



## MAYOR'S CORNER "ROUGH ROADS AHEAD"



Driving on Highland roads is usually smooth. The quality of the road beneath our tires isn't something that we normally pay attention to ... unless the road

is bad and our vehicle takes a beating! A recent study by the *American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials* showed that bad roads cost each motorist an average of \$335 per year, nationally. In Highland City, we're fortunate because most of our roads are in relatively good shape and we need to keep them in that condition. Since Highland City has approximately 180 lane miles of roads, there are some roads that need immediate work. But even the roads that are in reasonably good shape need routine maintenance to stay that way. Delaying road maintenance is sort of like ignoring a cavity in your tooth. You can take care of the problem immediately for a fairly low cost, or you can ignore the problem and pay more to fix the problem later. If the cavity isn't filled soon, the cost of a root canal (and the time, pain and effort involved) will be exponentially greater. Another transportation study shows that for every dollar that it costs to keep a road in good condition, you'd have to spend \$4-\$6 to reconstruct it.

A recent study by an independent group of transportation engineers in Highland City recommended that Highland City allocate

\$600,000 per year for road maintenance and \$20M for future road rebuilds. Four to six years ago we built some new roads; Knight Ave, 5600W, and 11800N with maintenance dollars. Because of these new roads and in order not to overextend our road spending, we have pulled back on road maintenance for the last several years. Now we need to change the focus from the new road construction and pay attention to the necessary road maintenance and rebuilds. The City Council has passed a road fee that begins the process to follow the recommendation made by the independent engineering study. The road fee is significantly less than the \$335 average that bad roads will cost each motorist per year. It will allow us to perform routine maintenance now, before the roads require costly rebuilding in the future. It will also allow us to set funds aside for future rebuilding as it becomes necessary.

We urge you to help us keep Highland beautiful and safe. The road fee will allow us to keep our roads safe, useful and cost-efficient. Please support the budget request of \$15.42/month per household to maintain roads now and rebuild in the future.

*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.

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sept 2: City Offices and Library Closed in observance of Labor Day  
Sept 2: Town Center Splash Pad closes for winter  
Sept 3: City Council, 7:00 p.m.  
Sept 7: Garbage Pickup  
Sept 17: City Council, 7:00 p.m.  
Sept 24: Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m.  
Sept 28: DUP Cabin tours at Heritage Park

### PHONE NUMBERS:

City Offices (801) 756-5751  
Library (801) 772-4528  
Justice Court (801) 772-4525  
Police Department and Animal Control (801) 756-9800  
Fire Department (801) 763-5365  
After-Hours Public Works Emergencies (water, sewer, streets) (801) 420-2553  
Republic Services (garbage and recycle pick-up, can repairs) (801) 785-5935

Report a concern, pay your bill, etc. on-line at: [www.highlandcity.org](http://www.highlandcity.org)

Please submit community newsletter articles to [emily@highlandcity.org](mailto:emily@highlandcity.org) by the 15th of the month.

## REDUCE WATER USAGE IN SEPTEMBER

Use less water during September. The Utah Department of Environmental Quality is asking for Utahns to scale back on how frequently lawns are being watered. Lower temperatures in September reduce the need for watering to approximately **once per week**.

Adjust your individual sprinkler system and make it a habit to follow recommended watering requirements based on temperature, precipitation, type of soil, etc. For more information, visit the Utah Division of Water Resources Web site at: [www.conservewater.utah.gov/](http://www.conservewater.utah.gov/)

## Water Conservation Notice

On June 18, 2013, the Mayor and City Council passed a Water Conservation Proclamation in response to the low runoff coming out of American Fork Canyon and 70% water reduction by one of our main water sources (Deer Creek Storage Water). A full copy of the Mayor's Proclamation may be found on the City's web site at [www.hIGHLANDCITY.ORG](http://www.hIGHLANDCITY.ORG).

