

2020 Resident Survey

The 2020 Resident Survey is now open. Each household is encouraged to either fill out a paper copy of the survey and return it with your utility bill or in person to City Hall or to take the survey online at <http://bit.ly/HC-survey20>. If you are going to take the survey online do not click on the link until you are ready to take it. Surveys are due by Tuesday, March 31. Please only fill out one per household. There are 17 questions and none of them are required. If you have no opinion about any question, please skip it. Individual responses will not be tracked and will be kept anonymous. Survey results will be shared at a later time. Please take this opportunity to make your voice heard with the City!



Referendum Update

In December 2019, City Council approved the Open Space Disposal and Removal of Neighborhood Trails in the Wimbleton Subdivision. Thereafter, citizens of Highland filed a referendum application challenging that law and ordered that it be referred to the voters for their approval at a future election. In order for the law to be placed on the ballot of an upcoming election, sponsors of the referendum were required to collect 1,183 valid signatures by February 20. At the time of newsletter printing, Utah County has given the City preliminary indication that the sponsors have met that requirement. The final confirmation will occur by March 25. After that time, the City will communicate the results and the next steps. For more information, please visit www.HighlandCity.org or call (801)756-5751.

Mayor's Message

"There is no doubt that it is around the family and the home that all the greatest virtues, the most dominating virtues of human society, are created, strengthened and maintained." —Winston S. Churchill, 16 November 1948

The mayors of North Utah County and the Alpine School District leadership are sponsoring a seminar by Dr. Lynn Scoresby on emotional resiliency and self-reliance. Dr. Scoresby is a psychologist, retired BYU professor, and author. The free seminar will be repeated at the high schools shown below.

- Skyridge High School, Lehi, March 2 at 7:00 PM
- American Fork High School, March 3 at 7:00 PM
- Pleasant Grove High School March 5 at 7:00 PM
- Westlake High School, Saratoga Springs, March 11 at 7:00 PM
- Lone Peak High School, Highland, March 12 at 7:00 PM

Dr. Scoresby will teach parents and grandparents how they can help children become emotionally self-reliant. This helps prevent suicide as well as debilitating anxiety and depression. Brent Pugh, MD will also take some time to discuss how to prevent the negative effects of screen time. He will share the latest research on this topic. If you can fit one of these dates into your schedule, it will be well worth your time.

As a side note, let me encourage you to complete the 2020 Resident Survey. It is a valuable tool for staff and Council in setting priorities. Also, if you haven't yet taken the time to fill out the fiber broadband (very high speed internet) survey, please take a couple of minutes to do so by going to <http://bit.ly/highland-fiber>. Thanks for all you do to make Highland a great place to live.



CALENDAR

March 2: Cemetery Cleanup

March 2: Hooked on Fishing Registration Opens, 12:00 PM

March 10: City Council Meeting*, 6:00PM, City Hall

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

March 17: City Council Meeting*, 7:00PM, City Hall

March 24: Planning Commission*, 7:00PM, City Hall

March 31: City Council Meeting*, 7:00PM, City Hall

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

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>.

February 4

City Council ratified some staff changes. The former City Recorder left for another City and City Treasurer, Stephannie Cottle, was promoted to the Recorder position. Utility Billing and Processing Clerk, Candice Linford, has been promoted to the Treasurer position. Staff is currently working to fill the Utility Billing Clerk position. We congratulate these employees on their promotions. Both have exceeded expectations in their current positions and are deserving of these promotions because of their aptitude, hard work, and dedication to the residents of Highland over their tenure

Council passed a resolution giving staff permission to potentially refund some of the City's bonds in order to save the City money. Initial estimates show the City might be able to save \$118,000 over seven years. The bonds will only be refinanced if the terms are in the best interest of the City in interest rate, length of bond, etc.

February 18

City Council approved changes to the Development Code to make it easier for residents to get a permit for an "accessory dwelling unit" such as a basement apartment or an apartment above the garage. The changes removed the need for applicants to get a conditional use permit and to separate out the utilities of their apartment from the main dwelling.

