



Mayor's Message

As the year closes, we have much to be thankful for in Highland. Our roads are improving thanks to your willingness to make that a priority. Our Police and Fire Department continues to do well. The East-West Connector road design has started—I expect the road to be finished sometime in 2020. Our residents have stepped in and made a difference in a number of cases of personal and neighborhood challenges. We have a wonderful new Library Director, great library workers, and volunteers and continue to have great staff members.

Changes are afoot. The Utah State Developmental Center Board selected a firm to develop the land south of Lone Peak High School. By the time you read this the developer (Boyer Company) will have met with staff to start discussions and we will have a much clearer idea of what is being proposed. Whatever it is, some will like it others will not. The requested total density will be higher than "normal." Consistent with our general plan which identifies this area as "mixed use", I would expect some townhomes, twin homes, and single family dwellings, plus some commercial along North County Blvd. We will share information with you as it becomes available. The positive side is that we will have more wonderful neighbors bringing with them unique skills and talents to bless our community. See <http://bit.ly/E-W-Connector> for a map showing the land to be developed and the East-West Connector.

Merry Christmas to everyone. I hope you find joy in the season regardless of your circumstance. A quote from one of my favorite authors seems fitting: *"Happiness is the hunger to give. True happiness must ever have the tinge of sorrow outlived, the sense of pain softened by the mellowing years, the chastening of loss that in the wondrous mystery of time transmutes our suffering into love and sympathy with others."*—William George Jordan.

Council Brief

In each month's newsletter we give a brief overview of some stand-out items from Council meetings. For full agendas, minutes, & audio, visit <http://bit.ly/HC-agendas>.

November 13

President and Water Master of American Fork Irrigation, Ernie John, and Water Advisory Board Chair, Tavis Timothy, discussed the state's current drought and provided recommendations regarding water conservation and restriction measures. See page 2 for more information.

In accordance with the Library's acceptance into the North Utah County Library Co-operate and the added benefits that comes with that membership, City Council raised the non-resident card fee from \$40 to \$70 per year beginning January 1.

Fred Philpot with Lewis Young Robertson & Birmingham, Inc provided a report regarding the City's General Fund. Their findings showed a deficit in the General Fund in the very near future for operations and maintenance costs. Staff and the Council are currently exploring ways to solve this deficit.

Staff presented information regarding open space encroachment. Council Members recommended that each person receive a letter from the City telling them to stop encroaching and instruct them of the consequences of their encroachment.

November 20

The Council met to discuss the feedback from the Mountain Ridge Open House, as well as, preliminary costs and potential revenue for park alternatives. See page 2 for more information.

CALENDAR

December 1: Craft Day with Santa, 10-12:00, Community Center

December 3: Cemetery Cleanup

December 4: City Council Meeting*, 7:00 PM, City Hall

December 11: Planning Commission Meeting*, 7:00 PM, City Hall

December 12: Meet the Mayor, 7:00 PM, Library

*Agendas, Minutes, and Audio at <http://bit.ly/HC-agendas>

HOLIDAY CLOSURES & DELAYS

Christmas

Library—December 20 at 6:00PM through December 25

City Hall—December 24 & 25

Garbage collected December 29

New Year's

Library & City Hall—December 31 through January 1

Garbage collected January 5

PHONE NUMBERS

City Offices: 801-756-5751

Library: 801-772-4528

Justice Court: 801-772-4525

Police Department/Animal Control: 801-756-9800

Fire Department 801-763-5365

After-Hours Public Works Emergencies (water, sewer, streets): 801-420-2553

Republic Services (pick-up and can repairs): 801-785-5935

ONLINE

Report a concern, pay your bill, reserve a pavilion, etc. on-line at: www.highlandcity.org

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Mountain Ridge Park Update

For some time, the Highland City Council has been looking into the possibility of selling some park land and using the proceeds to begin to develop the park next to Mountain Ridge Junior High School.

An Open House was held on November 15 where the preliminary design was displayed and those present provided feedback. Currently that feedback is being used to create a final design. When the design is complete, a second public Open House will be scheduled.

