

Fiscal Year 2020 Budget: Public Safety Funding

For years, Highland Council and staff have worked hard to properly serve our growing community while keeping the property tax rate flat. At the same time, inflation and growth have eaten away at our revenue making our dollars stretch less far. This year, Lone Peak Police and Fire Departments are asking Highland City for a combined increase of nearly \$690,000 to their budgets. The increases they are asking for are not extravagant wants. Rather, they are to allow our Police and Fire Departments to provide the proper level of service and to recruit and retain quality emergency responders. City Council is planning on a property tax increase OR creating a new fee to raise the additional revenue that would be dedicated to Fire and Police services. Either method would equate to about \$146.80 per year or \$12.50 per month for the average Highland home. If the property tax method was selected, the City would be 18% of the total property tax bill paid by residents and this would be a 36% increase of that rate. So far at the Open Houses the City has held, residents have overall been supportive of the funding increase and split on their preferred method. The final budget will come to Council on June 18. If the fee option is decided, it will be voted on at that time. If the property tax option is chosen, it will not be voted on until August 6. You can see more information at http://bit.ly/HC_FY20Budget or call 801-756-5751. The numbers discussed above are estimates based off of the best information we have today. Some adjustment may occur before the final decision; however we anticipate those changes to be minor.

Mayor's Message

"The man who is calm has his course in life clearly marked on his chart. His hand is ever on the helm. Storm, fog, night, tempest, danger, hidden reefs—he is ever prepared and ready for them. He is made calm and serene by the realization that in these crises of his voyage he needs a clear mind and a cool head; ..." —William George Jordan, The Majesty of Calmness, 1898.

Summer hopefully begins on June 21. It has been a cold and unusually wet spring. City staff have been preparing for potential flood issues. They've reached out to local church leaders and school district staff so that volunteers can be quickly organized, sandbags have been prepped and put on pallets, etc. If you notice ditches, streams, or canal grates that are blocked by debris, let city staff know. If you see anyone dumping grass clippings or yard waste in or near ditches or streams please let them know this can cause serious flooding issues. Also, helping keep debris from entering storm drains and filling detention basins will help limit flooding potential. Please be aware that as water flows increase ditches, rivers, and normally dry stream beds can become dangerous. Members of our community, both youth and old have died in canals and ditches. Thankfully it has been a long time and we hope it never happens again.

We are so appreciative of those of you who are proactive in helping the city be prepared for potential issues and I am personally appreciative our staff who quietly prepare for eventualities like floods so that we can respond with a *clear mind and a cool head* to crisis of the moment.

Council Candidate Filing Period

Highland City has 3 City Council seats open this election. Each seat is a 4-year term that begins January 1, 2020. The General Election is on Tuesday, November 5, 2019. If needed, a Primary Election will be Tuesday, August 13, 2019. Consider serving your community by running for office. Candidate filing period is June 3 –7. File a Declaration of Candidacy at City Hall between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM. Must pay a \$35 filing fee.



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CALENDAR

June 3–7: Council Candidate Filing Period, 8:00 AM-5:00 PM, City Hall

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

June 12: Cemetery Decoration Removal

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

June 18: Council Meeting & Budget Approval*, 7:00 PM, City Hall

June 25: Planning Commission Meeting*, 7:00 PM, City Hall

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

HOLIDAY CLOSURES & DELAYS

June 1: Delayed Garbage Pickup due to Memorial Day

July 4: All City Offices Closed for Independence Day. Garbage Pickup delayed to July 6.

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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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>.

May 7

Councilmember Kurt Ostler updated the Council on a meeting he and Mayor Mann held with the post office relative to Highland getting our own zip code. The post office has a set of criteria based mostly on number of households that cities have to meet in order to qualify to receive their own zip code. Highland does not and will not meet any of the requirements. Based on growth patterns, it is more likely we will someday combine zip codes with Alpine City and American Fork will absorb all of 84003.