City staff briefed Council on the difficulties the City is experiencing lately with one of the sewer lift stations. The Victor View Lift Station is located south of Kaitlyn Lane and services the neighborhood north of it and east of 6400 West. Over the past five months, the lift station has continually become clogged with items including cleaning wipes, feminine hygiene products, wrappers, pill bottles, wire, and more. Because of the continual clogging, staff has had to put an enormous amount of resources into this one lift station that only services 56 homes. Council and staff discussed possible remedies including rerouting sewer lines to avoid the lift station. The project would cost approximately \$300,000. Council and staff also discussed the possibility of passing those costs onto just the homeowners who are serviced by this lift station and are causing the issue as opposed to everyone else in the City. Council asked staff to do more research and bring the item back for further discussion. Even if you don't live in this neighborhood or are serviced by a lift station, please remember the only thing that should be flushed down a toilet is toilet paper and human waste. "Flushable wipes" are really NOT flushable nor is grease, cat litter, feminine hygiene products, or the other items discussed above.

Pressurized Irrigation Water

Pressurized irrigation water will be ready for use by April 15. As the process to bring the system online takes 7-10 days, Public Works will begin recharging the system around April 1. 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 by April 15, individual sprinkling systems can then be loaded by residents.

Next month we will highlight watering schedules and conservation information. While we've had an above average snowpack again this year, water conservation is still important especially because past studies have shown that Highland residents use almost double the amount of water necessary for outdoor watering.

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, March 2. 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, March 5 from 8:00 AM—12:00 PM. Afterwards they will be discarded. For questions, please call 801-772-4515.

Easter Egg Hunt

The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday, April 11 at 9:30 am at Heritage Park. Join us for cookie decorating and treat gathering. The hunt goes quickly, so don't be late! Co-hosted by the Highland City Arts Council and the Highland Youth City Council.

Hooked on Fishing!

Spring is right around the corner and we're ready to get outside! The Hooked on Fishing program educates youth about fishing right here in our own backyard at Highland Glen Park. The weekly classes are held Thursdays from April 16- May 21. Registration opens Monday, March 2 at 12:00 PM. Space is limited, so don't wait too long.

We are also in need of fishing instructors. Come share your love of fishing with local kids. Dedicated Hunter hours are available for those teaching this class in our partnership with the Division of Wildlife Resources. For more information, or to sign up to be an instructor, please visit <http://www.highlandcity.org/168/Youth-Fishing>.

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.

Upcoming Events

- **Shakespeare Performance**— March 27 and 28. Admission is free, donations are welcome.
- **Carl Purcell Master Art Workshop** – May 2 at 10:00 AM
- **First Annual Student and Teacher Art Show**— May 9 from 10:00 AM – 8:00 PM. Public welcome.
- **Spring Children's Choir Concert** – May 9 at 7:00 PM at Timberline Middle School
- **First Annual Senior Citizen Concert** – May 12 at 7:00 PM. Free admission to all seniors.
- **Annual Youth Theatre Workshop** – production on June 26 and 27
- **Art Club for Kids** – Class for kids ages 6-14. June 8 -12 & 15-19 from 1-3:00 PM. Must preregister.

Ongoing Classes

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

After School Art Club for kids ages 8-12 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 held the second and third Wednesdays of the month at 11:00 AM. The second Wednesday is a presentation by a guest artist and the third Wednesday is a workshop where members are invited to bring any project to work on and get feedback from the group. Upcoming schedule: March 11 – Ben Bright, landscape artist. March 18 – workshop. April 8 – Gail Wilahemsen, watercolor portrait artist. April 15 – workshop. May 6 – lunch at Church-A-Rama in Lehi at 11:30.

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 via email at HighlandQAFA@gmail.com or by calling JoyLyn Rigby at 801-361-3176.

Youth Council Corner

Highland Youth City Council attended Local Officials Day at the Legislature where we attended workshops about conflict resolution, government internships, advocating for arts and culture, lobbying for action, and mental health issues.



Beautification Committee

The Beautification Committee is looking for people willing to share their back yards for this year's Back Yard Garden Tours in conjunction with the Highland Fling, July 25 — August 1. The tours are a chance to meet fellow gardeners, share ideas, and trade tips. If you would like to share your fun, creative, and innovative yard, please contact Cary Wise at wisecaryj@gmail.com.

