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MAYOR'S CORNER

Over the past few months we have held several Public Hearings on different issues before the City. After numerous observations, I thought it would be beneficial to write a short note about the purpose of a public hearing. A Public Hearing is an opportunity for the Planning Commission and City Council to hear information that will help them make a decision that is best for the entire city, an opportunity to hear new information they may not have before them.

Some have interpreted the hearing process as a popularity meeting and might get frustrated when more people speak for or against an item, yet the council may vote differently. Taking a poll of residents is not the purpose of the meeting; this is why we do not allow clapping or cheering when a comment is made. As an example at one of the meetings there were 26 residents in attendance when the public hearing began. With approximately 15,500 residents in the Highland, it is easy to understand that 26 people do not represent the city. It is important for residents to contact the commission or council members directly, and then bring new facts or information to the public hearing. It is also important for the commission or council to reach out to residents and ask their opinions prior to a meeting.

I have appreciated the comments made in our public meetings. We as elected officials want to serve the "will of the people." Your comments are important and a major part of the decision

making process. We recommend that comments be short, concise and draw a conclusion from new information given to the council.

I also want to make you aware of a program we have been working on with the Department of Wildlife Resource (DWR) to start in Highland. Our overpopulation deer problem in the city is causing damage to residences and we have received numerous complaints. In the coming months we plan to get approval from DWR to harvest some of the deer with a city approved and organized archery harvest. This will be accomplished with only well qualified archers. The DWR is developing the regulation that allows cities to authorize the program. As a city we have developed an ordinance that would allow the harvest with approval of resident property owners. More will be published about the program as we get it established.

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.

Highland Town Market!

The Highland Town Market is about half way through its first season and so far we're having a blast! Due to the demands of the Market, we've extended our hours from 9:00-1:00 p.m. and are moving to Heritage Park. We are open every Saturday through the end of September and have local produce, yummy treats, and unique handmade items.

Some of the produce items sold at the Market include: local raw honey, farm fresh eggs, tomatoes, peppers, squash, melons, peaches, apples, and much more. We also have amazing craft vendors who sell: jewelry, knitted items, hair bows, wood-carved items, handbags, quilts, and more.

For more information visit our website, TheHighlandTownMarket.Blogspot.com or call (801)756-5751 ext.1003.

Highland Town Market

Local Produce • Handmade Crafts • Savory Treats

Saturdays 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

August 11 – September 29

NOW AT HERITAGE PARK



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Tree Commission End of Summer Report

This was an incredible summer. Highland City is gaining a reputation in some circles for having an exemplary tree care and community outreach program.

The Highland Tree Commission was asked to showcase its urban forestry program for 15 to 20 Forest Service managers from Montana, Idaho and Utah. We met at the playground in Highland Glen Park where Mayor Ritchie greeted the guests and introduced everyone. He then asked Ada and Diane, our summer tree specialists from BYU, to talk about their role in teaching Highland's residents about tree care. We thanked the Forestry Service for the grant last year which enabled us to do a city wide tree inventory and remove 15 hazardous trees from Highland Glen Park. We emphasized the role the grant played in getting the renovation of Highland Glen started.

We gave each visitor a packet of information and then began the tour of the park. We followed a brush-lined path until we came to the south end of the lake. Suddenly a beautiful lake appeared, lined by trees with 11,000 foot mountains in the background. The air was clear and the vista was spectacular. Question and comments erupted like a volcano. The contrast of wilderness and manicured landscape was overwhelming. The rest of the "tour" was spent in small groups on the lawn at the edge of the lake answering questions.

Meridith Perkins, the Utah Urban Forestry Coordinator, passed along the following comments:

"I was delighted to see the support that greeted us at the park. To have the Mayor, council members, open space board members, interns, staff, etc. all show up says a lot about how important the urban forest is to Highland. Your description of the program was EXACTLY what we wanted to showcase and it is the model that the Forest Service wants to see."

"One Forest Service partner said it was one of the best urban forestry tour sites he has experienced."

"The material gave a good impression. I now have a good example of a management document that I can share with others."

This summer Highland was unbelievably fortunate to have Ada Talbot and Diane Stewart working on our trees and teaching classes on tree care. Their passion for and knowledge about trees sparked intense interest and comments like: "I really learned a lot about pruning and tree care." "Thank you so much. I learned quite a bit last night. Keep this wonderful movement going." "I can see potential Eagle Projects everywhere." -Canterbury Circle Resident. "The girls gave us great tips on growing trees in the View Point environment. We are very grateful." -View Point Resident.

Well groomed trees increase property values, improve the environment and even "Pay Us Back" by contributing more than is required to maintain them.

For more information about the Tree Commission, please contact Ed Barfuss, Tree Commission Chairman at 801-404-2805 (text preferred) or edb@panventures.com

Distinguished Young Women of Highland & American Fork

August 2nd brought the naming of the newest Distinguished Young Women of Highland & American Fork Representatives: Kylie Kap, Brooklyn Taggart, Allyson Smoot and Savanna Johnson (as seen in the picture L to R). These four will be actively involved in service projects and motivational speaking opportunities for the following year and will compete at the State competition in February. The Distinguished Young Women of Highland & American Fork program was able to give out over \$10,000 in scholarship money this year with the support of local residents, businesses and the city of Highland. These girls will represent this great community well!



Savvy Shopper Couponing Classes
Couponing classes will be held on September 27 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.

SPLASH PAD FALL HOURS

The Splash Pad fall hours are 12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. (weather permitting) starting on Tuesday, September 4th. The Splash Pad is located in the park north of City Hall at 5400 West Civic Center Drive.