### What does this mean to you?

- Mandatory limits on Watering Days according to the following schedule:
  - ⇒ Even Numbered Street Address: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday
  - ⇒ Odd Numbered Street Address: Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday
  - ⇒ No Sunday Watering
- Limit of Hours: Not yet mandatory, but recommended watering between the hours of 10:00 pm—6:00 am.
- Limits of Watering Duration: Not yet mandatory, but recommended not longer than 30 minutes per station.
- Manage Runoff: Adjust sprinklers to water lawns, flowers, and gardens. Avoid excessive flow and runoff onto sidewalks and streets.
- There are penalties in place for non-compliance (see Proclamation).
- Applies to all residents in Highland.

For questions, please contact the City Offices at (801) 756-5751 or visit our website [www.hIGHLANDCITY.ORG](http://www.hIGHLANDCITY.ORG) for links to the Proclamation and sites related to water conservation. Thank you for your cooperation.

## PI System to shut down October 15

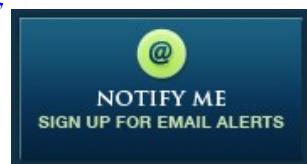
The pressurized irrigation system will be shut off on or around October 15. Please plan your watering schedules accordingly. When the system is shut down, please be sure to turn off your sprinkler system, open any manual drains, and also be sure to close the main valve in your PI box. This will prevent unintended flooding in the Spring, and may help avoid frozen and broken pipes this winter.

Every season, it seems that a handful of residents forget these very important steps and suffer unnecessary flooding in the Spring. Please don't be the one affected next year; take a moment now to completely turn off your sprinkler system. In order to close your main valve, open the PI Box that is located somewhere in the yard; typically near the sidewalk or street. When you open the lid, be sure to keep an eye out for spiders that like to hide in these kinds of spaces. To close the valve, turn the handle so that it is perpendicular to the pipe, as shown in the picture. Then replace the lid, making sure that it is securely in place.

## 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 cleanup, four times a year a mass cleanup is performed. The next mass cleanup for the Cemetery will be on **Monday, October 7th**. 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](http://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](http://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.



It is the goal of Highland City and the City Staff to offer families and friends that visit their loved ones a clean, beautiful, and peaceful environment. Please help us maintain this goal by keeping your site clean.

## Garbage Pickup Delayed

The first week in September, garbage pickup will be delayed one day, due to the Labor Day holiday on September 2. Please have toters at the curb by 7 a.m. on Saturday.

## Splash Pad Closes Labor Day

The Town Center Splash Pad will close on Monday, September 2nd at 6:00 p.m.. The current fall hours are Monday - Saturday, 12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. (weather permitting). The Splash Pad is located in the park north of City Hall at 5400 West Civic Center Drive.

## Seasonal Parks Maintenance Works Needed

Highland is seeking qualified individuals to fill positions for Seasonal Park Maintenance Workers. Hours: Mon. - Thurs., 7:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. (40 hours per week). This is a seasonal position through October. Pay Rate: \$9.00 per hour. Please go to [www.highlandcity.org](http://www.highlandcity.org) to apply. For more information, please call Public Works at (801) 772-4523.

## 2014 Highland Youth City Council

The Highland Youth City Council is a competitive program available for those 9th - 12th grade that provides a great opportunity for leadership, community involvement, and service. Applications for the 2014 HYCC will be available online at [www.highlandcity.org/index.aspx?nid=177](http://www.highlandcity.org/index.aspx?nid=177) starting mid-September. However in order to run an efficient program, parental involvement is needed. We are currently looking for parent advisors to assist with this program. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Emily at Highland City, (801) 772-4523 or [emily@highlandcity.org](mailto:emily@highlandcity.org).

## Senior Citizen's Appreciation Dinner

The annual Highland City Senior Citizen's Appreciation Dinner sponsored by the Highland Youth City Council will be held on Thursday, October 17th at Lone Peak High School. Please call Highland City at (801) 756-5751 ext. 0 to RSVP or email [emily@highlandcity.org](mailto:emily@highlandcity.org) .

