), American Fork Senior Center (10/12), Spanish Fork Senior Center (10/13), and Orem Friendship Senior Center (10/26). For more information please visit <http://www.mountainland.org>

## School Crosswalks vs. Non-School Crosswalks

The police department has been asked to clarify some possible confusion involving the law as it relates to pedestrians in a crosswalk. The Utah Codes Annotated (Utah State Laws) addresses pedestrians and crosswalks in Part 10 of Title 41, Chapter 6a. Within 41-6a-1002 there is a distinction of two types of "crosswalks". They are differentiated as a "crosswalk" and a "school crosswalk". A "school crosswalk" is one where flashing lights indicate that the crosswalk ahead is primarily used for or by school students and therefore is a "school crosswalk". **A driver's responsibility to pedestrians within the two types of crosswalks IS DIFFERENT.**

In a NON-school crosswalk, the law requires "... the operator of a vehicle shall yield the right-of-way by slowing down or stopping if necessary:

- (i) to a pedestrian crossing the roadway within a crosswalk when the pedestrian is on the half of the roadway upon which the vehicle is traveling; or
- (ii) when the pedestrian is approaching so closely from the opposite half of the roadway as to be in danger.
- (iii) The operator of a vehicle approaching a *school crosswalk* shall come to a complete stop at the school crosswalk if: (emphasis added)
  - (a) a school speed limit sign has the warning lights operating; and
  - (b) the *crosswalk is occupied by a person.*" (emphasis added)

**The difference being when a school crosswalk is functioning as a school crosswalk (indicated by flashing lights and normally a crossing guard present) drivers must yield to a pedestrian when that pedestrian is anywhere in the crosswalk (either side of the roadway). Also, remember the crossing guard is a pedestrian within the crosswalk anytime they are off the curb, on the pavement and within the marked crosswalk.**

Within both Highland and Alpine there are areas where a driver will turn onto a street between the flashing lights and the crosswalk. Some drivers enter the school crossing without passing the flashing lights. **These drivers are still responsible to obey the traffic laws as they apply to pedestrians in the school crosswalk.** One example from each city follows (there are other areas in each city):

In Alpine, turning southbound onto Main Street from 100 South; in Highland turning northbound onto 6000 West from 10800 North (the flashing lights are located prior to those intersections due to State required distances for placing the flashing lights). Hopefully, this information is helpful in understanding the law as it relates to pedestrian's rights-of way and driver's responsibilities to pedestrians within crosswalks. If you have further questions about crosswalks, please contact the Lone Peak Police Department at (801) 756-9800, Monday- Friday 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

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7:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., closed FridayPlease submit newsletter articles via email no later  
than the 15th of the month to  
[emily@highlandcity.org](mailto:emily@highlandcity.org)

**Garbage pick-up will be on  
Saturday, September 10th  
due to the Labor Day holiday.**

**Timpanogos Symphony Orchestra Concert**

The Timpanogos Symphony Orchestra proudly announces their next concert featuring World Renown, and Utah's Sweetheart and Favorite, Jenny Oaks Baker on Violin!!! She will be performing selections from her new Disney album... "Wish Upon a Star"! Come and enjoy an evening of Wonderful Entertainment!!! Friday, Sept 16, and Sat, Sept 17, 2011 at 7:30 pm, at Timberline Middle School in Alpine. The TSO will be performing Beethoven's Sixth Symphony as featured in Disney's Fantasia. Free Admission. Special VIP Seating and pre-concert reception available at \$15.00 per ticket. Music Director, John Pew. For more information visit [www.thetso.org](http://www.thetso.org). This is an evening you won't want to miss!

**Clean Out The Cabinet**

Utah County Health Department Division of Substance Abuse and SMART will be holding another **Prescription Take Back day on Saturday, October 29th** from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at various Utah County locations. Please go to [www.CleanOutTheCabinet.org](http://www.CleanOutTheCabinet.org) or call 801-851-7181 for more information.

**Policy on Cemetery Decoration Cleanup**

On the following days, the Highland Cemetery will be cleared of all flowers, trinkets, ornaments, lamps, shepherd-crooks, etc.: 1<sup>st</sup> Monday in March; 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday in June; 1<sup>st</sup> Monday in October; and 1<sup>st</sup> Monday in December.

1. On the above days, all flowers (real or artificial) will be thrown away and other items such as trinkets or ornaments will be taken to the Public Works Shop and held for one (1) week so these items may be claimed by the owner; if items are not claimed within the week, the items will be thrown away.
2. All perishable items and dead flowers will be removed every week during the mowing times.
3. Mowing schedule: The cemetery will be mowed every Thursday (March – November). At this time, if any items are interfering with the mowers or items deemed to be a hazard to the cemetery employees they will be removed following the same policy as in item 1.
4. Watering Schedule: The Highland Cemetery is watered every evening from 9:00 p.m. to 10:00 a.m. During this time the sprinklers will run through watering cycle stations throughout the entire cemetery.
5. All floral arrangements shall be allowed for five (5) days, after which they may be removed by the city. Glass containers shall not be allowed. Any objects such as wires, sticks, pegs, or irons driven in to the ground shall not be allowed (City Ordinance 13.48.110, B)
6. Any items left on the graves must be on or within the borders of the marker, provided they do not interfere with the maintenance of the cemetery (City Ordinance 13.48.110, C)

It is the goal of Highland City and the City Staff to offer families and friends that visit their loved ones a clean, beautiful, and peaceful environment. Please help us maintain this goal by keeping your site clean.

**Library News****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. Check our website for more information.

**Overdrive:** A new database, Overdrive, has replaced NetLibrary for down-

loadable audio books. Because of this change, those that had registered with NetLibrary will need to re-register with Overdrive. This database is still new so if you experience problems, please contact support at the State Library.

**Mobile Catalog:** The Library is now offering access to the catalog through your smartphone. Besides viewing the catalog of the 28,000+ items the library has available, you can access your account to see what you have checked out, renew

items (as long as they are not on hold for others), or reserve items. Please go to our website for more details.

**Email Notices:** Not getting your notices? Please double check your email address. The library receives notice of several 'bouncing' addresses each week. To save money, the library is not able to mail hold notices, so check your account online to verify your email.

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