

Mayor's Message

As we begin the holiday season I would like to extend a warm thank you to our staff who serve us so well. Recently, we had an issue with one of our sewer lift station pumps. It was getting clogged by an overabundance of things that really shouldn't be flushed like flushable wipes, feminine hygiene products, and cleaning wipes. For several days, staff members worked around the clock to rebuild the pump each time it jammed so residents wouldn't have their basements flooded. A creative fix was developed that mitigated the issue and things have quieted down. Please avoid putting anything except human waste and toilet paper down the toilet! Our staff does need to sleep from time to time.



At times, all of us face challenges that require an extra effort to resolve. However, these challenges often give birth to insights and ideas that benefit ourselves and others. The lyrics to one of my favorite Christmas hymns, "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day," were penned during a time of trial for Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. The year was 1863 and it was not a happy Christmas for Henry. He was still grieving over the tragic death of his wife two years earlier and had recently learned that his son had been grievously injured in a Civil War battle.

Most of us can empathize with these words "And in despair I bowed my head: 'There is no peace on earth,' I said, 'For hate is strong and mocks the song of peace on earth, good will to men.' " However, those words are followed with this hopeful insight. "Then pealed the bells more loud and deep: 'God is not dead, nor doth he sleep; the wrong shall fail, the right prevail, with peace on earth, good will to men.' "

Our actions can be the deeper notes that inspire others and help them "Till, ringing, singing, on it's way, the world revolves from night to day, a voice, a chime, a chant sublime, of peace on earth, good will to men!"

Highland City staff, council members and I, have the opportunity to interact with residents and witness countless acts of service. To the many who quietly give, we say THANK YOU and wish you a very Merry Christmas and a joyous holiday season!

2019 Municipal Election Results

We would like to congratulate Brittney P. Bills, Kim Rodela, and Timothy A. Ball as newly elected Council Members. They will each serve a four (4) year term beginning on January 6, 2020. A formal Oath of Office ceremony will take place on Tuesday, January 7 in the Council Chambers. Thank you to all of those who ran and dedicated so much time and effort to our community. Full election results are available at <http://bit.ly/HC-elections>.

Highland City Presents Hometown Holiday

Join us at City Hall on Monday, December 2 starting at 6:30 PM for story time with the Mayor, a tree lighting ceremony, treats, and crafts. The Mayor will be reading *The Polar Express*. All are invited to come in their pajamas to this cozy event to kick-off the holiday season.

Christmas Craft Day

Join us at the Community Center on Saturday, December 7 from 10:00AM—12:00PM to visit with Santa, make Christmas Crafts, and listen to a performance by the Highland Children's Choir. Craft prices typically range from free—\$2. Proceeds benefit the Arts Council.



CALENDAR

December 2: Silent Santa, 4:30-6:30PM, City Hall

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December 3: City Council Meeting*, 7:00PM, City Hall

December 7: Christmas Craft Day, 10:00AM—12:00PM, Community Center

December 10: Planning Commission*, 7:00PM, City Hall

December 11: Meet the Mayor, 7:00PM, Library

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

HOLIDAY CLOSURES & GARBAGE DELAY

Christmas: City Offices closed December 24-25. Garbage and recycling pickup will be delayed until Saturday, December 28.

New Year's: The City Offices will be closed December 31-January 1. Garbage pickup will be delayed until Saturday, January 4.

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>.

November 12

Staff gave a presentation regarding the City's contract with Republic Services for curbside garbage hauling. The contract period ends June 30, 2020. City Council is contemplating whether to renew the contract with Republic Service or to do a formal bid process and invite other carriers to bid as well.

The 2020 Annual Meeting Schedule was approved and is available at <http://bit.ly/HC-Council>.

The City entered into a contract with Blaisdell, Church & Johnson, LLC to serve as legal counsel for the City.