On Saturday, Aug. 11, the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) opened Utah's first commuter lanes on the Timpanogos Highway. Commuter lanes are an innovative solution that offers motorists a direct connection to and from I-15, saving them time and hassle. The Timpanogos Highway commuter lanes meet all standards of quality and safety and will provide capacity and convenience to the community for decades to come. With the opening of the commuter lanes, drivers in northern Utah County have an additional travel option and congestion is reduced on the main Timpanogos roadway.

The commuter lanes are the result of a local and state collaborative plan to meet local access needs, while providing a faster connection for commuters. UDOT is committed to continually work with communities to deliver innovative transportation solutions that satisfy the unique needs for each area.

UDOT understands its role in creating and managing a transportation system that facilitates economic growth and empowers prosperity. By improving access, the



Timpanogos Highway has already, and will continue to enable job growth. The new Adobe complex and outlet mall at Traverse Mountain were directly encouraged to build in the area because of the improvements to the roadway.

The Timpanogos Highway project brings a much-needed improvement over the previous roadway including more capacity, a smoother ride, better access to surrounding businesses and increased mobility options. With the addition of the diverging diamond interchange, the project will accommodate current and future traffic demands through 2030.

Although the lanes are now open, final punchlist work will continue over the next few months. This work will not impact motorists during the day or during commuting hours. Drivers can however, expect to see intermittent nighttime lane restrictions on the main road and occasional nighttime closures of the commuter lanes through project completion. Any closures will be clearly communicated to the public in a timely manner throughout the remainder of the project.

www.udot.utah.gov/sr92

Cemetery Decoration Clean-Up

The cemetery is cleaned up weekly during the mowing season to remove perishable items and items that are in the grass area. In addition to the weekly clean-up, four times a year a mass cleanup is performed. The next mass cleanup for the Cemetery will be on **Monday, October 1st**. 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. Items not claimed after two (2) weeks will be discarded.

We have created a Cemetery calendar on our website, www.highlandcity.org, which you can subscribe to receive notifications reminding you about the four major cleanup dates. To sign up go to www.highlandcity.org and select the Notify Me button. Sign in with your email account, then scroll to the bottom and click on "Cemetery" calendar. If you need assistance with this process, please contact us at (801) 772-4523.

Did you Know?

- The Pressurized Irrigation System will be shutting down around October 15th. Please prepare your systems accordingly.
- Applications for the 2013 Highland Youth City Council will be available online at www.highlandcity.org in October.
- The annual Highland Youth City Council Senior Citizen's Appreciation Dinner is scheduled for October 19th at 5:30 p.m. Come join us for *A Night On Broadway!* RSVP by calling (801) 756-5751.

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HIGHLAND CITY

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



**TIMPANOGOS
SYMPHONY
ORCHESTRA**

The Timpanogos Symphony

Orchestra (TSO) is excited to

open its 2012-2013 season with

guest artist Monte Belknap in a

performance of Samuel Barber's violin concerto. Concerts will take place September 21 and 22 at Timberline Middle School, and all Highland City music lovers are invited! For details, please visit the symphony's Web site at theTSO.org.

Join the TSO Family! Support the symphony by purchasing an annual membership. For \$120, members receive two season tickets, admission to pre-concert talks and receptions, and the sublime satisfaction that only comes from supporting the arts. More information can be found at theTSO.org.

Library News

Storytime: Storytime registrations are running right now!

Call or go to www.highlandcitylibrary.org to see if there are

still openings for the Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday

10:30 a.m. classes. Preschool Storytime and Toddler Time are

on Thursday mornings only. All other classes are a general

combined Storytime. Storytimes begin on September 11th and

run for six weeks. Drop-in/no registration required classes are

held on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursdays at 1:00 p.m.

YAC activities: L-YAC meets on the second and fourth

Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m. We still need actors for our annual

Murder Mystery we hold in October! This year's theme is The

Book Fair of Death. Anyone ages 12 to 18 with a Highland

City Library card in the family is welcome to join

Teen Bookclub: Pick up your book in September for

bookclub. It starts again on October 3rd at 5:00 p.m. when we

will be discussing Leviathan I. ANYONE ages 12-18 can join

the Teen Bookclub - even without a Highland Library card.

*Note that some English teachers will give extra credit if you

attend one of our book clubs. If you are not sure if your teacher

will, ask him or her! We have a flyer available for the teachers

if they need more information to make a decision, as well.

Upcoming events: We are about to begin a new series of

programs in the library, Behind the Scenes at These quarterly

programs will give you a look at the workings of several

local businesses and industries and some glimpses behind the

scenes of national industries. Our first program will be held in

October 4th at 7 p.m. in the multipurpose room of City Hall.

Grenade Curran, a former actor and producer will talk about

his experiences as a child growing up in Hollywood and, later

in life, as an actor and producer. Watch the city newsletter

and the library website for more information.

Library Card required to Check Out: We often have patrons who wonder why we can't just look up a library card number to check materials out. There are several important reasons why we require a library card to check out:

- 1) We recognize that all library patrons have the same rights and should be treated uniformly, with fair and friendly service. While some libraries will look up a patron's card for them upon presentation of ID, we realize that not everyone has a current ID, especially children. This puts them at a disadvantage, not being able to receive library service. We also realize it's not usually the children that forget their cards, it's the parents!
- 2) We want library patrons to realize the value the library card brings. Checking out 2-3 books a month can easily save families significant money.
- 3) By ensuring a library card is present, it prevents others from using accounts not belonging to them.
- 4) Neighboring libraries will require your Highland City Library card to use their library (after you pay the reduced non-resident fee). Someday, we hope to be a full member of the cooperative. Patrons need to get in the habit of taking their card to the library, no matter which library you use.
- 5) In the future, we hope to be able to use self-check machines which require a library card.

So as you prepare to come to the library, remember to check to see if you have your card with you.

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