



Mayor's Message

First of all, I would like to congratulate one of our residents, Dr. William Parker OB/GYN, for being inducted into the American Fork Hospital Hall of Fame. Each year one retired physician who served on the medical staff for at least 20 years receives this honor. Dr. Parker delivered 7,800 babies during his career and consistently went the extra mile to serve his patients and those with whom he worked. Dr. Park and his wife Rusty recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Thank you both for being part of our community and being great examples of quietly serving others.

This month, city staff will turn on our pressurized irrigation system. While we have had a good winter in terms of snow, we should always be mindful to conserve water. One way to do that is to purchase a smart sprinkler controller. These devices reduce water waste by automatically adjusting how often and how long a landscape is watered based on local weather and landscape conditions. I purchased one four years ago and am very satisfied. For me, aside from saving water, the best benefit is that I can troubleshoot sprinklers heads without running back and forth to the controller. I simply use the smart phone app to turn a zone on and off.

You can receive up to a 50% rebate on the purchase of a smart controller through the website www.utahwatersavers.com. This website also has free designs for low water use parkstrips. Check out the "Flip Your Strip" link and click on "Helpful Resources."

Fiscal Year 2020 Budget

City staff and Council have been working together preparing the Fiscal Year 2020 (FY20) Budget which will be adopted by Council in June and starts July 1, 2019. There are a number of items that are having a major impact on the budget. Over the past year, building in Highland has slowed which is leading to a \$100,000 decrease in building permit revenue and a \$41,000 decrease in the collection of park impact fees. Also, the City's Park Bond payment has increased by \$134,000.

To account for these decreases in revenue and increase in debt payments, the overall General Fund expenses have been decreased by \$82,000 or 2.1% and as of now, projected revenue is approximately \$28,000 greater than expenses. However, this budget would give no increase to either the Lone Peak Police or Fire Departments. Both Departments are requesting increases which for Highland would mean a \$290,000 for Police and \$607,000 for Fire.

There is not room in the City's General Fund Budget for the \$897,000 total increase. For years, the City has been striving to make cuts to the General Fund to balance the budget and provide additional funding as Lone Peak Police and Fire costs have grown. Any more cuts will result in a decrease in service level to an area such as parks maintenance.

The Police Department's request is for two main reasons. First, to stay competitive in recruiting and retaining quality police officers. Second, to keep up with the increased costs of doing business such as vehicle leases and utility costs.

Cedar Hills City recently opted to leave the Fire District and contract with American Fork City. Starting July 1, Lone Peak Fire District will now only service Alpine and Highland. While the Fire Department was able to make some cuts due to the decreased service area, some fixed costs can not be cut and now one less entity is contributing towards those costs. As such, even though the overall Fire Department budget has decreased, the portion Highland is responsible for has increased. The increase would maintain the same level of service in the wake of Cedar Hills' departure.

The two Chiefs are currently working with City Staff and Council to refine their budgets, prioritize requests, and decide what steps to pursue next. Two things are certain: First, we want to have quality Police and Fire Departments. Second, the City's General Fund can not absorb the increases they are requesting without a major reduction in service level or an increase in revenue whether by fee or property tax increase.

Residents are invited to learn more about this issue at the City Council Budget Work Session April 9 at 7:00 PM at City Hall. A Budget Open House is also scheduled for May 2 from 5:00-7:00 PM at City Hall. More information will be shared as it is available.

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: 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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2019 Resident Survey Results

The highlights from the results of the 2019 Resident Survey are below. City Staff and Council are taking action to respond to residents concerns and desires. Charts, graphs, and more detail is available at <http://bit.ly/HC-survey>.

- There were 1,106 responses or 24% of the households in Highland
- Satisfaction with City personnel dropped between 2 and 11 points in all personnel categories
- Almost every service category saw a decrease in the level of satisfaction
- 61% of participants said they would like to see less deviations to smaller lot sizes
- 70% said they would like to see less multi-family zoning
- 55% said they would like to see more road repairs
- 47% asked for the city to focus more on the financial long-term health of the City
- 44% asked for greater communication.
- 51% and 50% of respondents said they were likely or very likely to support a fee or tax increase for the Fire Department and Police Department respectively
- 62% of respondents said they did not want to see large sports tournaments in Highland
- In terms of what recreation elements people want to see in parks, the top answers were: 32% for walking paths; 28% for general playground equipment; 25% for an all abilities playground; 24% for open fields for soccer, football, or other use; and 17% for pickleball courts