City Council approved a bid with Dream Carports, Inc. for the Metal Roof Structure for the Salt Storage Facility. Construction on that project is underway and is expected to be complete January of 2020.

Lewis and Young presented the findings of the market analysis for Highland City. Their final analysis showed:

- Highland City received about \$5,300 taxable sales per capita in 2017 and the City captures about 19% of the total spending our residents are doing in the state.
- Based on buying power and our population, Highland can support somewhere between 9 and 13 additional acres of commercial retail.
- From an economic development perspective, some of our strengths are: high income and education of residents, good infrastructure, and a developed Town Center. Some of our weaknesses are: location away from the I-15 corridor, and higher land costs. Some of our opportunities are neighborhood scale retail, expansion of personal services, and expansion of housing. Some of our threats are: competitive neighborhood commercial outside of our borders and limited population growth potential.
- Ultimately, limited commercial development potential in our City may result in static or marginal increases in long term sales tax revenue trends and as a result, the City may need to pursue alternative revenue sources such as property tax increases to mitigate funding gaps.

Meals on Wheels Volunteers

Looking for a way to serve in your community? Give one hour a week and deliver a difference to seniors. Interested? Call 801-229-3821 or visit <https://www.mountainland.org/volunteermow/>.

Planning Commission Openings

The Planning Commission is an appointed body that gives recommendations to City Council regarding land use issues. There are 4 upcoming openings on the Planning Commission. If you are interested, fill out a [Volunteer Statement of Interest](#) online at <http://bit.ly/HC-volunteer> or in our office and turn it into Mayor Rod Mann at mayor@highlandcity.org. Applicants will be interviewed by the Mayor who will recommend new members to be approved by the City Council.

New Communication Platform

The City will be switching communication platforms to allow us to better keep our residents up-to-date and more effectively communicate during an emergency. To ensure you receive the notifications you want, sign up at [Alerts.UtahCounty.gov](#). You can select just the categories you care about. If you have any questions or suggestions regarding this change, please call 80-772-4566 or email erin@highlandcity.org.

UTOPIA

Residents sometimes ask the City about high speed internet. The City recently met with Utopia Fiber, a provider of high speed fiber networks, where they shared some options they have to implement fiber at potentially no cost to the City. We agreed to help distribute a survey to residents to assess their interest in such a project.

Please fill out the short survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/highlandcitybroadband>.

Please limit your response to 1 per household.

Sock Fest

Help Mountainland Association of Governments spread warmth this season by donating and collecting NEW socks in all sizes, styles, and colors. These socks will be donated to many local organizations in need. Donations will be accepted through January 16. For more information and a list of donation centers, visit <https://mountainland.org/SockFest> or call 801-229-3820.

Work for the Census Bureau

The Census Bureau is hiring Census Takers for the 2020 Census. Work schedules are flexible. Some positions require work during the day, while others require evening and weekend work. Learn more about this and other Census jobs and apply at 2020census.gov/jobs.

YOUTH SPORTS & RECREATION PROGRAMS

OPEN TO HIGHLAND CITY RESIDENTS WITH NO ADDITIONAL FEES

VISIT CEDARHILLS.ORG/RECREATION TO FIND OUT MORE!



To Register for classes or more information, visit HighlandCityArts.org or call Shauna at 801-891-7183. All classes located at Community Center, 5378 West 10400 North unless otherwise noted.

Christmas Craft Day and Santa Visit December 7 from 10:00AM – 12:00PM. Children under 6 must be accompanied by an adult. Crafts are \$0.25 to \$2 each.

Highland Choral Arts presents the Alleluia Concert December 7 at 7:00PM at Timbeline Middle School. Tickets at HighlandChoralArts.org.

Youth Shakespeare Workshop for ages 12-19. Auditions for Julius Caesar on January 8 at 4:00PM with a Shakespeare monologue. Tuition \$85. Email Ellen Burns at bddgeorge@hotmail.com for questions.