Check out <http://bit.ly/MtnRidgePk> for more information including the preliminary design, presentation materials, Open House surveys, etc.

Water Conservation

Governor Herbert has declared a state of emergency for Utah because of drought conditions. Unfortunately, previous studies have shown that Highland residents use almost double the amount of water necessary for outdoor watering. Because of drought conditions and our overwatering, we are using up the limited amount of storage that we have in our reservoirs. We're anticipating a warm winter with low moisture, which means all Highland City storage will be gone this year if we don't make a change.

We need to realize that low moisture levels are a climate change we are seeing in Utah. And because water ties into everything in life, from how much food we produce to our energy supplies and economic opportunities, it is time to consider what we need to do to not only survive but thrive in desert conditions.

Because of all of these issues, Mayor Rod Mann issued a Water Conservation Proclamation on August 7, 2018 regarding water restrictions on outdoor watering with penalties including written warnings and fines. These restrictions will continue to be in effect when the water comes back on in April. While it may seem like this is a long time away, now is the time to start preparing and making changes.

If you haven't done so already, we would encourage you to install water-efficient faucets, shower heads, and toilets in your home and add an EPA WaterSense-labeled sprinkler controller for your lawn. Purchasers of these smart controllers can apply for a 50% rebate from the Central Utah Water Conservancy District.

Thank you for doing your part to help us conserve. If we each do our part, we can preserve our valuable water resources. If you have any questions, please contact us at 801-756-5751.

Portions of this article were adapted from an article written by Central Utah Water Conservancy District.

Beautification Committee

Thank you to our amazing volunteers who helped with all the weeding, mulching, and beautifying of Highland this year. We could not have accomplished so much without you. As we are in our down season, please notify our committee if you have project ideas or concerns; or if you would like to support a community garden near Toscana Townhomes. Thank you. - Ashlee (801)895-9551.

Recycling Dumpsters

For your convenience, the City provides recycling dumpsters at Heritage and Mitchell Hollow Parks. Unfortunately, there has been quite a bit of contamination in these dumpsters lately. These dumpsters ARE NOT for garbage. Only paper and cardboard can be accepted and what you're putting in must fit into the dumpster opening. Anything left to the side of the dumpster has to be thrown away because of moisture or other contamination. If you have an inordinate amount of trash one month, please haul it to North Pointe Solid Waste District. If you consistently have more than you can fit in your own bins, please call us at 801-756-5751 and we'd be happy to help you order an additional can. If contamination continues at these dumpsters, they may have to be removed.

Report a Concern

See a problem in the City? Let us know about it! Whether it's a pothole, broken sprinkler, street light out, park needing work, etc. you can report the problem on the Highland City website. Visit www.HighlandCity.org and click on the green "[Report a Concern](#)" button. You can also always call us at 801-756-5751.

City Codes

Did you know Highland City Code requires permits to finish a basement, put in a fence, build a shed larger than 200 square feet, install a pool, and complete some remodels? These codes are in place to ensure the safety and aesthetic beauty of Highland now and for years to come. Do you have one of these projects planned? Call us at 801-756-5751 and staff will be happy to walk you through the permitting process.

Sub For Santa

Highland City Youth Council is sponsoring 3 families for Sub for Santa. Please help us make a great Christmas for these families. Choose a tag from the Christmas tree at City Hall from Nov 29 - Dec 10 and have gifts turned in to City Hall by Dec 17. Questions? Contact Julie: 801-772-4507 or Julie@highlandcity.org





To Register for classes or more information, visit HighlandCityArts.org or call Shauna at (801)756-9614. All classes & performances are located at the Community Center, 5378 W 10400 N unless otherwise noted.

Many Classes & Clubs are offered by the Highland City Arts Council including: *Utah Valley Chamber Players, Youth Theatre, Handbell Choir, Master Watercolor Workshop, Basic and Advance Watercolor Class, After School Art Club, The Artists Way Book Club, Friends of Art, Quilting and Fiber Arts Group, and more.*

Performance Schedule

Timpanogos Symphony Orchestra Concert "Carols of Christmas" Ring in the season with the Timpanogos Symphony Orchestra and the Salt Lake Symphonic Choir in a joyful celebration of a time-honored Christmas tradition. Join us at Timberline Middle School on November 30 and December 1, 7:30 PM. General admission is \$12 / \$9 students and seniors / \$8 per person in families or groups of five or more. More information at thetso.org.

