



# HIGHLAND INSIDER

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## MAYOR'S CORNER

Recently I was invited to the State Capitol while there were committee meetings occurring between Legislative Sessions of the Senate and House. I was invited to attend a Senate Committee regarding Special Service Districts which I found most interesting and informative. I was able to witness the applicant of a bill work with various committee members to find a "good solution". The bill was introduced and explained fully. Much discussion and questioning took place with arguments on both sides of the issue. A substitute bill was introduced and debated. During the complete process there was total civility, the public spoke, and good discussion took place. Then the focus turned to finding a "good solution". At that point much compromise took place and all worked to find the best solution.

I was impressed with this process. Many times in the nation and at times in the City, we have debated issues in a very polarized fashion. Sometimes both sides only want "their solution". When this happens the focus does not turn to finding a "good solution". The emphasis is not on the best solution for the majority of citizens. I say majority because I believe that is what Democracy is all about. We operate from the majority vote in all levels of government to be truly effective.

We need citizens to help us in finding good solutions to our City issues. We need volunteers for our Economic Development Committee, Tree Commission, and other areas. Please submit a volunteer application found on the City web site.

Also, this year is an election year with the Mayor and two Council seats up for election. Please consider volunteering to serve in some capacity to help your City. We need individuals to work with others to find good solutions for our City. Diversity opinions are welcomed when individuals express their views, listen to others and are willing to compromise to reach a common good solution benefiting the majority. I like what General George Patton said when he stated "if everyone is thinking alike, then someone isn't thinking." Also, another quote from Prime Minister Charles De Gaulle of France, "I have come to the conclusion that politics is too serious a matter to be left to the politicians." We politicians do not have all the answers. We need good people to express their views and to understand needs of a Community.

What governments need are good people, working together for "good solutions." It takes work to know what the majority of citizens want and what is best for the country, state or city. We invite you to participate and use your talents to benefit Highland City.

*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.

## 2013 Municipal Election Opportunity

This is the year for Municipal Elections. Highland City will have 2 City Council seats and the Mayoral seat open in this election. Each seat is for a 4-year term. The November Election will be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2013.

Please consider serving your community by running for office for one of these positions. Qualifications to hold a Municipal Office are:

1. Be a US Citizen at the time of filing
2. Be a registered voter of the municipality
3. Be a resident of the municipality or a resident of the recently annexed area for a period of 365 consecutive days immediately preceding the date of the election.  
(UCA 10-3-301; 20A-9-201; 20A-9-203)

Candidate filing period begins: June 3, 2013

Candidate filing deadline ends: June 17, 2013 (UCA 10-3-301)

Declaration of Candidacy Forms or Nomination Petitions must be filed in person with the City Recorder at 5400 West Civic Center Dr. Highland, Utah between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. For more information contact the City Recorder, Jody Bates at 801-772-4505.

## Arbor Day Activities & Annual Tree Sale

Now is the time to prune your trees! Pruning is best done in winter or early spring before buds swell when tree energy reserves are high and the tree is dormant. For information and helpful links to properly prune your trees please go on-line to the Tree Commission page (listed under Events) at [www.hIGHLANDCITY.ORG](http://www.hIGHLANDCITY.ORG)



**April 27: Arbor Day Tree Planting Project** - Come help the Tree Commission plant trees at Highland Glen Park (west of Lone Peak High School) on Saturday, April 27th at 8:00 a.m. Bring shovels, and rakes. Scout groups are encouraged to help out.

**April 27 & May 4: Arbor Day Tree Sale** - The annual Tree Sale will be held from 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. in front of the Highland Water Building on 11000 North (next to Wendy's). April 27 is for Highland Residents only. You will need to bring proof of residency with you (ID, Utility Bill, etc.). We will only accept checks and cash. All trees are sold AS IS, with a maximum of 8 trees per resident. We will not hold trees or take special orders. A list of trees for sale and their prices will be provided on-line at least one week before the Tree Sale on the Arbor Day page at [www.hIGHLANDCITY.ORG](http://www.hIGHLANDCITY.ORG). Any trees left over from the April 27th sale will be available to purchase on May 4th. For more information about all these activities please visit the Arbor Day page (listed under Events) at [www.hIGHLANDCITY.ORG](http://www.hIGHLANDCITY.ORG) or contact [emily@hIGHLANDCITY.ORG](mailto:emily@hIGHLANDCITY.ORG) or call Emily at (801) 772-4523.

## Spring Clean-Up

The annual Highland City Spring Clean-Up will take place May 3-4th, 8:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. at the parking lot at the mouth of the American Fork Canyon. Dumpsters will be available so you can dispose of your metal, wood, household waste, and yard waste (please no hazardous materials). Scouts and other groups are welcome to help city crews during this time and earn community service hours!

