



# HIGHLAND INSIDER

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## MAYOR'S CORNER

Two years ago I wrote an article about Highland Glen Park. For several years, the park was run down and in disrepair. Through the hard work of our public works department, volunteers, and donations, this park is now very inviting, open, and available for use. The pavilion is excellent for group functions and can be reserved at the City offices. The lake is great for fishing. The trails are open and great for jogging or just a walk. Boy Scout Eagle Projects have improved the park and are continuing to do so. Take a visit to the park and enjoy the amenities.

Other parks are also available to citizens. One that is just being developed is Beacon Hills Park. This park has been in the design phase for several years. This year the Council approved funding to complete phase one of the development of the park. Extensive infrastructure and shaping is required in phase one and will begin soon. This park will benefit mostly local neighborhoods in the Beacon Hills area, but will also be used for soccer teams in the City, as well as residents using the pavilion, etc. It will add much to our park needs. Other neighborhood parks provide great open space and soccer for the kids. We are fortunate to have open park space.

Three parks that you may not be aware of

are still undeveloped. Mountain Ridge Park west of Mt. Ridge Jr. High is a 17 acre park we hope to develop into four baseball fields with parking. It is an excellent location and will add much to our needed baseball fields. Spring Creek Park is located near 10000N. and 6200W and is 11 acres for future development. Dry Creek Park is located in Dry Creek east of Smiths and north of the Highland Hollow subdivision in the bottom of Dry Creek. This park has no specific plans, but is large enough for baseball, pavilion, etc.

Parks are an integral part of our City open space. They are meant to enjoy. We hope you enjoy them with your families. We look forward to developing these parks as funding becomes available. This may take a few years, but we have an excellent start and master plan.

*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 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. if you would like to discuss an issue please call Jody at (801) 772-4505 to make an appointment.

### Did you Know?

- Highland City would like to pursue a green waste recycling program. We estimate that we could provide a green waste collection program that would cost slightly more than the recycle can billing or just over \$5 per month. This assumes Allied/Republic Services would provide the carts, provide every other week service, and there would be at least a 20% participation level. The billing is for 8 months of the year with plans to start next year. There is a green waste survey form on the Utilities page at [www.highlandcity.org](http://www.highlandcity.org) for those interested in pursuing this option.
- The Utah Valley Dispatch, non-emergency telephone number to request police or fire assistance has changed. The new telephone number is (801)794-3970. If you do have an emergency, you should call 911.
- Splash pad lost & found items may be claimed at the Library.

## Pressurized Irrigation

Due to the lack of snow pack and the low volume of water in the American Fork River, Highland City is currently supplementing its pressurized irrigation system with additional sources of water from the Central Utah Project.

Unfortunately this has caused an increase of sediment in the pressurized irrigation system which is affecting the city's filters as well as resident's filters. We anticipate this to be an ongoing issue throughout the rest of this watering season.

If you are experiencing low pressure at your home check and clean your filter and that should resolve the issue. Your filter will need to be cleaned often. Refer to the Highland City Pressurized Irrigation Instructions on Cleaning Filter on the Public Works page at [www.highlandcity.org](http://www.highlandcity.org) for assistance. If you continue to have issues after cleaning your filter, please call the Public Works Department at (801) 772-4523 or submit a request on-line using the Report a Concern feature at [www.highlandcity.org](http://www.highlandcity.org). We are currently in a drought year with limited water. Highland City is encouraging all residents to conserve water wherever possible to avoid any mandatory watering restrictions in the future. For more information about conserving water, please visit the Water Conservation page at [www.highlandcity.org](http://www.highlandcity.org).

## PUBLIC HEARING - GENERAL PLAN LAND USE

At 7:00 p.m. on July 17, 2012, the City Council will hold a public hearing on a request to change the General Plan Land Use Map from low density residential to mixed use at the northwest, southeast, and southwest corners of 6000 West and SR 92. The following is background information:

- This request does not change the existing R-1-40 zoning of the property however it would allow property owners additional options to develop the property.
- The actual uses will be determined if and when the property is rezoned which requires additional public hearings and citizen involvement.
- The compatibility of future development with the adjacent residential neighborhood is a high priority and will also be addressed during the rezoning process.
- This request is part of an ongoing effort by the City Council and the Economic Development Committee to diversify the revenue collected by the city to meet current and future needs.

We look forward to receiving your input on this request. Please contact the Community Development Department at (801) 772-4515 or [jills@highlandcity.org](mailto:jills@highlandcity.org) for additional information or if you have any questions.