May 21

City Council approved contracts for the 2019 road preservation projects. See the article below for more information.

City Council approved the Planned Development project of Fairfield Cove consisting of retail and a maximum of 6 single family homes. The project is on 2.85 acres at approximately 10272 N 4800 W.

The Council also approved the rezone of the Developmental Center Property (land south of LPHS) to a Planned Development with retail and a maximum of 699 living units. The development will be called Ridgeview. The subdivision plans are expected to come to Planning Commission and Council late summer or early fall and construction would begin this winter. More information at <http://bit.ly/HC-develop-projects>.

2019 Road Projects

The City will shortly begin work on our annual road reconstruction and preservation projects including two collector roads. Those who travel 6400 West from 10400 North to 11000 North (SR-92) and 6000 West from 9600 North to 10150 North may wish to find alternate routes during the summer months. Road preservation work including patching, crack seal, and seal coat treatments will also occur at various locations throughout Highland. Construction will begin June 1 and continue to August 15. See <http://bit.ly/HC-road> for more information.

Cemetery Fees Increasing

On July 1, 2019, cemetery lot prices will increase by 3%. That means residential burial rights will be \$1,076 and non-residential burial rights will be \$1,502. Opening and closing fees will remain the same. If you are considering a lot purchase, are in need of burial arrangements, or a headstone placement, please call Cindy Quick, City Recorder, at (801) 772-4505.

Outdoor Watering Restrictions

Please remember the following watering restrictions:

- Water between 6:00 PM and 10:00 AM
- Even addresses – water Monday, Wednesday, & Friday. Odd addresses – water Tuesday, Thursday, & Saturday
- Station watering time limited to 30 minutes
- No excessive water runoff

Violation of restrictions will result in penalties including written warnings, fines, and service locks. These restrictions are important to help our system operate properly as well as save water for future years when we don't receive a large snowpack. If you have any questions, please contact us at 801-756-5751.

Highland City Cemetery Cleanup

Highland City seeks to offer families and friends that visit their loved ones resting in the cemetery a clean, beautiful, and peaceful environment. Please help us with this goal by keeping your site clean. The next cemetery decoration cleanup and removal will be on Monday, June 10. All perishable items will be discarded and all trinkets, shepherd-crooks, etc. will be removed and put in a storage facility on site. Items can be claimed Thursday, June 13 from 8:00 AM—5:00 PM. Afterwards they will be discarded. For questions, please call 801-772-4515.

Spring Runoff

With the additional snow pack in the mountains this year, we are anticipating high water levels in the ditches and streams that run through our City. Runoff will depend on the weather and how quickly temperatures climb. Please be aware of high water dangers and keep children and pets away from the water's edge. Water levels can change dramatically in a flood situation with little or no warning. Please be alert and call our office if you see a problem developing. Highland City also has sand bags available for purchase at \$0.20 per bag at City Hall. Call 801-772-4515 for details.

Public Hearing—Pressurized Irrigation Enterprise Fund

Tuesday, June 18, 7:00 PM at Highland City Hall

The General Fund pays the Pressurized Irrigation Fund \$108,000 per year to water the approximately 190 acres of parks, park strip grass, and vegetation owned by the City. It is proposed that the Pressurized Irrigation Fund do a transfer of funds back into the General Fund in the amount of \$108,000 to make the General Fund whole for this cost. The purpose of this hearing is to notify the public of this proposal. The \$108,000 represents 4.7% of the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 budgeted expenses of the Pressurized Irrigation Fund.



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

Utah Valley String Players Summer Workshop for all string players ages 11-17 July 15-19 from 9:00 AM-1:00 PM. Tuition \$110. Register before June 7 for early bird discount. Musicians should be comfortable with shifting and vibrato and working in Suzuki books 4-10, Barber books 2-3, or equivalent. Contact Ellen Burns to register or for more information: bddgeorge1@gmail.com.

