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MAYOR'S CORNER

We continue to focus on issues most important to Highland City. We administered the oath of office to our new Council members Jessie Schoenfeld, Brian Braithwaite, and Tim Irwin in a ceremony separate from our regular City Council Meeting. It was a great occasion to have family members present and be a part of the oath process. We look forward to working with the new Council members in accomplishing good things as a City Council.

Our finances are becoming stronger as I mentioned in my State of the City address. As a City, we basically have not spent money on any major new projects. We have concentrated on maintaining and repairing what we have instead of purchasing new. We expect this trend to continue through the economic downturn. Sales tax as a way to offset tax increases has increased very modestly (\$2010YTD) through December. We welcome the new Artic Circle that opened this year along the Alpine Highway. The Economic Development Committee is also working to encourage new business to come to Highland. These efforts will increase goods and services to residents and increase our tax base.

On another note, our transportation committee will be reporting in the month of February to the Council their findings for road improvement needs in the City. This will serve as a blueprint to prioritize our local road construction and repair plans. As funds allow, we will be concentrating on City roads over the next few years. By the way, three cheers that orange barrels are removed from North County

Bld. (old 4800W). Also, SR92 to the freeway is beginning to show signs of completion for the 5 lanes and the Expressway. This should be complete by late spring or early summer this year.

An additional note, the National Parks Service and the Forest Service just completed a transportation feasibility study of alternatives to transport Timpanogos Cave visitors from a new Highland Visitor's Center to the Cave. The study looked at mandatory shuttle service with a small parking area at the Cave site to expanded parking at the Cave. Shuttle service from the new visitor's center would be a welcome addition to Highland. Visitors would spend time in Highland shopping and eating before and after Cave visits. It would enhance our image and slogan as "Gateway to American Fork Canyon". At this point funding has been appropriated and design is complete for the new Center. Funding for construction is several years away but progress is moving forward with the planning stage.

I continue to enjoy visiting with you on various issues in the City. If you have any question please let me or a Council member know.

Mayor Lynn Ritchie

If you have any questions you can email me at 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.

Did you Know?

- For your convenience our office hours are extended from 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. to better meet your needs, Monday - Thursday. You can contact us by phone at (801) 756-5751. For afterhours Public Works emergencies, please call (801) 420-2553.
- The next Cemetery Decoration clean-up will be on March 5th. At this time perishable items will be discarded and all trinkets, ornaments, lamps, shepherd-crooks, etc. will be removed from the cemetery and taken to the Public Works Shop (4066 West 11000 North). These items will be held for two (2) weeks so that the owner may claim the items. Please refer to our website for the Cemetery Decoration Clean-Up Policy and dates.
- Highland Fling vendor and entertainment applications are available on-line at www.highlandcityfling.com
- NOTIFY ME! Did you know you can sign up on www.highlandcity.org to get special emails and text messages about things happening in Highland?

NANCY DAY RETIRES AFTER 30 YEARS

Nancy B. Day, Highland City Treasurer has retired after 30 years of dedicated service. Nancy started working for the Highland City as the Treasurer in 1981. Nancy worked from her home for the first 10 years keeping city records in her home until the city acquired a trailer as an office. Nancy continued to work from her home until the former City Hall was built in 1991. Nancy has been with the city through many changes and will be greatly missed. Nancy was honored in January at a luncheon with her family, friends, present and former Highland employees. We would like to thank Nancy for her hard work and dedication to City of Highland.

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CITY MEETING SCHEDULE

City Council, 1st & 3rd Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.
 Planning Commission, 2nd & 4th Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

Please submit newsletter articles via email no later than the 15th of the month to emily@highlandcity.org

Savvy Shopper Couponing Classes will be held on February 23 at City Hall. Couponing 101 is at 7:00 p.m. Then at 8:00 p.m. Better your couponing skills, Savvy Shopping 201. Call Savvy Trainer-Katie at (801) 367-4604 for information.

Scouting For Food will be held on Saturday, March 24th. All donations will go to the local Community Action Food Bank. Contact your Scout Troop for more information.

Highland City Arts Council Cartooning Class - Saturday, March 10th, 10:00 a.m. - noon. Ages 8 and up. Tuition: \$5, Instructor: Troy Stott. For more information, please visit www.highlandcityarts.org.

Timpanogos Symphony Orchestra presents "Spanish Treasures" a evening of music from and inspired by Spain! The concerts are on February 24th & 25th at 7:30 p.m. at Timberline Middle School in Alpine. Tickets for the performance are priced at \$10 for general admission, \$8 for students and seniors, and \$25 for a family (up to 5 family members). Tickets are available at the door or at theTSO.org.

Youth Fishing Classes - The Hooked on Fishing program will focus on educating youth about fishing and aquatic resources. Classes are held Tuesdays and Thursdays, April 17th- May 3rd, from 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at Highland Glen Park. Cost is \$15 which includes instruction manual, bait, tackle and rental of fishing pole if needed. Class is limited to 25 participants, ages 6 years old and over. Parents are more than welcome to attend and participate with the class (no registration required for adults). On-line registration begins February 1st at 8:00 a.m. on www.highlandcity.org

Lone Peak Youth Baseball - Parents of youth baseball players ages 4 -15 living in Highland can register now through March 4th online at www.lpbaseball.org. Games will be played from early April through the first week of June. There will be a tryout for ages 8 -15 at Burgess Park in Alpine on March 10th. All players are assigned to a team. Last year players from the league participated in the Cal Ripken State Championships at ages 8, 10, 11, and 12. Details can be found at the Lone Peak Youth Baseball website.

Library News

Holiday Hours: The library will be closed February 20th in observance of President's Day. Please note that no items are due on holidays.

New Author Notification Service: Beginning January 1st we will be offering our "New Authors Notification Service." When the library acquires a new title from one of your favorite authors, we will automatically place you on hold for it. Registered library patrons may request up to 10 authors to be on their list. Contact the library for more information or to sign up for the service.

Storytime: Register online at www.highlandcitylibrary.org or call 801-772-4528 or come in to check on a spot if registering for the January/February session. Registration for the March/April session begins online on February 14th at 10:00 am.

Family Reading Suggestions: Reading is the single most important way to help your child get ready to read. Reading together helps your child connect words with language and understand that each book tells a story. Try going "undercover" and read after dark by flashlight to inspire your

children. Children who see their parents read grow to be successful readers themselves.

Library Youth Advisory Committee (L-YAC): YAC now meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays at 5:00 pm. Want volunteer hours? Want a say in library teen programs, events, materials, and spaces? Just want to be involved with a group and have fun in your community? Anyone ages 12 to 18 with a Highland City Library card in the family is welcome!

Teen Bookclub: February's bookclub title is Romiette & Julio by Sharon Draper. Bookclub members meet the first Wednesday of the month at 4:30. Upcoming titles include Kira-Kira by Cynthia Kadohata and The Outsiders by S. E. Hinton.

Pioneer Spotlight: Pioneer Preschool (<http://preschool.uen.org/>) is an online collection of high quality educational resources. The site includes interactive learning games, curriculum ideas, parent and caregiver support materials, and other vetted resources from PBS, national, and local providers. The site is free to all families with young children in Utah – and accessed via the Internet in homes, libraries, care centers, and school-based early childhood programs.