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MAYOR'S CORNER

Spring may be here, but the temperatures sometimes say winter has not gone away. Actually, the cooler temperatures help us in the City with a slower spring water runoff. We are in the second year drought so we will have water shortages this year and will need to do some conservation measures this year. If we all help with the conservation we will have enough water. We need a heavy snowpack winter next year to get back to normal.

Last month I mentioned we are trying to start a green waste program that makes sense. We have negotiated better pricing that is favorable. The green waste can is less than a second regular waste cans so we encourage people to use the green waste can. We need 1,000 homes to sign up for the program in order to implement the program and get the lower price. Please sign up on the City Website.

One of the main reasons we are stressing green waste disposal is because of the problems associated with disposal. We have received complaints from irrigation companies that residents are dumping green waste in ditches. Also, trash is thrown in the ditches. Both green waste and trash block the ditch, reduce water flow, and in some cases cause flooding of property. Additionally, we have received complaints that some are dumping green waste on public lands, open space lands, and other areas

not on their own property. Please be considerate of neighbors and others and dispose of green waste properly.

As a final note, on another subject, you are all invited to celebrate the Grand Opening of the Murdock Canal Trail. This is the trail that follows the new pipe for the Murdock Canal from the mouth of Provo Canyon to the I-15 freeway into Lehi. It will eventually connect to the Jordan River Trail system into Salt Lake County. On May 18th each city from Orem to Lehi is having a City celebration along with Utah County to celebrate the "official opening" of the trail. I say "official" because many are enjoying the trail already. Highland City will be holding our celebration from 11:00 – 11:30 a.m. Come to Mitchell Hollow Park and help us celebrate. This trail forms a spine trail system that connects many of our trails in the City. It is an excellent trail for jogging, biking, or equestrian use. Come and enjoy the time together.

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.

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 in Highland City and get a preview of the city's budget for the upcoming year. Kids, come enjoy plenty of free activities including a bounce house, games, face painting, treats, and more. Highland City businesses like Meier's Fine Foods, Ace Hardware, and Pizza Pie Café will also be there hosting booths and will have plenty of food and coupon giveaways. Entertainment will be provided by local performance groups including the Mountain Ridge Jr. High Jazz Band and Highland Elementary Chime Choir. An Eagle Scout will also be making free ID cards for children that evening. 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.

Green Waste

Highland City is starting a Green Waste recycling program and the fee on Green Waste cans has been reduced to \$6.55 per month! However, in order to get the program started, we need at least 1,000 homes to sign up. To kick the program off, the city will offer a \$3.55 credit per month, for the first 2 months to the first 1,000 homes to sign up for Green Waste. The cans would be picked up weekly from April – November, though the program this year would not be able to begin until June or July. Residents will only be billed for the months of use. Using Green Waste cans are a great way to recycle all of that material rather than just throwing it away. Plus, Green Waste cans are actually cheaper than a second garbage can! If you are interested in participating, please fill out a short form online at HighlandCity.org. If you have any questions, please contact Highland City at (801)756-5751.

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!

Water Conservation

We are currently in a drought year with limited water. Highland City is encouraging all residents to conserve water whenever possible to avoid any mandatory watering restrictions for as long as possible this irrigation season. In order to accomplish this, we are asking that you follow these voluntary guidelines to help conserve water this year:

- Water schedule:
 - Even house numbers water on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday
 - Odd house numbers water Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday
 - No watering on Sundays.
- Turn off your sprinklers in high winds or rain days.
- As the weather changes adjust your watering schedule accordingly.
- Clean driveways, patios and decks with a broom instead of a hose.
- Place mulch in planting beds to reduce evaporation.

The City will be following the guidelines of watering every other day in our parks and lawns but because of the size of our parks, some will be watered each day but the stations will be set for alternating days.

For more information about conserving water, please visit <http://www.conservewater.utah.gov/>

Thank you for your help in conserving water in the City. With everyone's help we can make a difference in conservation.

Arbor Day Activities

Highland City would like to thank Jake Andrew and Tyler Thompson for doing their Eagle Projects as part of Arbor Day. Jake was responsible for training volunteers about proper tree planting and tree care. His group planted 17 trees at Highland Glen Park.

Tyler's project was the Arbor Day Story Writing Contest. Fourth grade students at Highland Elementary Schools wrote stories about their favorite tree. The winning stories were then read at an Arbor Day Assembly and a tree was planted at each school. Tyler would like to thank the following sponsors who donated prizes: 8-Pillars Workplace Financial Wellness, Little Caesars Pizza, Roxberry Juice, Taco Time, Arctic Circle, Orange Leaf, Pizza Pie Café.

Arbor Day Tree Sale

The second part of the Tree Sale will be held on Saturday, May 4th from 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. in front of the Highland Water Building on 11000 North (next to Wendy's). We will only accept checks and cash. All trees are sold AS IS. A list of trees for sale and their prices are on-line on the Arbor Day page (listed under Events) at www.hIGHLANDCITY.ORG. For more information please contact emily@hIGHLANDCITY.ORG or call Emily at (801) 772-4523.



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.

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.

Follow the link to apply: <http://www.airquality.utah.gov/Compliance/OpenBurn/index.htm>

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.