Fall Play online auditions June 1 – 25. In-person auditions June 25 7:00-9:00 PM. To audition, either read from one of the provided sides or use a previously prepared 2-minute dramatic monologue. Production is *Wait Until Dark* and will show November 1, 2, and 4. Sides and submission information at highlandcityarts.org/programs/theater.

Fling Fine Art Show August 2 from 4:00-8:00 PM and August 3 from 11:00 AM–4:00 PM. Entries accepted July 30 from 4:00-7:00 PM. Theme: "What a Wonderful World". \$3 fee per entry. Limit 3 entries. Categories for young artist's preschool – high school age. Artist Reception August 1 4:00-7:00 PM.

Meet the Artist Night meet Regan Reichert, see his work, and ask questions. Regan is a young, but highly awarded artist native to Utah. There will also be pieces of work for sale including prints. Date to be announced.

Basic Watercolor Class for Adults for those who have always wanted to learn watercolor but don't know where to start. Registration \$15 a week.

Advanced Watercolor Class Learn a different technique each week. Prerequisite Beginner Class or other experience. Mondays 10:00 AM – 12:30 PM. Please bring your own supplies. \$15/week.

After School Art Club for kids ages 8 - 12. Every Monday from 3:30 – 4:45 PM starting September 9. Ongoing class, join any time. Registration \$40 a month. Children will learn the basics of art principles and go home each week with a finished project.

Quilting Creative & Stitching Emporium meets first Wednesday of the month 10:30 AM – 1:30 PM. Membership \$10.00 per year. Bring all supplies and equipment. On Facebook at Highland Quilting & Fiber Arts or Instagram @HighlandQAFA. Email: HighlandQAFA@gmail.com. JoyLyn Rigby at 801-361-3176.

Highland Fling: July 27—Aug. 3

Keep July 27-August 3 marked on your calendars for a fabulous week of fun! You won't want to miss the Luau on July 27 or the Beatles Tribute Band, "Imagine" on August 3. Watch your mail the first week of July for the Fling magazine or go online at HighlandCityFling.com for all the week's happenings! You can also follow us through the Highland City Facebook and Twitter pages or on instagram @HighlandCityFling.

We are still looking for volunteers to help in a variety of ways. Share your talents and contact us today at: events@highlandcity.org.

Beautification Committee

Save the date for our Highland Fling Backyard Garden Tour on Saturday, July 27 from 3:00-6:00PM. Tour three fabulous back yards to get ideas and inspiration!

We are looking for volunteers to Adopt a Patch. Contact Cary Wise at wisecaryj@gmail.com.

DUP Cabin and Highland Historical Museum

The Daughters of Utah Pioneers (DUP) Cabin in Heritage Park and the Highland Historical Museum, in the Community Center, are now open every Saturday in June and July from 12:00– 2:00 PM. Come visit and get a feel for what it was like to live in Highland 100 years ago. For group appointments at other times, please call Donna Kitchen 801-756-6579 (DUP Cabin) or Charlie Greenland 801-913-5200 (Museum). For information on joining a local DUP Camp in your neighborhood, please call Linda Smuin 801-510-4112. For Historical Society information, visit <http://bit.ly/HC-history>.

UTA Rider's License

Unlimited rides for youth ages 6-18 on FrontRunner, TRAX, bus, and streetcar from June 1—August 31 for 49. www.rideuta.com/riderslicense

Friends of the Library

The *Friends of the Library* is happy to announce that our Highland City library now has over 50,000 books and videos available for check out! Visit the library soon and see all there is to enjoy! The *Friends of the Library* also invites all families to march in the Cedar Hill Family Festival parade on June 8 to promote the Highland City library and its Summer Reading program 2019, "A Universe of Stories." If you and/or your family would like to participate, please contact, Claudia Stillman at (801) 900-1461. Anyone interested in volunteering at Highland City library for Summer Reading program or as a regular volunteer, contact Shelly Thacker at sthacker@highlandcity.org.