## Miss Northern Utah County Pageant

The 3rd annual Miss Northern Utah County Scholarship Pageant was held on July 26, 2013. Nine lovely girls competed and Kira Hanneman was chosen to represent Highland City throughout the next year and at the Miss Utah Pageant in June. Her attendants are Natalie Jaco, 1st attendant and Kinsey Richards, 2nd attendant. The new royalty had so much fun participating in the Highland Fling and are looking forward to serving the community further.



## Friends of Art

We will be starting our third year on September 11 with an Invitational Open House & Potluck Buffet. Members are invited to bring 2-3 of their paintings to exhibit and to talk about. VISITORS ARE WELCOME!

Meetings are held twice a month at the Highland Community Center (former Highland City Building). On the second Wednesday of each month from 11:00 -1:00 p.m. we will feature a guest artist; on the third Wednesday of each month from 11:00 -2:00 p.m. there is a workshop.

Membership: \$25 per year- September through May...OR...\$5 per month...OR...\$3 per meeting. (Visitors: first visit is free). Please contact Corene Bennett 801-756-9717 for more information.

## National Museum Day

The DUP Cabin, the oldest known surviving home in Highland, will be open on Saturday, September 28, 2013 from 11:00 - 1:00 p.m. for National Museum Day. The cabin is located at Heritage Park (5381 W 10400 N). For personal tours at another time, please contact Donna Kitchen at (801) 756-6579.

## Sewer Maintenance and Prevention Tips

In order to properly maintain high-quality sanitation standards, and to prevent back-ups and other problems, the Sewer Department asks for your help:

- Do not flush grease or oils into the sewer system. These products build up inside the collection pipe and may cause the sewer main to plug.
- Please try to avoid flushing feminine hygiene products and baby wipes into the sewer. Flushing of these products is the leading cause of sewer backups.
- Do not flush any type of medication into the sewer. You may properly dispose of medication at the Lone Peak Police Department free of charge. Call (801) 756-9800 for more information.
- If we are working in your area and you smell an unpleasant odor in your house, it may be that your drains have been siphoned dry. To remove of the odor, just run water down the drain.

If you have any further questions regarding the City sewer system or what can and can not be flushed, please contact Public Works at (801) 772-4523 or email [publicworks@highlandcity.org](mailto:publicworks@highlandcity.org)



## HIGHLAND RESIDENTS: “YOUR VOTE COUNTS”

### Candidates for the Highland City 2013 General Election:

#### Mayor:

Larry M. Mendenhall  
Mark S. Thompson

#### City Council:

Rod Mann  
Ed Dennis  
Scott Leroy Smith  
Dennis LeBaron

#### **Early Voting, October 22<sup>nd</sup> – November 1<sup>st</sup> :**

Highland City Hall, 5400 West Civic Center Dr.

Tuesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> through Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup> 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, October 29<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup> 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup> 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

#### **General Election, Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup> - Voting Locations:**

Precincts HI01, HI04, HI05, HI07 & HI08 will be voting at  
Highland City Hall, 5400 West Civic Center Dr., 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Precincts HI02, HI03, HI06, HI09 & HI10 will be voting at  
Highland Community Center, 5378 West 10400 North, 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**Forget to vote? \*\* Don't like standing in lines? \*\* Out of town? \*\* No Time?**

#### **VOTING MADE EASY ..... VOTE BY ABSENTEE BALLOT**

- Any registered voter can request to vote with an absentee ballot,
- Ballot will be sent to your home 2 weeks prior to election, mail or hand deliver back to the city.
- Avoid long lines and vote at your convenience.

\*\* If you signed up for an absentee ballot for the Primary Elections you  
**DO NOT** need to re-apply for the General Election. \*\*

(For application visit [www.highlandcity.org/departments/recorder/elections](http://www.highlandcity.org/departments/recorder/elections))

Or contact the City Recorder at (801) 772-4505 or [jody@highlandcity.org](mailto:jody@highlandcity.org)