Highland Choral Arts Concert "Silent Night" with special guest artists Dallyn Bayles and Mindy Smoot Robbins. December 8, 7:00 PM at Timberline Middle School. Tickets available at highlandchoralarts.org or at the door.

Timpanogos Ringers Concert

All are invited to the first concert of the handbell choir! December 12 at 7:00 PM. Admission is free.

The Importance of Being Earnest—Spring Play

Join us for the beloved trivial comedy for serious people February 28, March 1, 2, and 4 at 7:00 PM at the Highland Community Center. Tickets will be available at the beginning of February on our website [www.highlandcityarts.org/ticketing](http://highlandcityarts.org/ticketing).

Lone Peak Choir Madrigal Feast

Step back into medieval times with a preshow, dinner, a play, and a concert all in one night. Tickets are \$12 for students and \$16 for adults and must be purchased in advance. Shows are Nov. 30, Dec. 1, 3, and 4 at 6:00. Contact an LPHS choir student or purchase tickets from the LPHS finance office.



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Youth Council Corner

As our year comes to a close, we are happy with the work we have accomplished. We're excited to go on one more retreat this month and to work on our final service project. We're hosting three families through the Sub for Santa Program with United Way of Utah County. Please help us make Christmas great for these families! Special thanks goes to our Mayor, Miranda Mugleston, and Deputy Mayor, Annabelle Sutton, for leading us throughout the year! We look forward to the new structure of Youth Council in 2019 and the opportunity for more youth to be involved! Thanks to the community for supporting Highland Youth City Council!



Daughters of the Utah Pioneers

The Daughters of the Utah Pioneers (DUP) who run the cabin at Heritage Park meet each month. For information on joining them, please call President Norine Garrett 801-360-9984, or go to www.dupinternational.org

Highland Historical Society

Families of Highland—Oscar Hurst and Nida Mary Adamson Hall

Oscar was an outsider to Highland, having been born March 29, 1898, in Atchison, Kansas to Edmund Estep and Anna Eliza Hurst Hall, the youngest of sixteen children. His family converted to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and moved to Alpine, Utah when he was twelve years old.

By contrast, Nida was home-grown, born in American Fork November 11, 1899, to David Hutchison and Jessie Diantha Myers Adamson, eldest of their eleven children. She attended grade school in Highland and High School in American Fork. Check out <http://bit.ly/HC-history> for a history on the Adamson family.

Potential Utah County Property Tax Increase

Utah County government is discussing the possibility of a 27.56% increase on its property tax rate. This increase is NOT associated with Highland City. A Public Hearing for this proposal is scheduled for December 4 at 6:00PM at the Utah County Administration Building. For information on the proposal, please visit www.utahcounty.gov.

YOUTH SPORTS & RECREATION PROGRAMS

OPEN TO HIGHLAND CITY RESIDENTS WITH NO ADDITIONAL FEES

VISIT CEDARHILLS.ORG/RECREATION TO FIND OUT MORE!

BEYOND THE BOOKSHELF

programs | events

December 2018



**Twas The Night Before
Christmas and all
Through the Library...
Storytime with
The Mayor**

December 10 @ 6:30 pm

Come in Christmas PJs,
crafts, and cookies



Storytime

Mon, Weds, Thurs @ 11 am



**No Storytime or Baby
Bookworms Dec 17-Jan 4**



**Elf
On the Shelf
All month long**
Everyday come find his
new hiding place

Robotics



Dec 11 @ 6:30pm



**Meet the Mayor
Dec 12 at 7:00 pm**

Letters to Santa

Write and mail your
letters to Santa at
the library!



Baby Bookworms

**Tuesday &
Friday
@ 10:15 am**



**Coding and Girl
Scout Information
Night**

Dec 3 @ 6:30pm

Come experience
coding with the Girl
Scouts and receive
more information
about their program



**Astronomy Club
Nov 14 @ 6:30 pm**



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