BEYOND THE BOOKSHELF

programs | events

June and July 2019

Space Explorers
Wednesdays
@ 11:00 am
June 5, 19, & July 10, 17
Ages 6-11
Science activities and crafts. Register online



Teen STEAM
Every Wednesday
@ 4:00 pm
Ages 12-17
June 5-July 17
Science challenges for teens. Register online



Teen Code Club
Saturdays
@ 2:00-3:00 pm
June 8-July 20
Ages 12-17



Story Time
M & W @ 11:00 am
June 3-July 22



Summer Reading Registration
May 31-June 1
Come into the Library or register online.
Ages 0-5, 6-11, 12-17, and adults



Weekly Prizes
Every Wednesday
June 5-July 17
Ages 0-11
Be sure to bring your reading log



Out of this World LEGO Challenge
July 3 @ 4:00 pm
Ages 10-17
Register online



50th Anniversary of The Moon Landing
July 15-20
Crafts



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Engage With Your Community



Meet the Mayor
June 12 & July 10
@ 7:00 pm

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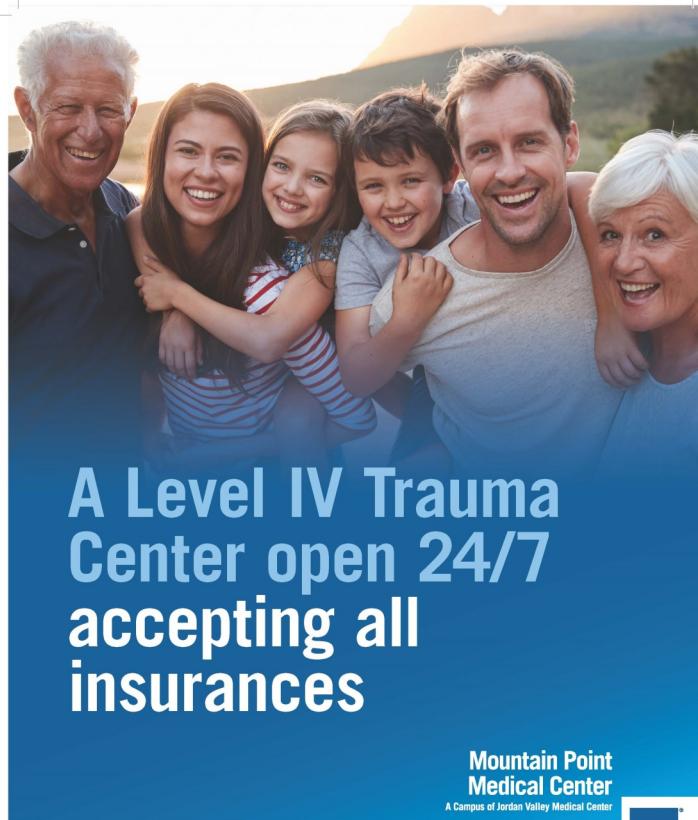


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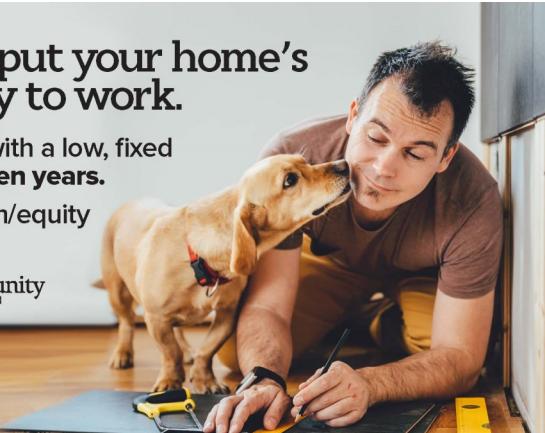
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