Highland Children's Choir Concert November 26 at 7:00 PM at Timberline Middle School. Admission is \$4.

Timpanogos Bell Ringers Christmas Concert December 11 at 7:00PM. Contact Paige Erickson at 801-830-0927 or go to TimpanogosRingers.org.

Basic Watercolor Class for Adults for those who have always wanted to learn watercolor but don't know where to start. Class will explore the methods for doing backgrounds and basic techniques for achieving texture and value in your watercolors. If available, bring your own supplies. Registration \$15 a week.

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

After School Art Club Do your kids ages 8 - 12 love art and want to learn? This is the class for you! Every Monday from 3:30 – 4:45 PM. Ongoing class, join any time. Registration \$40 a month. Preregistration required. Children will learn the basics of art principles and go home each week with a finished project.

Friends of Art begins again January 8 at 11:00AM. Workshop on January 15 where members bring projects to work on and get feedback from the group. Bring any friends that might be interested in joining.

Highland Quilting & Fiber Arts Groups meets the first Wednesday of the month 10:30 AM – 1:30 PM to work on textile, sewing, embroidery, and handiwork projects. Membership \$10 per year. Bring all projects, supplies, and equipment. More information on Facebook, Instagram, HighlandQAFA@gmail.com, or by calling JoyLyn Rigby at 801-361-3176.

Youth Council Corner

As we reach the end of the year, we look back at the things we have accomplished and all the lies ahead. At our recent council retreat, we reflected on the activities, service projects and learning opportunities we've had. Each of us makes a mark on the world. We want ours to be a good one! We are looking forward to the new Youth Council members who will be serving with us in 2020. Our committees will be led by Shelbey Muggleston and Mikaela Beck in our Events committee, Mina Brunson and Regan Roberts on the Service Committee, Ryan Bartholomew and Nate Ball on the Marketing Committee, Sarah Ostler on the Government Committee, and our Recorder/ Secretary, Hannah Bartholomew. We have great applicants ready to serve on the council next year and can't wait to get to know them! Watch for us serving at the Hometown Holiday and Christmas Craft events. Happy holidays from Highland City Youth Council!



Beautification Committee

The Beatification Committee hopes that everyone had a joyful Thanksgiving and will have a wonderful Christmas. Remember that this time of year is a great time to fertilize and plant a variety of bulbs for spring blooms. In the Spring we will again continue with the "Yard of the Month" program. One of the ways for this program to be successful is through nominations from all of you.

Friends of the Library

A recent study entitled [Utah Public Libraries Return on Investment, 2019](#) showed that for every \$1 tax payers spend on libraries in Utah, they receive \$7 of value back. This certainly holds true in Highland. Last month, library patrons checked out over 15,000 books, videos and e-books. If they had to purchase such items on Amazon, they would have spent over \$150,000. Over the year, just in material costs, the library saves its patrons close to \$1.8 million dollars! If you'd like to help keep this trend going, join the Friends of the Library. Contact us at Highlandcitylibraryfriends@gmail.com or visit our newly updated web page on the Highland City library web site.

Highland Historical Society

Did you know the Highland Historical Society has a small museum in the Community Center that displays a collection of historical household items and small tools? In addition, the Society has a large number of family and area histories available online at <http://bit.ly/HC-history>. The Society meets the third Wednesday of each month in the museum at 7:00PM. For more information, call Charlie Greenland at 801-913-5200.



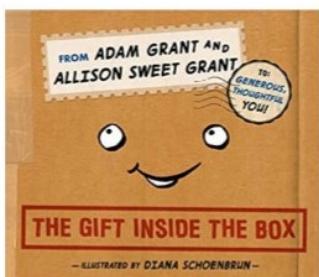
ENTERTAINMENT



BEYOND THE BOOKSHELF

programs | events

December 2019



The Gift Inside The Box

Be the giver instead of the receiver. Nominate a friend/relative to receive the prize! The winner will be announced December 20th.