### Highland City Tree Commission Report

The two Landscape Management interns from BYU started working for the city in June in the Parks Department as seasonal hires. They have access to the latest lawn care and tree maintenance information which will be a significant resource for the Public Works Department in maintaining the city trees.

Meredith Perkins, Urban & Community Forestry Coordinator for the Utah Forestry Department, brought 18 Utah Forestry Managers to Highland for a tour and presentation on what we are doing to care for our urban forest. We held the "show and tell" in Highland Glen Park and the attendees were very impressed with the size and beauty of the Park. The Public Works Department along with the help of volunteers has transformed Highland Glen into a great place for family reunions and large family activities.

Highland is becoming a model city according to the Utah Urban Forestry people. The Parks and Trails Committee, the Open Space Committee, the Tree Commission and the hundreds of volunteers can feel good about the progress we've made toward making Highland a more beautiful and healthy city. We all appreciate the on going support from Mayor Ritchie and the City Council.

### Public Notice: Surplus Property

The Highland City Council will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, July 17, 2012 at 7 p.m. for the purpose of Declaring Surplus Property (land) for the Purposes of Disposal for a 0.54 acre parcel of City owned property located east of the southeast corner of 5600 West and SR92.

### Savvy Shopper Couponing Classes

Couponing classes will be held on July 26 at City Hall in the Multi-Purpose Room. Couponing 101 is at 7:00 p.m. At 8:00 p.m., Better Your Couponing Skills, Savvy Shopping 201. Call Savvy Trainer-Katie at (801) 367-4604 for more information.

### Food Bank Seeks Volunteers

Volunteer at your local food bank! Community Action Services and Food Bank is looking for summer volunteers to help out in the food bank Monday - Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Please call (801) 691-5247 to volunteer.

## UTILITY PAYMENTS MADE OVER THE PHONE NO LONGER AVAILABLE

As of July 1, 2012, Highland City will no longer allow utility payments to be made over the phone. Paying your utility bill can be easily done in many different ways. You may mail in your payment, set up direct pay through the City or your financial institution, pay online through [www.xpressbillpay.com](http://www.xpressbillpay.com), or come in to City Hall and pay in person.

Highland City appreciates you taking advantage of the many ways in order to pay your utility bill in an efficient and timely manner. Please feel free to contact the Utility Department at (801) 756-5751 for any questions you may have.

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5400 W. Civic Center Drive, Highland, Utah 84003  
 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.

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

## **FIREWORKS RESTRICTIONS**

If you live in the county, or on unincorporated private lands, fireworks are banned due to the extreme dry conditions. Also, NEW fireworks restrictions are in force for Highland City. Please visit [www.highlandcity.org](http://www.highlandcity.org) to view the list of restricted areas in Highland before setting off fireworks. During July fireworks may be discharged between the hours of 11:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m., July 1 - July 7 and July 21 - July 27. Any party responsible for fires caused from fireworks will be responsible for cost to cover the fire.

## **Highland "Farmer's" Market**

Highland City will be hosting our own Farmers Market, The Highland Market, this summer. It will take place every Saturday morning from August 11 through September 29 from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. to the north of City Hall near the Town Center Splash Pad. We are currently looking for vendors, especially produce vendors. You don't have to own a farm to participate. If your home garden always produces more than you can handle, come sell your extra produce in the Highland Market! Please contact Erin Wells for more information at (801) 756-5751 ext. 1003.

### **Distinguished Young Women of Highland & American Fork**

Join us Thursday August 2, 7:00 p.m. at Lone Peak High School as Distinguished Young Women of Highland & American Fork names our representatives for 2012-2013. Tickets available at the door. **Many thanks** to Ally Modersitzki, Linsey Brown and Ashley Larsen for the outstanding representation and service they gave to our community!

## **Utah County Fair**

Announcing the 2012 Utah County Fair, "Meet Me at the Fair", August 15-18, 2012 at the Fairgrounds in Spanish Fork. Come join us for the Demolition Derby, Pig Wrestling, Horse and Livestock Shows, Taxidermy, Talent Contest, Scout Expo, Antique Car & Tractor Shows, Entertainment, and more! For tickets and information, please visit

[www.utcountyfair.com](http://www.utcountyfair.com)

### **The Miss Northern Utah County Scholarship Pageant**

The 2nd Annual Miss Northern Utah County Pageant will be held July 20, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at Timberline Middle School. Come join us for an exciting evening of talent as our young women vie for the title and a \$1,000 academic scholarship. Tickets are on sale now for \$10 and can be purchased by calling Jenny Thacker at 801-787-7824.