City Open House

The annual Highland City Open House is scheduled for Thursday, May 2 from 5:00—8:00 PM at City Hall. Information will be available on the City's budget including a potential property tax increase for Police and Fire, 2019 road projects, the potential development of the Utah State Developmental Property, the Arts Council, the Historical Society, trash collection, ways to get involved on volunteer committees, the Dry Creek Lake project, and more. There will be interactive activities and giveaways for both adults and kids as well as food trucks. We hope to see all of Highland there!

Highland Historical Society

Reed Shelley Thompson

Reed Shelley Thompson was born August 26, 1914, to Vera Shelley and Russell Thompson in his grandparents' home in American Fork, Utah. He lived in this same house his entire childhood and youth with the exception of four years in Bingham. This home is the white house to the west of Anderson Mortuary. As a very young child, Dad recalled many trains passing on the tracks just across the street from his home. Check out <http://bit.ly/HC-history> for more.

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>.

March 5

Councilmember Ed Dennis was appointed Mayor Pro Tempe. If Mayor Mann is unable to attend a Council meeting, Councilmember Dennis will preside in his place.

City Council, the Library Board, and City staff have worked over the past nine months to update Library Board Bylaws, Operating Procedures, and Municipal Code to better define roles so all can work together to better the Library. Those changes were finalized.

March 19

City Council approved a Conditional Use Permit for a Salt Storage Building west of the Public Works Shop near the mouth of American Fork Canyon. Staff is working through the design phase and will begin construction this summer.

USDC Property Update

On March 27, the developers of the Developmental Center Property (land south of Lone Peak High School) held an Open House to present a summary of the feedback they have received and how they have adapted their plan based on that feedback. For example, the number of total units has decreased and the apartments have been eliminated.

The property will need to be rezoned in order for the developer to develop as they wish. The request for rezoning will be considered by the Planning Commission (tentatively planned for April 30) followed by City Council. If the rezone is approved, subdivision plans would come to the Planning Commission and City Council late this summer or early fall. You can find preliminary plans and more information at <http://bit.ly/HC-develop-projects>.

Mountain Ridge Park Update

In light of the results from the City survey and other information, this coming Tuesday, April 2, City Council will be discussing the overall Master Plan of Mountain Ridge Park and how to proceed with the traffic and noise studies, design, etc. The discussion will take place during the regular City Council meeting at 7:00 PM at City Hall. Check out <http://bit.ly/MtnRidgePk> for more information.

Beautification Committee

April is finally here! Get ready to plant pansies and cold hardy crops. The new community garden installation will take place on Arbor Day, April 27. Call Ashlee if you'd like to help or have any questions. (801)895-9551



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

Youth Theatre Summer Production of the Music Man for ages 9-16. Registration May 28 from 4:00-7:00 PM. Lead role auditions with 16 bars of a show-tune. Rehearsals Monday thru Friday June 3 – 28 from 1:00-3:00 PM. Performances June 28-29. Tuition \$85 with sibling discounts. Jordana Burns at 385-309-7204.

Kids Summer Camps with lots of fun activities for kids in June. Details soon at www.HighlandCityArts.org.

Timpanogos Ringers bell choir concert April 19 at 7:30 PM. \$5 donation.

Friends of Art April 10 artist is Gilbert Bennett, watercolorist at Utah Valley University. See his work at www.GilBennett.com. April 17 guest artist TBD.

Oil Painting Workshops by Regan Reichert. Portraits on April 13 and Pleine Aire Painting on May 11. Classes from 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM. Bring a sack lunch. Drinks provided. Registration \$40 per class.

Two Day Oil Painting Workshop by Gunther Haidenthaler for those who want to learn or review the basics. April 19-20 from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM. Registration \$150. Bring a sack lunch. Drinks provided.

Carl Purcell Watercolor Workshop May 4 from 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM with lunch provided. Registration \$125 in advance. Seats nearly full. Experience required for this master watercolorist class.

Basic Watercolor Class for adults who want to learn, but don't know where to start. Registration \$15 a week.

