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MAYOR'S CORNER

It has been a busy past few months in the City. Four issues top the list of citizen involvement and decisions. We have listened to citizens and are proceeding to do what we feel is best for the entire City.

First, the question of Sunday opening is on schedule and referendum to be on the ballot for a vote. Contrary to what you may have read in the papers, the County gave us some misinformation about the process of getting a question on the ballot in November. It is now in the referendum process to place this item on the November ballot.

Second, the decision to change the land use at 6000W and SR92 was tabled by the Council. It was decided that more information is needed and more involvement between the neighborhood, the land owner/developer and the City is needed to make the best decision. We will be holding open-house-type events to make sure the public has a chance to see plans and give input.

Third, there is a Truth-in-Taxation hearing

Council vote scheduled for August 7th. This is required for the proposed tax increase. The sole purpose for the tax increase is road maintenance and rebuilding. Please let your voice be heard for this important issue.

Last, but not least, is our Highland Fling Celebration during the week leading up to our parade and park events on August 4th. This celebration is a time to gather as a community to enjoy friendships and events. We have a rich heritage in Highland that has drawn us to live here, and it continues every year as new choice residents come to the City to make it their home. Please come and enjoy the celebration.

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 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 for those interested in pursuing this option.

- All lost and found items may be claimed at the Library. Items from the Splash pad are only kept for a couple of weeks.

Highland Town Market!

Introducing the Highland Town Market, a fun new summer destination. The Market will be open Saturday mornings from 9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. from August 11 – September 29 and will feature local produce, yummy treats, and unique handmade items. The Market will be held at the Town Center Splash Pad which will be kept open during Market hours making it a fun outing for parents and kids alike.

Join us for our opening celebration on August 11 complete with free donuts to the first 100 visitors, a raffle drawing for “Market Bucks”, a free bounce-house, sidewalk-art competition, and music.

Some of the produce items that will be sold opening day include: local raw honey, farm fresh eggs, tomatoes, peppers, squash, melons, and much more. Some of the handmade items to be sold at the first Market include: jewelry, knitted items, home décor, wood carved items, and bird houses.

For more information visit our website, TheHighlandTownMarket.Blogspot.com or call (801)756-5751 ext.1003. Look for us at the Highland Fling Parade and we'll see you at the Market!

2012 HIGHLAND FLING GRAND MARSHALLS VERN AND PATRICIA ROMNEY

When this year's Highland fling Grand Marshalls, Vern and Patricia Romney, moved to Highland 33 years ago there was just a dirt road in front of their house. Now the road is called the Timpanogos Highway, a busy major four lane state road. There were only about 2000 people in Highland then. "Highland was a peaceful, quiet, rural place," Pat said. "There were only fields as far as we could see across the street."

Before he met Pat, Vern spent three years in an Artillery Battalion during World War II, from 1942 to 1946. "I think I was the first person in the country drafted as an 18 year old," he said. "I was in the battle for Okinawa and Layte in the Philippines and spent a year and a half in a foxhole learning how to keep my head down."

He said he was excited when he first went out but after while he said he just had to go on faith he would make it home.

After he returned from the service he went on an LDS mission to New York in Buffalo and Niagara, Falls.

Vern and Pat were both from Salt Lake and met at the University of Utah when he was a student and she had graduated in history and was working as personal secretary to Henry Eyring. "He was a world renowned scientist and it was exciting to work for him," Pat said. "That was the best, most interesting job in the world."

Even though they are both U of U graduates Vern said they are now Cougar fans. "I apostatized from the U," he said.

After he graduated Vern left to pursue his law degree at George Washington University in Washington DC but returned at Christmas time to get married. They both returned to DC where Vern worked for Senator Watkins. "It wasn't a significant job but it paid my way through graduate school," he said.

Vern said he wanted to go into the FBI but Pat and his father talked him out of it so they moved back to Salt Lake where he went into private law practice with his father, Vern Romney Sr. He was appointed assistant State Attorney by Governor Calvin Rampton and served for three and a half years. Later, he ran for Attorney General, He held the post for eight years. "Rampton was a Democrat and I wasn't, but we got along fine," he said. "I liked him as a man even though I did not believe in his politics. I think I liked him better than he liked me, though."

While he was State Attorney General, Romney successfully sued the federal government to secure the mineral and water rights of the Great Salt Lake for the State of Utah. This case went clear to the Supreme Court. "This meant millions of dollars to the state," Pat said.

Pat, a tall, slim, energetic woman, owned her own travel agency, The Travel Station, in Provo by BYU. "I would handle a lot of the students airline tickets home," she said. "That was in the golden age of travel agency employees and there were so many perks. The airlines gave you free travel and cruises." She became a world-wide traveler.

"I went all over the world except to Asia," she said. "I love Europe and Great Britain. The first time I went to England I had a feeling I didn't anticipate: like I had come home. My ancestors were from there so maybe that's why I felt that way."

They Romney's moved to Highland shortly after the city had been incorporated and the first mayor Don LeBaron appointed Vern as Highland's first city attorney. During his tenure he went to court for Highland to stop a gravel company from bringing their trucks through town. "We lost that case but won the war," he said. "From then on they stopped coming through Highland with all their noise and dust."

One of the most frightening times in their life occurred in 1984 when a Highland man, Ron Lafferty, killed his sister in law and her baby and went on a rampage threatening to kill anyone who had crossed him. Vern had been Ron Lafferty's lawyer at one time. "His whole demeanor had changed in a short period of time and I had refused to represent him any more," he said.

