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MAYOR'S CORNER

Three months ago we did a survey of residents to see if it was feasible to do a green waste program for lawn and yard clippings during the summer months. The response was an overwhelming 80% favorable to doing a program. As a result, we have been working with Republic Services (Allied Waste) to do a green waste program to go along with your current waste and recycle cans.

They tell us we need 20% of our residents to sign up for the program to make it feasible to operate the program. That equates to approximately 800 homes. If more residents sign up for this program the cost will go down per household. This seems reasonable since we had such a positive response to the survey. This program would provide a way to dispose of your grass clippings, which become a problem for many homes.

Some put them in the regular waste cans causing them to fill quickly. As a solution some have added an extra waste can at a higher cost. Others dump the grass clippings in open space areas which become unsightly. The green waste program seems like a much better way to go. We encourage you to use the green waste can which will be much more convenient also.

To get started in the program we need residents to sign up for the green waste program. In the next two months we will have

all the details about costs, timeframes and sign up information. We want to begin the program in the spring of 2013. As we begin this program, please evaluate your other needs for waste and recycle cans. If you are not currently using a recycle can, please consider it. It is amazing how many items can be recycled. By recycling you can decrease the amount of other waste and possibly eliminate one waste can. My family found this to be the case when we switched. Those bulky milk cartons and cereal boxes add up to a lot of space. It is easy to separate the items once you start doing it. This seems to be the biggest concern for many residents.

Look for more detailed information and sign up information for green waste. We wish you a very happy and prosperous new year as we continue to make Highland City the greatest city in the State in which to live.

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.

Ridley's Family Market & Hart's Coming to Highland

Highland City would like to welcome Ridley's Family Market and Hart's Gas Station to Highland. Highland's Kohler's Grocery Store has been sold and will become Ridley's Family Market on January 1, 2013. On December 26th, Kountry Korner (Chevron) officially became a Hart's Gas Station. Employees of both businesses will not be affected by the change in ownership.



Winter Snow Removal & Plowing

With winter here, 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. 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.

Christmas Tree Pick-Up

Allied Waste will provide curbside Christmas Tree pick-up January 7-11th. Please have all trees at the curb by 7:00 a.m. on January 7th. If your tree was not picked up, please contact Allied Waste at (801) 785-5935. There will also be a large dumpster available for trees at Heritage Park (5381 W 10400 N), January 2-6th.

Notify Me

You can sign up on-line at www.highlandcity.org to get special emails and text messages about things happening in Highland such as community events and public meetings. It's easy to sign up! Click on the Notify Me button on the home page and select specific categories to subscribe to.



2013 Park Pavilion Reservations

Park Pavilion Reservations can be made on-line starting 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 2. You may view the reservation calendar and submit a reservation request on-line at www.highlandcity.org

Christmas Garbage & Recycle Collection Delay

Garbage & Recycle collection will be delayed one day due to the New Year's Day holiday. Trash will be picked up on Saturday, January 5th. Please have your can out at the curb by 7:00 a.m.

10400 North Temporary Road Closure

Contractors closed 10400 North in Highland between 6400 West and Paradise Circle (approx. 6550 West) on November 26th. The closure is expected to last through January (weather permitting) to install a pedestrian under-crossing as part of the Murdock Canal Trail Project.

The under-crossing will provide safe passage for trail users across 10400 North. A detour route will be set up around Mitchell Hollow Park to provide east/west access through the area.

The Murdock Canal Trail project is 16 miles long and runs from 800 North in Orem to the Thanksgiving Point Interchange of I-15 in Lehi. The entire length is expected to be complete mid-summer 2013.

Update from the North Pointe Solid Waste Special Service District (Landfill)

On Monday December 10th a Public Hearing was held concerning the amended 2012 and proposed 2013 budgets. Both budgets were discussed and approved. The following talking points came out of the discussion by the board.

On July 1, 2013, the district's cost of disposal at the Wasatch Regional Landfill will be going up by about \$2.50 per ton to a cost of \$22.50 per ton. The price of \$22.50 includes transportation costs. Although this is about a 12% increase in our tipping fees, the price is still well below the average cost of disposal along the Wasatch Front. For instance, Salt Lake County fees at the landfill are at least \$26.00, with transportation not in-

cluded. The \$2.50 increase will necessitate the raising of rates at the transfer station by \$2.50 to \$31.50 for member cities, including Highland. Interestingly this price is actually less than Highland was paying in 2004 when the cost was \$32.60 per ton at the transfer station.

The Special Service recently completed an area at the transfer station for the collection and storage of household hazardous waste. Annually for the past 4 years, the transfer station has sponsored a county wide collection day. Now they will have the capability to accept this material year round.

For more information about this Public Hearing, please visit the North Pointe Solid Waste Special Service Districts website at www.utahcountygARBAGE.org

Library News

Storytime for children (ages 6 mo. to Kindergarten) registration began on December 18th. Call (801)772-4528 to check availability or online at www.highlandcitylibrary.org to register 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. Classes all have the same theme. Drop-in/no registration required classes are held on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursdays at 1:00 p.m.

Storytimes begin on January 8th and run for six weeks until the week of Valentine's Day. Registration for the next six week session begins on February 12th!

Library Youth Advisory Committee (L-YAC), L-YAC members (ages 12-18) plan events and programs for local teens, volunteer at the library, have a liaison on the Library Board, and help the library be relevant to our teens. We are currently planning a local art contest – slated for February or March, 2013 for ages 10 to 18. Watch our website for more information OR check out our new blog at www.highland-yac.blogspot.com. For more information call Michelle at 801-756-5751 ext. 1001 or email at michelled@highlandcity.org.

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

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

Planning Commission, 2nd & 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