Advanced Watercolor Class by Sharon Cannon teaches a different technique each week. Must have taken basic class or have previous experience. Mondays at 10:00 AM – 12:30 PM. Registration \$15 per week.

After School Art Club from 3:30 – 4:45 PM for kids ages 8 to 12 who love art and want to learn more. They will learn the basics of art principles and go home each week with a finished project. Registration \$40 a month.

Highland Quilting & Fiber Arts Groups Quilting Creatives & Stitching Emporium meets the first Wednesday of the month 10:30 AM – 1:30 PM. Membership \$10.00 per year. Bring all supplies and equipment.

Youth Council Corner

In March, our Leadership Group had the wonderful opportunity to attend a Leadership Conference hosted by the Utah Association of Youth Councils. In that conference, we shared ideas with other youth councils, learned from dynamic presenters, and had a lot of fun. We are excited to implement some of the things we learned into our City. The association presented a scholarship to our very own Miranda Mugleston for her service over the past 3+ years on youth council. She served as our Deputy Mayor in 2017, Mayor in 2018, and has been a great leader for us!



In April and May we are looking forward to helping out with several City events and service projects: Easter Egg Hunt on April 20, Arbor Day Tree Planting on April 27, City Open House on May 2, and City Spring Clean-up on May 3 & 4. Look for more information about these happenings in this newsletter. We hope to see a big turn out from the city residents at all of them!

Grand Opening

Dr. Garon Larsen with Elevated Family Dentistry is moving to Highland City next to Quick Quack at 11020 N 5500 W. Residents are invited to attend the Grand Opening event Saturday, May 4 for a ribbon cutting, office tours, free cancer screening, free giveaways, food, entertainment, and more.

*Easter Egg Hunt
&
Cookie Decorating
Saturday, April 20th*

9:30 AM Heritage Park

*New This Year!
A Special Needs Area*



Pressurized Irrigation System & Watering Schedule

Pressurized irrigation water will be ready for use by April 15. As the process to bring the system online usually takes 7-10 days, Public Works will begin the process around April 8. Please make sure your stop and waste valves are shut off while the system is being loaded. If valves are not shut off, flooding may occur. Once the system is fully operational on April 15, individual sprinkling systems can be loaded.

As a reminder, the watering schedule is as follows:

- Watering allowed between the hours of 6:00 PM and 10:00 AM
- Even numbered street addresses: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday
- Odd Numbered Street Addresses: Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday
- No watering on Sunday except for Churches, Schools, and Parks.
- It is highly encouraged that stations should not be set for more than thirty minutes per watering station per assigned day.

These regulations do not apply to watering using a handheld bucket, hose with a shut-off nozzle or device, or for adjusting or repairing an irrigation system. Newly installed lawns may be watered on a daily basis as needed until established.

Penalties for failure to comply with this schedule is as follows:

- First Violation: Written warning via a door hanger
- Second Violation: A \$100 dollar fine
- Third Violation: Water service locked and \$200 fine
- Subsequent Violations: Subject to Municipal Code 13.30.380

Arbor Day Tree Planting and Tree Sale

Our annual Tree Sale will be held on April 27 from 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM on the corner of 10700 North and 5400 West (Town Center East) by the Police Station and City Hall. April 27 is for Highland Residents only. You will need to bring proof of residency with you (ID, Utility Bill, etc). We accept all forms of payments. All trees are sold AS IS, with a maximum of 8 trees per resident/household. We cannot 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. Prices and tree types subject to change without notice. Any leftover trees will be sold the following week on May 5 from 8:00 AM-12:00 PM (or ending earlier if sold out).

Please celebrate Arbor Day with us at our annual Tree Planting on April 27 beginning at 8:00 AM until finished (usually between 11:00 AM & 12:00 PM). This year, the tree planting will be held at the Cemetery and Wild Rose Park (10370 North 4730 West). Volunteers are asked to bring garden tools, water, and work gloves. Please dress for the weather. Individuals, scouts, school groups, sports teams, families, etc. are encouraged to help out! If you have a group planning to attend please email us to let us know at: events@highlandcity.org.