Miss Northern Utah County

The orientation for the Miss Northern Utah County Scholarship Pageant will be held May 9th at 7:00 p.m. at the Highland City Hall. All girls who reside in Highland, Alpine and Cedar Hills who are between the ages of 17-24 are invited to attend. The queen will receive a \$1,000 scholarship!! Come and be a part of this great organization! For more information, contact Jenny Thacker at (801) 787-7824.

City Streets getting crack sealed

City crews are crack sealing streets to prevent water from seeping into the cracks and causing deterioration and road base erosion. Before crews can seal the cracks, they clean them with high pressure air; a process that scatters rocks and dirt in the street. After the sealant has been placed and has cured, a street

sweeper will clean the debris from the street.

Please support these efforts by not parking on the street when see crack sealing is occurring on your street. If you have questions, call Public Works at (801) 772-4523.

Splash Pad to open

The Highland City Splash Pad will open Saturday, May 25 (weather permitting). Go on-line to the Parks page at www.hIGHLANDCITY.ORG for more information and 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 for the six week class is \$15 which includes instruction manual, bait, and tackle. A fishing pole may be rented for an additional \$5.

Class is designed for ages 6 years old and over however, parents are more than welcome to attend and participate with the class (no registration required for adults). Register on-line at www.hIGHLANDCITY.org (go to the Recreation page). Registration will remain open for those who would like to register late.



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. The deadline to be included in the booklet is May 15.
- ◆ 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: Entertainment and Kids Night.

For more information about the Highland Fling, please visit our website at www.hIGHLANDCITYFLING.com

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 11:00 a.m. at Mitchell Hollow Park. Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies will begin in Orem at 8:00 a.m. and will end in Lehi at 1:00 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 including trail bags that contain maps and items from local businesses. Activities along the trail include a pancake breakfast, fun runs, giveaways, local business booths, and more. For more information please visit <http://www.murdockcanaltrail.com/project-status/>

Child ID Safety Cards

Terik Gagon is doing his Eagle Scout project to help keep the children of Highland safe. There will be two city events where parents can come and create an I.D. card for children at no cost. These cards will contain personal information, fingerprints, a place for a photo, and a DNA sample. Parents will be able to keep these cards safe at home in case their child goes missing. If this emergency occurs, the card can be given to the police to help with the identification and search of the child. The two city events are **May 9th** from **5:00-8:00 p.m.** at the **Budget Open House** and **May 18th** from **10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.** at the **Murdock Canal Trail Ribbon Cutting Celebration**.

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 pursuant to HB403-2013: Candidate filing period begins on June 1, 2013 and ends on 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 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Friday. For more information contact the City Recorder, Jody Bates at 801-772-4505.

Mountain Ridge Jr. High 'Run the Ridge'

Mountain Ridge Jr. High School will be holding their annual 5K race on May 29th at 9:30 a.m. Please expect road delays along 10400 N by Mountain Ridge around this timeframe.

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5400 West 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.

Please submit newsletter articles via email no later than the 15th of the month to emily@highlandcity.org

Highland Arts Council

AIDA

Announcing Auditions for our Summer Musical!! We will again join forces with American Fork to present Elton John and Tim Rice's AIDA. Directed by Andrew Hunsaker, AIDA will be performed at the American Fork Amphitheater August 8, 9, 10, 12, 15, 16, 17. Auditions will be held Thursday and Friday, May 30-31, 7-10 p.m. at the American Fork Recreation Center (454 N Center St). Callbacks, Saturday, June 1. Be prepared with 32 bars of an upbeat musical and a 60 second contemporary dramatic monologue. Ages 8 and over are invited to audition. Come join us for a fantastic summer! Mark your calendar! Questions call Kittie Tenney 801-234-0274 or email kittietenney@gmail.com

Friends of Arts

The Friends of Art be meeting on Wednesday, May 8. Please join us! We will be leaving from the American Fork Library promptly at 10 a.m. to tour Frank Magelby's studio (614 E Normandy in Provo). Then we will be going to lunch at noon at Chuck-A-Rama (1081 S University Ave in Provo). After lunch we will be going on down to The Springville Museum of Art to tour the Spring Salon. It should prove to be a wonderful day! The public is welcome to attend all events. If you want to be on Friends of Arts mailing list, please send your name and email address to Shaunaholt@live.com. No Friends of Arts in June, July, August. We will resume meetings in September.

Fun in the Sun

"Fun in the Sun" classes will be offered during June and July for children ages 6-11. Classes will include recreational, fitness, crafts, art, music and other fun activities for the kids. We are looking for teachers for these classes. If you are interested, please contact Shauna Larson at (801) 756-9614 or email shaunaholt@live.com. Check out our web-

site highlandcityarts.org for further details after May 1st when it will be updated.

Upcoming Summer Events

Highland City Library is having an **art contest for kids** 10-18 in June. You can pick up a registration form at the library.

We will be sponsoring **summer art classes** for children and adults. We will post these on our website along with a sign-up sheet as classes will be limited. We are also looking for a fitness club to take place in June as well.

The **Highland Fling Art Show** is coming up in August. We will be selling hand painted greeting cards and art from local artists. This will be held at the Community Center (former Highland City Building) the first weekend in August. Watch for further details.

For more information about the Highland Arts Council, please visit highlandcityarts.org

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 29th

WHEN and **WHERE** do I learn if I've won? We will contact the winners on July 10th 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