



# HIGHLAND INSIDER

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## MAYOR'S CORNER

We would like to welcome our new City Administrator, Aaron Palmer to Highland City. Aaron joined the city on March 4<sup>th</sup> 2013. He brings 11 years of experience in city governments, most recently from Adelanto, California, a city with approximately 40 thousand in population. He will be relocating his family to the area after school is out this year. Aaron is happy to be in Utah and notes several positive differences from California. We look forward to many years having Aaron lead the city as we grow.

A few months ago, I mentioned we were investigating the option of having a green waste can for yard waste. We would like to have a program to do this, but currently we do not have rate quotes that make sense. Quotes we have received are higher than having a second waste can. That does not make sense and does not create a large enough incentive to get the green waste can instead of the second can. We have solicited quotes from other vendors and plan to have the information available in the next two weeks. We will advise you with what we find on the web site and other means.

We are still in need of volunteers for our Economic Develop-

ment Standing Committee. I have received a few applications but we need a 7 member committee. If you have an interest or skill in economic development, please volunteer to serve. Our economic development needs to be very well thought out for the future and we need your skills to help us. Terms will likely be 4 years on a rotating basis. This is a standing committee and will run continuously for the future. Additionally, we are seeking volunteers for the Tree Commission; we have some volunteers but need more. If your interest lies in the Tree Commission, please volunteer. The application to volunteer for any committee is on the city website at [www.highlandcity.org](http://www.highlandcity.org). Please fill it out and send it to us. We would love to have you participate in city government.

*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.

Recent legislation has made a change to the filing dates. Please note the changes below pursuant to HB403-2013

Candidate filing period begins: June 1, 2013

Candidate filing period ends: June 7, 2013

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 am and 6:00 pm Monday-Thursday and 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm on Friday.

For more information contact the City Recorder, Jody Bates at 801-772-4505.

## Community and Budget Open House

Mark your calendars, the annual Highland City Community and Budget Open House is scheduled for Thursday, May 9 from 5:00 – 8:00 at City Hall. Parents, come learn about what's going on with Highland City and get a preview of the city's budget for the upcoming year. Kids, come enjoy a bounce house, games, face painting, treats, and more. Highland City businesses will also be there hosting booths and will have plenty of giveaways. Entertainment will be provided by local performance groups. Overall, it's sure to be a great event. We hope to see you there! If you have any questions, or would like to learn more, call the Highland City offices at (801)756-5751.

## Arbor Day Activities & Annual Tree Sale

**April 17: Tree Care Class** - Please join us at City Hall at 6:00 p.m. for a special tree education class taught by Scott Zeidler, Community Forester with the Utah Division of Forestry. Mr. Zeidler will be focusing the class on proper ways of planting trees in addition to providing other tree care information. This class is recommended for the community and those who will be helping with the Arbor Day planting activities.



**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. Please meet in the parking lot by the north restroom (near the pavilion). Bring shovels, water buckets, and rakes. Scouts, schools, sports teams, families, etc. are encouraged to help out. This project is being organized by Jake Andrew as his Eagle Project. If you are able to help out, please email [emily@highlandcity.org](mailto:emily@highlandcity.org) and include the number of volunteers that will be attending the tree planting.

**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. The Tree Commission is seeking donations from residents to provide more trees in Highland. If you are interested in making a donation, please see a member of the Tree Commission at the Tree Sale.

For more information about these activities or to make a donation, 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.

## The Value of Trees

How many trees are there in Highland? The city has approximately 5,000 and there could be another 25,000 in parking strips and on private property. Trees are im-

portant to Highlanders.

Trees add a minimum of 6% to the value of Highland, which means they represent about a \$50M investment in beauty, quality of life and added property value. The brochure "Trees Pay Us Back", which has been included with the newsletter, was paid for by a grant awarded to the Highland City Tree Commission. Please visit the Tree Commission's section on the city website for tree planting, pruning and purchasing information.

## 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 Now On-line

The open burn policy was changed in 2013 to meet the revised standards of the State Department of Air Quality (DAQ). Burn Permits will not be available at City Hall or at the Lone Peak Fire Department. Instead permits will be available free on-line.

Recent modifications to these rules change the open burn periods and includes a statewide requirement to obtain a permit from the local fire authority. The permit application process begins at the DAQ's website. Follow the link:

[http://www.airquality.utah.gov/Compliance/  
OpenBurning/index.htm](http://www.airquality.utah.gov/Compliance/OpenBurning/index.htm)

Burn permits may be issued on-line between March 30 and May 30 and between September 15 and October 30. Be sure to plan ahead - the entire permitting process could take 3-5 days to complete.

If completing the open burn permit application online is not an option, a hard copy of the open burn permit application, contact the DAQ by phone at (801) 536-4000. Please note: it may take up to 14 days from the date of request to receive an open burn permit if a hard copy is submitted for processing. You may also use the public computers at City Hall and the Library to request a permit.