"They said Vern was on Lafferty's his hit list so we were told us to leave our house," Pat said. "We had to stay with our son in Orem for a week."

Vern was city attorney until the couple went on their first mission to West Virginia. The couple also went on a second mission for their church, this time to San Diego, California where they both taught institute at university there.

Now they both enjoy reading and Pat loves to cook and meet with her friends and family. They have six children, 22 grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

HIGHLAND FLING, JULY 28 - AUGUST 4

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Don't Dump Down the Storm Drain

Stormwater is water from rain or melting snow that does not soak into the ground. It flows from rooftops, over paved areas, bare soil and slopped lawns. As storm water flows it collects particles of debris like soil, animal waste, salt, pesticides, fertilizers, oils and grease. Most pollutants come from streets, construction sites, and farms. Storm water affects many things like lakes, rivers, wetlands and other water ways. Whenever algae grows it results in oxygen depletion which is caused by many things like phosphorus and nitrogen. Whenever animal wastes and improper connections to storm sewer systems leak it can make lakes and waterways unsafe for wading, swimming and fish consumption.

Information gathered and written by Eagle Scout Bryttian Hill from: <http://www.co.utah.ut.us/Dept/PubWrks/StormWaterCoalition.asp>. Bryttian placed Storm Drain stickers in several neighborhoods in Highland as his Eagle Project.

Savvy Shopper Couponing Classes

Couponing classes will be held on August 22 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.

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

Utah County Health Department Services

The Utah County Health Department is your local health authority. The UCHD's goal is to promote health, and prevent avoidable disease and injury by monitoring the health of our community, and assuring conditions in which people can be healthy. For a list of services and programs please see our web site at www.UtahCountyHealth.org. Our latest Annual Report, hours and locations, and other information all available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

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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, 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

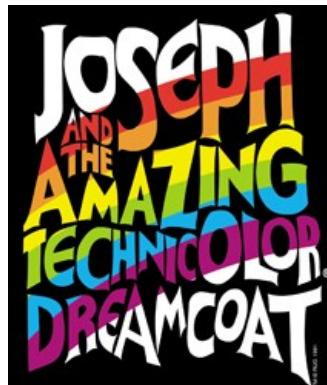
City Council, 1st & 3rd Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.
 Planning Commission, 2nd & 4th Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

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

Highland Children's Choir Auditions!

Choirs are available for different age groups: Young Singers 4-7 yrs., Highland Children's Choir 8-12 yrs., and Highland Girls Choir 12-16 yr. Come Sing With Us! All 3 choirs perform in beautiful concerts. Teaching takes place in a fun, non-competitive environment where they learn more advanced music education skills. Spots are filled in the order calls are received so call now, at 801-492-0590!



The Arts Councils of American Fork and Highland City presents: "*Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*" at the American Fork Amphitheater at Quail Cove, 851 East 700 North (AF), August 6 - 11th and 13th at 8:00 p.m.

Tickets at the door: \$10 adults, \$8 children 12 & under (2 and under are free) and seniors 60 and older, \$35 family pass, 2 parents and immediate children in household, Seating capacity: 700 (seating starts at 7:30 p.m.). No lawn chairs, please. Seat cushions available for small rental fee.

The **Timpanogos Symphony Orchestra** (TSO) is pleased to announce their season opener on September 21st and 22nd at Timberline Junior High School. We encourage you to join the TSO family. For a donation of just \$10 per month (or a one-time payment of \$120), you can become a member of the TSO family. This will entitle you to 2 season tickets, entrance to all pre-concert receptions, and recognition in each concert program. Concerts will be held in September, November, December (Jenny Oaks Baker), February, and May. If you are interested in becoming a member of the TSO family, please contact Pam Bodtcher at (801)636-7949. To learn more about the TSO, please visit our web site at www.thetso.org.

Library News

More e-Books Available:

Pioneer (<http://pioneer.utah.gov/>) has a great number of e-Books and e-audio books available through Overdrive and are now supplemented with titles purchased by the Highland City Library. That means that when we see a high number of holds on e-Books we will be able to purchase additional copies which will be available exclusively for Highland City Library patrons. Be sure to log in to Overdrive to see titles which we've purchased for you.

Summer Reading: Summer reading program concludes in August. Don't miss the last program, Camp Out @ the Library on August 14th at 1:00 p.m. There will be an activity, craft, and treat for those registered. Make sure you get your reading charts completed and turned in before August 21st to get your free book. Teen summer reading activity and drawing for prizes will be held August 22nd 5:00 p.m. Adult entries for the gift baskets must be in by 5:00 p.m., August 22nd. Drawing will take place that evening.

Author Speaking: Zane Taylor, author of Lessor Heroes, and a member of General George S. Patton's Third Army, 35th Infantry Division, 320 regiment, 1st Battalion Company, will be speaking Saturday August 11th (Time TBA) in the Multipurpose Room of City Hall. The event is recommended for ages 10 and up though everyone is welcome. There will be an opportunity to have pictures taken in a World War II uniform.

Storytime Registration: Registration for storytime opens August 27th at 10:00 a.m. The sessions will begin Tuesday September 11th. Regular storytimes will be offered Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. and Thursdays at 1:00 p.m. Toddler time and Pre-school storytime will be held Thursdays at 1:00 p.m. Register early to assure a spot for these popular programs. Visit the library website to register online.

Book Drop Access: Due to the Highland Town Market, the road to the book drop will be blocked on Saturdays from August 11th to end of September from 9 a.m. until noon. The book drop will still be open and collected during the day.

For more information, visit the Library website at: <http://highlandcitylibrary.org> or contact us at (801) 772-4528.