Friends of the Library

A huge thank you to all those who supported our "Love the Library" book sale in February! It was our most successful book sale to date and all monies earned will be donated to the Library to fund programs and new materials. In addition, all surplus books were donated to worthy causes. The Friends appreciate donations of new books to help with future and ongoing book sales. Please contact the library for more information, visit our [website](http://highlandcitylibraryfriends.org), or email highlandcitylibraryfriends@gmail.com.

Highland Historical Society

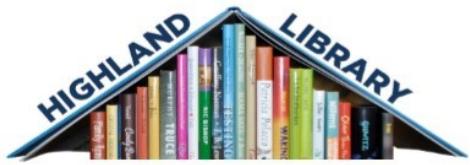
Did you know the Historical Society has a small museum in the Community Center with a collection of historical household items and small tools? In addition, the Society has many family and area histories online at <http://bit.ly/HC-history>. The Society meets the third Wednesday of each month in the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

Utah Valley Job Fair

The Utah Valley Job Fair is **FREE** for Job Seekers and will be held on Wednesday, March 4, from 2:00-5:00 PM at the Utah Valley Convention Center. Job Seekers will be able to explore career opportunities with over 100 employers who are looking to hire. For most information, check us out at www.utahvalleyjobfair.com.

MRJH Annual Grand Concert

Mountain Ridge Junior High School presents their Annual Grand Concert featuring the band, singers, and orchestra on March 5 and 6 at 7:00PM at the Junior High. This concert provides funds for the program that aren't available through the school. Tickets are \$6 and are available at mountainridge.alpineschools.org or at the door. For more information, call (801) 610-8758.



Memories



BEYOND THE BOOKSHELF

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March 2020



Beauty and the Beast

March 21 @ 11:00 am

For families and Fairytale-style attire is encouraged. Pre-register online beginning March 2. Must have a Highland City Library Card to register.



Teen Fairytale Retelling Bingo

Bring your Bingo card back when you get 5 in a row to receive a treat and be entered into our drawing for a movie gift card.



Beginning March 12th, come fill out your 2020 CENSUS at the Library.



Dr. Seuss' Birthday March 2-7

Celebrate with a craft all week.



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Meet the Mayor
Mar 11 @ 7:00 pm



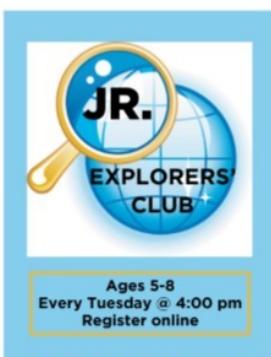
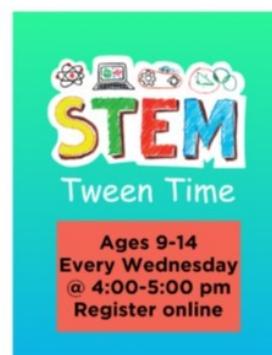
Story Time Ages 3-5

Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays @ 11:00 am



Baby Bookworms Ages 0-3

Fridays @ 10:15 am



Come explore with LEGOs, science and art.



Parent/Child Book Club

Ages 9-12

March 19 @ 6:30 pm
Book discussion, treats, and craft. Every 3rd Thursday.
Register online.

2020 Highland City Resident Survey

Surveys are due March 31, 2020. Please only submit one per household. If you don't have an opinion on any question, please skip it. There is space at the end of the survey to provide any feedback regarding this survey or another topic.

1. What is your street address?

This information WILL NOT be used to track your responses. It is used to ensure responses are limited to one per Highland home.

2. What would you say is the quality of life in Highland City? Mark one oval.

Poor Excellent

3. Please rate the following City services.

Mark one oval per row.