# **Library News**

**Summer Reading Program-** July 3: Native American Sky Lore with crafts, activities, and treats; 1:00 p.m., July 17: Rocket Science with presentation with experiments by Mad Science; 1:00 pm. Pre-registration is required.

Teen – Grades 7 to 12 next school year. Bring in your library card to pick up your reading chart. Each chart is one ticket into the drawing held at a party on Wednesday, August 22 at 5:00 p.m. Check out our website for a list of our great prizes including fun electronics!

**NEW!** – Adult Summer Reading Program – Show your library card and pick up your bookmark/entry form. Each book read

enters you to win one of two great baskets. Each basket contains books (either a set of Culinary Mysteries by Josi Kilpack or How to Grill by Steven Raichlen) with ingredients and tools to make some of the recipes. Each basket also includes a gift certificate to Texas Roadhouse!

**Other Library Events** - Author Zane Taylor will be coming on August 11 from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. to talk about his WWII memoir, Lesser Heroes. More information will be announced in the August newsletter desk today! If you have read the book, and are between the ages of 12 & 18, please join us!  
 \*No bookclub in July.

For more information about these and other events, visit the Library website at: <http://highlandcitylibrary.org> or contact us at 801-772-4528.

# July 28th Highland City Fling 2012 Aug. 4th

## Schedule of Events

### Saturday, July 28th

#### Saturday, Aug. 4th.

##### Day of Service, Highland Glen Park

Baby Contest, Highland Community Center

Flag Raising Ceremony  
LPHS Marching Band

Pancake Breakfast

5K Fun Run & Kids Fun Run

Grande Parade

Highland Games Heavy Events

Dutch Oven Cook Off

Sample & Learn

Vendor Booths

BMX Stunt Teams

YC Fun Inflatables

LPK9 Demonstration

Fireman's Spray

Main Stage Entertainment

Heritage Park Evening Concert

with Mark Owens

Grande Finale Fireworks Show

UT @ Equestrian Park

Play Day Rodeo,

I'll Show You My Dance

Competition

Youth Dance, Heritage Park

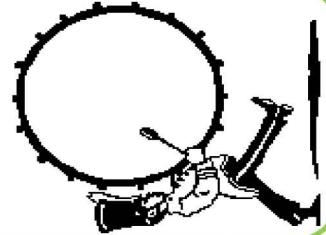
## Highland Fling Grande Parade

The Parade starts at Highland Elementary, travels south on 6000 W then East along 10400 N and ends at Heritage Park. Be careful to not park along parade route starting at 8:30am.

## Many Hands

### Make Lite Work

There is plenty of entry room in the parade.



New to the Fling this year is a Community Dinner & Reunion on Wednesday Aug. 1st. This will go along with Kids Night at the Town Center Plaza by the Splash Pad. Proceeds from the dinner will help fund the Grande Finale Fireworks Show that every one looks forward to each year. The cost of the dinner will be \$5.00 per plate or \$30.00 for a family of six or more.

Another new event is a Dutch Oven Cook Off Sample & Learn. You get to be the judge! Contestants will compete with three dishes and you get to sample and vote for your favorite. Ask questions as you go and learn how to Dutch Oven. This event will be at the Mt. Ridge Seminary building parking lot. Servings will start after the parade. Wristbands will be sold for \$3.00 each and you get to sample all day long. Visit the Fling site to sign up to compete. Larry Walker is the event coordinator.

## Fling Sponsorship

### The Fling is in need of business sponsorships.

We are developing several new ways for our local businesses and business owners to show their support of the Fling in the community. First you can be a sponsor for the Fling and enter in at a Platinum, Gold, or Silver donation level. Each level of sponsorship has its own level of recognition to go with it. Applications are on the Fling web site [www.HighlandCityFling.com](http://www.HighlandCityFling.com).

We are offering a business "Shop Local" coupon card where participating businesses offer a discount, sale item, etc. during the week of the Fling and we will have a list of all the participating businesses and advertise for them. There are two levels in this program, one for your logo on the card and one for your discount, sale item on the advertisement, both very reasonable. (One card and ad will be delivered to each household in Highland.

We are so excited to put a banner across the highway announcing the Fling. With that we are offering you space on either end of the banner, 4'x3'. You supply your logo/banner, we will return it to you after the Fling, and thousands of ears passing by will see your logo for two weeks prior to the Fling.

Please call (800)344-0052 or email Rose.Kingonsmith@gmail.com for more details and prices. She will set up an appointment to discuss all the options with you.

Visit [www.HighlandCityFling.com](http://www.HighlandCityFling.com) for Event Registration and Information