Meet the Mayor
November 13 @ 7:00 pm

Elf on The Shelf
Come find Jingletoes



December 9 @ 4:00-5:00 pm
All ages invited to come celebrate Computer Science Education Week.
Register on our website.



December 1-23



LEGO Club
Ages 5-9
Every Tuesday
@ 4:00 pm
Register online
starting the Monday
before each class.



**Happy
Holidays!**
**Closed
December
24, 25 & 31**



Story Time
Ages 3-5

Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday @ 11:00 am

Baby Bookworms
Ages 0-3

Fridays @ 10:15 am

No Story Time or Baby Bookworms Dec.16-Jan.6

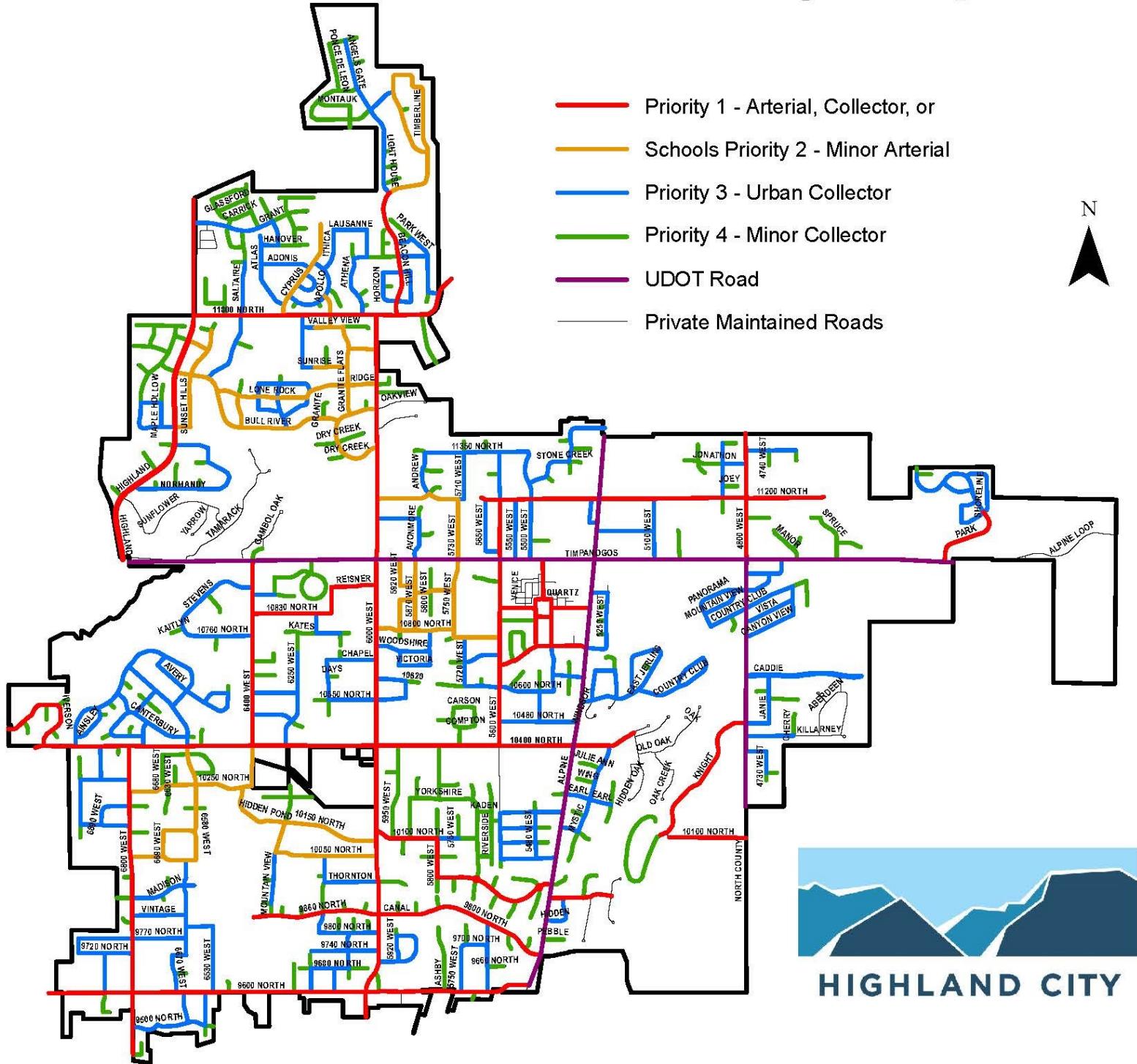


STEM

Tween Time

Ages 9-14
Every Wednesday
@ 4:00-5:00 pm
Register online

Snow Plow Priority Map



Snow Reminders

The safety of Highland City residents during and after a snow event is a top priority for the City. Our Public Works department utilizes all available assets as needed to clear the roads depending on the storm event, snowfall received, and duration of the storm. Salt and sand are used only at intersections and other problematic locations to provide traction.

Snow Plowing Priority—Please see the above map for street plowing priority. Priority is based on the road classification and usage intensity. Streets identified as arterial or collector roads, which are deemed to be in the minimum network needed to provide basic transportation for public safety, schools, or steep grades, receive priority. These streets will be plowed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week when weather conditions warrant. When storm conditions have moderated, roads interior to subdivisions, including cul-de-sacs, will be plowed. It may take anywhere from 3 to 5 days after the storm before crews are able to clear all of these areas.

There are three traffic corridors within Highland that fall under the jurisdiction of the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT). These roads are SR-92 (Timpanogos Highway/Canyon Road), SR-74 (Alpine Highway), and SR-129 (North County Boulevard). Questions and concerns regarding these roads should be referred to the UDOT Region 3 offices at 801-227-8000.