	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Building, Field, or Pavilion Rental	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Building Permitting	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Business Licensing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Cemetery Arrangements	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
City Hall Hours	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
City Library	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Code Enforcement	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Communication with Residents	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Development/Engineering Services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
EMS/Paramedic Services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Fire Services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Garbage/Recycling	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Highland Arts Council	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Highland Fling	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other Events & Programs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Natural Vegetation Open Space Maintenance	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Police Crime Prevention	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Police Traffic Enforcement	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Quality of Parks	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Quality of Trails	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Records Request Services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Road Maintenance/Quality	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Snow Removal	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Utility Billing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

4. Please rate the following City personnel groups on their professionalism. Mark one oval per row.

	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Elected Officials	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
General City Staff	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Library Staff	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Public Works Field Staff	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

5. What types of recreation elements would you like to see added in Highland parks?

Check up to three boxes.

- All Abilities Playground
- Baseball/Softball Fields
- Basketball Courts
- Boccee Ball Court
- Dog Park
- Equestrian Facilities
- General Playground Equipment
- Grass Fields
- Pickleball Courts
- Sand Volleyball Courts
- Skatepark
- Swings
- Tennis Courts
- Walking Paths
- Other: _____

6. What kind of items would you like to see more of at the Library? Check up to three boxes.

- Adult Fiction
- Adult Nonfiction
- Books on CD
- Children's Fiction
- Children's Nonfiction
- DVD's
- E-audiobooks
- E-books
- Picture Books
- Teen Fiction
- Teen Nonfiction
- Other: _____

7. How likely would you be to support the City raising additional funds through fees or taxes for the following categories?

Mark one oval per row.

	Very Unlikely	Unlikely	Likely	Very Likely
City Library	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
General City Operations & Equipment	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Natural Vegetation Open Space Maintenance	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Park Construction & Maintenance	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Trail Construction & Maintenance	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

8. How important is it for you to receive communication from the City on the following topics?

Mark one oval per row.

	Not at All Important	Slightly Important	Fairly Important	Very Important
Arts Council Programs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Candidate & Election Information	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
City Council Decisions	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
City Events & Youth Council	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
City Projects: Road Maintenance, Park Construction, Waterline work, etc.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Library Programs & Information	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
New Development Projects	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Regional/ National Information: 1-15, Utah Lake, Census, etc.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Seasonal Items: Snowplowing, Splash Pad, Christmas tree drop-off, Office Closures and Garbage Pickup Delays, etc.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Upcoming Council & Board/ Committee Meetings	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Volunteer Opportunities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other: _____	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

9. Outside of winter/ bad weather, on average, how often does someone from your household use the parks in Highland and for what purpose? Mark one oval per row.

	Never	Less than 1 time per month	1-3 times per month	1 time per week	Multiple times per week
Organized play: Playing/ practicing a sport with an organized team / for competition / league play	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Passive play: playground, having a picnic with family, playing a sport for enjoyment/ exercise, enjoying nature, etc.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other: _____	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

10. Outside of winter/ bad weather, on average, how often does someone from your household use the trails in Highland and for what purpose? Mark one oval per row.

	Never	Less than 1 time per month	1-3 times per month	1 time per week	Multiple times per week
Exercise or enjoyment	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Traveling to/ from school	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Traveling to/ from a park in order to play at the park/ playground	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Traveling to/ from another destination	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other: _____	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

11. How many years have you lived in Highland? Mark one oval. 0-5 5-10 10-20 20+**12. How many years do you anticipate continuing to live in Highland? Mark one oval.** 0-5 years 5-10 years 10-20 years 20+ years**13. What area of Highland do you live in? Mark one oval.**

- North of Timpanogos Highway (S.R. 92) and west of Alpine Highway (5300 W)
- North of Timpanogos Highway (S.R. 92) and east of Alpine Highway (5300 W)
- South of Timpanogos Highway (S.R. 92) and east of Alpine Highway (5300 W)
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14. Do you live in an Open Space subdivision and pay a \$20 monthly Open Space Fee on your utility bill?Mark one oval. Yes No**15. Do you have any children living at home under the age of 19? Mark one oval.** Yes No**16. What is your age? Mark one oval.** Under 18 18-24 25-34 35-44 45-54 55-64 65+**17. If there is any topic regarding Highland City that you would like to comment on, please do so here. If you do not have enough space, please attach additional paper.**