## Pressurized Irrigation

The pressurized irrigation system will be back on and ready for use the week of **April 15th**. Please be patient while the City brings up the system. It usually takes a week to ten days to bring online. Make sure your stop and waste valves are **shut off** while the system is being loaded. Individual sprinkling systems can then be loaded by residents.

## Burn Permits

This year the Utah County Fire Marshal has set the date for the burn window from April 1st to April 30th. Any resident inside the county is allowed to burn if they have a burn permit if it is a "burn day". You can obtain a burn permit at City Hall (Monday -Thursday, 7:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.) for no charge. Burn permits will be available starting Wednesday, March 27th. With your permit you will also receive a list of rules that must be followed. Each day before you burn you must also call the burn hotline at 801-374-BURN to find out if the air quality is good enough to burn. The Lone Peak Fire District appreciates and supports your efforts to burn safely and comply with the Utah County burn permit rules.

## Murdock Canal Trail Ribbon Cutting

Save the date for the Murdock Canal Trail Ribbon Cutting Ceremony that will take place on Saturday, May 18th at Mitchell Hollow Park.

## Green Waste Program to Start in Highland

Highland City is beginning a Green Waste recycling program. However, in order to participate we need 1,000 homes to sign up. Residents would be billed year round at \$7.10 a month. Green Waste cans would be picked up weekly from April – November. If you are interested in participating, please fill out a short form online at [HIGHLANDCITY.ORG](http://HIGHLANDCITY.ORG). Forms need to be filled out by April 1. If you have any questions, please contact Highland City at (801)756-5751.

## Youth City Council News

The month of February was a busy one for Highland Youth City Council. A group of youth, with both fresh and familiar faces, were officially sworn in and served together for the first time.

The swearing in of 2013's Highland Youth City Council was met with excitement, the youth ready and rearing to take on the mantel of service for our city. They were called up on the 5th, and asked to raise their right hand. In unison, they swore to serve to the best of their abilities. Every member was dressed in their Sunday best and looked fit to represent Highland's youth.

The first opportunity to serve was on February 7th, as the newly-formed council got together and made valentine cards. In an hour, they wrote enough sweet messages on pink paper hearts to deliver to the hospital and Alzheimer's care center, making everyone's Valentine's Day just a little bit brighter.

## Cemetery Decoration Clean-Up

The next Cemetery Decoration clean-up will be on March 4th. 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. You may also subscribe to the Cemetery calendar on-line to receive email notifications about clean-up dates.

## Youth Fishing Class

Hooked on Fishing program will focus on educating youth about fishing and aquatic re-



sources. Classes are held on Wednesdays, May 1st - June 5th, from 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at Highland Glen Park. Cost is \$15 which includes instruction manual, bait, and tackle. A fishing pole may be rented for an additional \$5. Class is limited to 50 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 March 1st at 8:00 a.m. at [www.hIGHLANDCITY.ORG](http://www.hIGHLANDCITY.ORG) (go to the Recreation page).

## Youth Fishing Instructors Wanted

Do you like fishing? Do you want to share your love of fishing with young people? Then consider becoming a Highland City Hooked on Fishing instructor (see class details above). Those who are in the Dedicated Hunter program with the Division of Wildlife Resources may earn DH hours. Please contact Emily at Highland City for more information (801) 772-4523.

## Family Adventure Race

Highland City residents are invited to participate in an activity for the whole family. The Utah Valley Family Adventure Race is a family-oriented Sprint Adventure Race at Highland Glen Park on June 1st. Teams will follow race clues while biking, canoeing, and trekking to each checkpoint where they will complete challenging puzzles and fun tasks. Volunteers are also needed to help on race day. For more information about the race visit [www.utahvalleyfamilyadventurerace.com](http://www.utahvalleyfamilyadventurerace.com).

## Highland Fling, July 27- August 3

This year's Highland Fling theme is "Through A Childs Eye". The Highland Fling Committee is very excited for this year's Highland



Fling. All events will be bigger and better this year thanks to many sponsorships from local businesses and residents!

- ◆ A city wide Highland Fling booklet will be mailed to each resident this year advertising the events and our local sponsors. To become a Highland Fling **sponsor**, please visit our website for more information or contact Ron Jewett at [ron@ronjewett.com](mailto:ron@ronjewett.com)
- ◆ This year we are encouraging residents and groups to be in the **Grand Parade** and decorate entries with the theme, "Through A Childs Eye". Church groups, school groups, scouts, sports teams, etc. are encouraged to enter. Awards will be given to those with the best decorated entry. Applications are available on-line.
- ◆ Nominate the Highland Fling **Grand Marshal!** Send your nominations to [emily@highlandcity.org](mailto:emily@highlandcity.org) Nominations Due by March 31st.
- ◆ Vendor applications are now available on-line. Booth spaces fill up quickly so be sure to apply early.
- ◆ The Highland Fling committee is in search of **volunteers** to help chair the following committees: Baby Contest, Day of Service, Entertainment, and Kids Night.