Highland City Spring Clean-Up

The annual Highland City Spring Clean-Up will take place May 3 & 4 from 8:00 AM -5:00 PM at the parking lot at the mouth of the American Fork Canyon. Dumpsters will be available for disposal of metal, wood, and household waste. No green waste or hazardous waste will be accepted. Green Waste should be taken directly to Timpanogos Special Service District. More information at <http://bit.ly/2FP1Txz>. Household Hazardous Waste should be taken directly to the Utah County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day on April 13. More information at: <http://bit.ly/2ICsoDN>. Scouts and other groups are welcome to help city crews during this time and earn community service hours. If you are interested in volunteering, email: events@highlandcity.org

Open Burn Permits

Open burning is allowed March 30—May 30 with a permit. To apply, first fill out an application with the Division of Air Quality online at <https://air.utah.gov/OpenBurning/index.htm> or call 801-536-4000. Next, come into the Highland Lone Peak Fire Station to obtain an area permit. Each time you want to burn, a Division of Air Quality application is required. The permit from the Fire Station is only required once per burning season.

CALENDAR

April 2: City Council Meeting*, 7:00 PM, City Hall

April 9: City Council Budget Work Session*, 7:00 PM, City Hall

April 10: Meet the Mayor, 7:00 PM, Library

April 11: Volunteer Appreciation & Recruiting Event, 7:00 PM, City Hall

April 16: City Council Meeting*, 7:00 PM, City Hall

April 18: Youth Fishing Program Begins. Held every Thursday through May 23.

April 18: Competence, Confidence, and Courage: Helping Our Kids Become Leaders. Presentation by Dr. Susan Madsen, 7:00 PM, City Hall

April 20: Easter Egg Hunt, 9:30 AM, Heritage Park

April 27: Arbor Day Tree Planting Activity, 8:00 AM—12:00 PM, Cemetery & Wild Rose Park

April 27: Tree Sale, 8:00 AM—2:00 PM, Parking Lot by City Hall

April 29—May 3: Annual Street Sweeping, Please Have Vehicles Moved Off the Street

April 30: Planning Commission Meeting*, 7:00 PM, City Hall

May 2: City Open House 5:00-7:00 PM, City Hall

May 3 & 4: Spring Clean-Up, 8:00 AM—5:00 PM, Parking Lot at the Mouth of American Fork Canyon

May 4: Tree Sale, 8:00 AM—12:00 PM, Parking Lot by City Hall

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

Come get the inside “scoop” on Volunteering for Highland City

- Learn all about the volunteer opportunities in Highland City
 - Help us celebrate our current volunteers!
 - Come and enjoy an Ice Cream Sundae!

April 11th - 7:00 pm
Highland City Hall



Hooked on Fishin'

- youth ages 6 to 14
- Cost is \$25 for residents or \$30 for non-residents.
- Fishing poles may be rented for \$5 for the 6 week course.

Highland Glen Park

Thursdays April 18 - May 23
5:30pm-7:00pm

Register by April 10, 2019 online at:

<http://bit.ly/HC-fish>

For more information contact 801-772-4507 or events@highlandcity.org



Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day

~ NO COMMERCIAL OR MUNICIPAL WASTE ~

Provo Towne Centre Mall west parking lot

For Utah County Residents

April 13, 2019

9 am - 3 pm



What TO bring:

- Medications
- Gasoline/ fuels / motor oil
- Antifreeze
- Batteries (auto, ATV, laptop, tools, hearing aids, sealed lead acid/SLA)
- Solvents / paint thinners
- Aerosol cans / paints / stains
- Pesticides / herbicides
- Fluorescent light bulbs
- Glues / adhesives
- Mercury thermometers
- Photographic chemicals
- Glass bottles and jars
- Paper for shredding



What NOT TO bring:

- ELECTRONICS**
 - Containers over 5 gallons
 - Ammunition
 - Explosives
 - Compressed gas tanks / propane tanks / oxygen tanks
 - Gas cans (no exchange)
 - PCB-related materials
 - Asbestos materials
 - Business / commercial / construction / municipal waste
 - Medical / biological waste
 - Radioactive waste
 - Fire extinguishers
 - Tires

FREE ELECTRONICS DISPOSAL AT NORTH POINTE & SOUTH VALLEY UTAH SOLID WASTE DISTRICT APRIL 6 - 20

Do not mix wastes.

Bring waste in original containers, if possible.

Waste must be capped or sealed.

For more information: 801-851-7525 or www.utahcountyhealth.org/hhw