Street Parking—Street parking is prohibited from December 1 to March 31 between the hours of 12:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. and any time snow is present to allow access to the plows for snow removal. The Police Department may issue parking citations or even have vehicles towed that are parked on the street during or shortly after a snow storm. Residents should also be mindful to keep all obstructions such as basketball hoops, trailers, trash cans, etc. off the streets during snow removal.

Clearing Driveways—When snow is plowed the resulting windrow flows to the side of the road including in front of mailboxes and into driveways. We understand that this is extremely frustrating to our residents. Because our first priority is to clear the road and create a safe travel way, it is not an option to raise the plow blade at every drive approach. We ask for your understanding and cooperation. Clearing a 10-foot area of the oncoming lane shoulder may help with this.

Sidewalk Clearing—Property owners should clear their sidewalks within 24 hours of a snow storm. This helps ensure children can make it to school safely and other pedestrians stay safe as well. Remember to push the snow onto your own property. Putting snow into the streets can make the road more dangerous for automobiles and snowplows. After the snow has been removed from the streets, Public Works employees will work to remove any snow from the walking trails and school sidewalk routes.



The Highland City Foundation is a nonprofit, charitable organization that has been granted tax-exemption status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Foundation's mission is to enhance the lives and well-being of the citizens of Highland by generating charitable funds to create and support city infrastructure such as public parks, facilities, and trails.

The Foundation is currently raising funds to help build an **“All Abilities Playground”** in the future **Mountain Ridge Park** west of the Junior High. The playground will provide fun activities for children of all ages and will be designed to accommodate children with special needs.

During this holiday season, we hope you will bless the families of Highland by making a **charitable, tax-exempt donation** towards this worthwhile project. **Thank you for your generosity!**

For Donations:

1) Include name and address to receive a receipt

2) Check Information:

Highland City Foundation

5400 W. Civic Center Drive, Suite 1

Highland, Utah 84003

3) Online: Venmo or Paypal: highlandcityfoundation@gmail.com