## 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!

## Youth Fishing Class

Hooked on Fishing program will focus on educating youth about fishing and aquatic resources. 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). Register on-line at [www.highlandcity.org](http://www.highlandcity.org) (go to the Recreation page). Registration ends on April 18.

## Highland Fling, July 27- August 3



This year's Highland Fling theme is **"Through the Eyes of a Child"**. 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 the Eyes of a Child". 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.
- ◆ 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)



## Green Waste Recycling

Highland City is starting a Green Waste recycling program. However, in order to participate we need 1,000 homes to sign up. The cans would be picked up weekly from April – November. The city is currently seeking bids from waste companies and as such does not yet know the final price, but the most Highland residents would be charged is \$10.65 per month during the months of April – November. Using Green Waste cans are a great way to recycle all of that material rather than just throwing it away. If you are interested in participating, please fill out a short form online at [HighlandCity.org](http://HighlandCity.org). If you have any questions, please contact Highland City at (801)756-5751.

## Murdock Canal Trail Ribbon Cutting

Please join us for the Murdock Canal Trail Ribbon Cutting Ceremony that will take place on Saturday, May 18th at Mitchell Hollow Park. Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies will begin in Orem at 8:00 a.m. and will end in Lehi at 2:00 p.m. with prize drawings! Ribbon Cuttings will take place in all 7 cities that the trail goes through. Each city will provide trail stations and celebration events. Activities along the trail include a pancake breakfast, fun runs, giveaways, local business booths, and more. For a complete list of activities at the trails stations, please visit our website at [www.highlandcity.org](http://www.highlandcity.org)

## Yard Waste & Mulch

Timpanogos Special Service District (TSSD) will be having a "Buy 1 Get 1 Free" Compost sale during the month of April. The cost of compost is \$20 per cubic yard. Compost is sold Wednesday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on Saturday from 7:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The gates will be closed promptly at the listed closing time. Please allow enough time for your vehicle to be loaded before closing.

TSSD also accepts green waste! There is no charge for residential customers to drop off their green waste. TSSD asks that your load be covered to provide safe transportation. For more information call TSSD at (801) 756-5231.

## Family Adventure Race

Highland City residents are invited to participate in 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. For more information, visit [www.utahvalleyfamilyadventurerace.com](http://www.utahvalleyfamilyadventurerace.com).

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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)

**Highland Arts Council**

"**Fun in the Sun**" classes will be offered this summer in June and July for children ages 6-11. These classes will include recreational, fitness, crafts, music and other fun activities. We are looking for teachers (age 17 or older) to teach classes. If you are interested and have a talent you can share, please call Shauna (801) 756-9614 or email

[shaunaholt@live.com](mailto:shaunaholt@live.com). Teachers will be paid for their time and supplies needed. For a list of dates, times, classes, fees and registration information, check our website after April 20th. ([highlandcityarts.org](http://highlandcityarts.org))

The Highland Arts Council is excited to announce the 2013 summer musical!! **Elton John and Tim Rice's AIDA**, directed by Andrew Hunsaker. AIDA will be performed at the American Fork Amphitheater August 9-15. Auditions will be held May 30-31 and June 1 at the American Fork Recreation Center. Be prepared with 32 bars of an upbeat musical and a 60 second contemporary dramatic monologue. Ages 8-88 invited to audition. For more information email Shauna, [shaunaholt@live.com](mailto:shaunaholt@live.com).

**Timpanogos Symphony Orchestra**

The Timpanogos Symphony Orchestra is proud to present the winners of its first annual Aspiring Musicians Competition live in concert on May 3 and 4. The concerts will feature eight talented young musicians, ranging in age from ten to eighteen. Included among these will be the winner of the conducting competition, the first of its kind in the state of Utah.

Performances will take place at Timberline Middle School in Alpine on Friday and Saturday, May 3 and 4, beginning at 7:30 each night. The TSO is sponsored in part by the Lehi City Arts Council, the Highland City Arts Council, and the Alpine Community Arts Council. For details including ticket pricing, please visit the symphony's Web site at [theTSO.org](http://theTSO.org).

**Shakeout - Earthquake Drill**

On Tuesday **April 17<sup>th</sup>** at **10:15 a.m.** Highland City along with the entire state of Utah will experience a 7.0 magni-

tude **earthquake drill**. Will you be ready for the next one? Practice at home or work and learn to be prepared. Practice **DROP, COVER, and HOLD ON** for at least **one minute**. If you find yourself inside during the drill find a sturdy piece of furniture to crouch under or interior wall to kneel down by and cover your head. If you are outside get away from buildings or power lines that may fall on you and get low to the ground to prevent yourself from falling too. Find out more at <http://shakeout.org/utah/>.

**Household Hazardous Waste Day**

Agencies across the county will come together again to take your old or unused household chemicals and properly dispose of them so they don't pollute the environment.

**WHEN:** April 13, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** Provo Towne Centre Mall west parking lot

Please - household waste only in containers less than 5 gallons - no commercial waste. For information about what materials will be accepted, visit: [www.snurl.com/hhw2013](http://www.snurl.com/hhw2013)

**Library News****The Seasons Art Contest**

**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