For more information about the Highland Fling, please visit our website at [www.hIGHLANDCITYFLING.COM](http://www.hIGHLANDCITYFLING.COM)

## Distinguished Young Women of Highland & American Fork

Our local Representatives, Allyson Smoot, Savanna Johnson, Kylie Kap and Brooklyn Taggart, recently returned from competing at the State program in February. It was a ground breaking year for our local program. Our girls did a phenomenal job, and together brought home \$14,000 in college scholarships. Our very own Kylie Kap came in as 1st Runner-Up, Savanna Johnson as 3rd Runner-Up, and Brooklyn Taggart as 4th Runner-Up. Outstanding job girls! If you have a daughter graduating in 2014 and would like to hear more about our program, please attend our Parent Orientation Meeting, March 13th, 7 p.m.-8 p.m. at the Highland Community Center or email Gabrielle Womble at [gabrielle@DISTINGUISHEDYW.ORG](mailto:gabrielle@DISTINGUISHEDYW.ORG).

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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 &amp; 3rd Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.

Planning Commission, 2nd &amp; 4th Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.

Please submit newsletter articles via email no later than the 15th of the month to [emily@highlandcity.org](mailto:emily@highlandcity.org)

**Winter Snow Removal & Plowing**

During winter months it is important for Highland residents and the City to work together during snow removal weather. During heavy snow storms it can take as much as 48 hours to clear all priority routes and through streets once the storm has subsided. Vehicles may not park on City Streets between 12:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m., December 1st through March 31st, and anytime snow is present. The Police Department may issue a parking citation. Parking on the street makes it difficult for plows to clear the streets.

When clearing sidewalks and driveways please push the snow on to your property, not on the City streets. Putting snow into the streets can make the roads more dangerous for automobiles and snowplows. Also, travel at a safe distance from snowplows at all times to avoid damage to your car. Do not try to pass the snowplows.

You may view a copy of Highland City's snowplow frequently asked questions on the Public Works page at [www.highlandcity.org](http://www.highlandcity.org). If you have any concerns you may report them on-line using the Report a Concern feature on our website or call Public Works at (801) 772-4523 during regular office hours. For after-hours emergency road concerns involving snow plowing, you may contact the Police Department at (801) 756-9800.



Highland City Snowplow drivers received a surprise package of thank you cards from Ms. Roberts and Ms. Olsen's 3rd grade students from Highland Elementary School. They were very grateful for the cards and support from the students! The card featured to the left is from Matthew.

**Highland Arts Council**

The Highland Arts Council will be sponsoring some children's "Fun in the Sun" classes this summer that will include arts and crafts, sports and games, music and more! Watch for more details and instructions on how to sign-up next month

The Arts Council is hosting a children's ceramics class in March. Everyone will go home with three completed projects such as alligator, birdfeeder and possibly a pig.

Date: March 12, 19 and 26, Time: 6-7 pm, Cost: \$40 Anyone wanting to complete the ceramics merit badge, this is a great way to do it. Taught by Sherry Hardy in her home studio. Register by contacting [shaunaholt@live.com](mailto:shaunaholt@live.com) or (801) 756-9614.

**Easter Egg Hunt & Cookie Decorating!**

Please join us on Saturday, March 30 for the annual Children's Easter Egg Hunt & Cookie Decorating! Come join the Youth City Council at **9:30 AM at Heritage Park** for the Easter Egg Hunt. Then come to the pavilion to decorate cookies with the Highland Arts Council. It's going to be so much fun! Come prepared for the weather and bring your Easter Baskets.



**WHO** can enter? Anyone ages 10 to 18

**WHAT** should I make? You are allowed to enter up to **4** pieces of artwork per season in any art medium desired OR one artwork piece for the combined four seasons in any art medium desired. (Ideas include: painting, line or charcoal drawing, sculpture in clay or wood, photos or collage, cartoons, etc.)

**WHEN** is the deadline? Sat, June 29<sup>th</sup>

**WHEN** and **WHERE** do I learn if I've won? We will contact the winners on July 10<sup>th</sup> before 6:00 pm.

**WHERE** do I turn the item(s) in? Any Highland Library staff can take your submission up until 6:00 p.m. on the deadline date.

**Why** do I want to participate? Artwork will be used to sponsor the Highland City Library and future events. Even non-winning entries MAY be used on bookmarks, the website, as logos, on library cards, as murals, or in several other ways. Obviously, the winners have more chance of being used!

- Come in to the Highland City Library and pick up a flyer and Application Form to sign-up. **Hurry now before the season is over!**
- More information on <http://www.highlandcity.org/index.aspx?nid=325> or call the library at 801-772-4528