



## Mayor's Message

We've all been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic to one degree or another. During what seems like a dark time, myself and City Councilmembers wanted to bring some hope to our community. Please see the below *2020: Year of Hope* proclamation and accompanying video found at [bit.ly/2020ayearofhope](http://bit.ly/2020ayearofhope). It is intended to bring light. We all hope for a brighter tomorrow and thanks to your efforts we will have one.

*The Highland City Mayor and Council hereby proclaim 2020 as "A Year of Hope."*

*We hope for a better tomorrow and that we will overcome our present circumstances, emerging as a finer people. Let us replace the term 'social distancing' with 'physical distancing' to remind us of the importance of being sociable and connecting with our neighbors, friends, and family. By looking out for each other in meaningful ways, we contribute to our community, state, nation, and the world.*

*As we work through today's challenges, remembering the lessons we've learned will bless tomorrow. These include:*

1. *The importance of those who serve in all walks of life; from grocers to doctors and nurses, from truck drivers to engineers. In sum, our interdependence on each other.*
2. *The value of being prepared and the joy that comes when you are therefore able to help others.*
3. *Our reliance on faith in a better tomorrow and the hand of Providence to guide us, especially when the way is not clear.*

*We believe that many of the solutions developed to address the issues we face today will benefit our community and the world in the future. We are so grateful to those whose faith and persistence created them.*

*When physical distancing restrictions are gone, we hope to move forward enjoying stronger and more meaningful relationships, because of the way we stayed connected and supported each other through this challenging time. There is a bright future ahead that includes a deeper commitment to serving and respecting each other.*

A special thanks to my wife Suzanne who was the inspiration behind the proclamation, Scott Hart who produced the accompanying video, and the City Council who supported the proclamation and shared their thoughts on the video.

## 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>.

### April 21

The City Council approved contracts for the 2020 road preservation and rehabilitation projects. Construction will take place beginning in June. Watch for detailed information from the City on these and more construction projects that will take place throughout the summer.

The City Council approved a contract with Waste Management to begin hauling the City's garbage and recycling beginning in July. More on this on page 2.

Staff and Council began discussion on the FY2021 preliminary budget. Given the ever changing situation with COVID-19, the budget will likely greatly change until it is finally adopted by Council in June.

## CALENDAR

May 5: City Council Meeting\*, 7:00PM, City Hall

May 8: Youth Council Kahoot activity, 7:00 PM. See details on the City's Facebook page.

May 13: Meet the Mayor, 7:00PM, Live at Rod Mann: [Highland City Mayor Facebook Page](#)

May 19: City Council Meeting\*, 7:00PM, City Hall

May 26: Planning Commission\*, 7:00PM, City Hall

May 29 & 30: Spring Clean-up. Details on page 2.

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

Meetings will be held virtually. See [www.HighlandCity.org](http://www.HighlandCity.org) for details on how to participate live. Comments can also be emailed ahead of time to [council@highlandcity.org](mailto:council@highlandcity.org) or [planningcommission@highlandcity.org](mailto:planningcommission@highlandcity.org).

## HOLIDAY SCHEDULES

The City Offices will be closed on Monday, May 25 in honor of Memorial Day. Garbage pick-up will be delayed that week until Saturday, May 30.

## PHONE NUMBERS

City Offices: 801-756-5751

Library: 801-772-4528

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After-Hours Public Works Emergencies: 801-420-2553

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

## ONLINE

[www.highlandcity.org](http://www.highlandcity.org)

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## City's Response to COVID-19

The City is constantly monitoring the COVID-19 situation. As it is ever changing, please see [www.HighlandCity.org](http://www.HighlandCity.org) for the most up-to-date information regarding City Hall, Public Meetings, the Library, Lone Peak Fire & Police, Justice Court, Events, Arts Council, Parks, Trails, Playgrounds, Facility Rentals, etc.

During this time the City has made accommodations so that all City business may be conducted either over the phone or online.

## Planning Corner

City Council recently passed an ordinance modifying accessory dwelling units and basement apartments in the City and establishing conditions which must be met to protect the residential character of our neighborhoods. Conditions include, but are not limited to the following:

- Accessory dwelling unit shall only be permitted in single-family homes that are owner occupied.
- Accessory dwelling unit shall not be permitted in detached accessory buildings and must be attached to the main dwelling unit.
- No more than one (1) accessory dwelling unit shall be considered for each single-family home.
- The unit and home shall be modified to meet all fire, safety, health, and building code requirements.
- The entrance to the accessory dwelling unit shall be provided from the rear of the home. A side entrance is allowable in the event that the entrance is camouflaged by property fencing or landscaping and is not visible from the street.
- The front of the home shall not be modified to appear to have separate units except separate addresses to assist first responders.

An application is required to register an accessory dwelling unit. Applications are reviewed by the community development department. If it is a new accessory dwelling unit, the applicant will also have to file for a building permit. Any building permit fees are in addition to the accessory dwelling unit fees.

## Beautification Committee

Congratulations to Ann and Jesse Adamson, our April Yard of the Month winners!

Nominate a fabulous yard for Highland City's Yard of the Month award. It is a great way to reward everyone's hard work and dedication to gardening. The monthly winner will receive a prize valued at \$25. Please send nominations to [wisecaryj@gmail.com](mailto:wisecaryj@gmail.com).

## Spring Clean-up

The Spring Clean-up has been rescheduled for May 29 and 30. Dumpsters will be in the parking lot at the mouth of American Fork Canyon from 8:00AM—5:00PM that Friday and Saturday. The dumpsters are for disposing of metal, wood and household waste only. Green waste should be taken directly to Timpanogos Special Service District. Green waste information available at <http://bit.ly/2FP1Txd>.

This clean-up is for Highland residents only. Please bring current proof of residency, which will be verified at the entry. Please follow the directions of the staff members on site.

We are taking extra precautions to protect the health of our citizens and staff. Due to physical distancing guidelines, we are unable to help residents unload items from their vehicles. Please bring someone with you if you will need help unloading. A staff member will be onsite with a loader to help move heavy items from the ground into the dumpster.

## Pressurized Irrigation Water

The pressurized irrigation system is up and running for the season. The weather had been mild enough that little irrigation is needed so far. When you are watering, please be water wise and remember the city guidelines.

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

For ideas about how to conserve water in your yard, visit [slowtheflow.org/outdoor-tips/](http://slowtheflow.org/outdoor-tips/). Thank you for doing your part to help us conserve our valuable water resources.

## Waste Removal Contract

The City's contract with Republic Services ends in June. In an effort to provide the best service to residents, the City Council had staff send the contract out to bid. City Council selected Waste Management Services out of the three firms that bid. They offered the best value and the City Council believes they will provide excellent service. Republic will continue servicing the City through June 30 and Waste Management will take over after that.

Residents will have new cans delivered from Waste Management towards the end of June. The new pick-up schedules and rates will be announced when they are finalized.

## Watching Out for Neighbors

In this unusual time of uncertainty, if you or someone you know is in need of assistance, there are many community resources available. The United Way of Utah can help with food need, financial issues, parenting help, and more. They also have opportunities to provide service if you are looking to volunteer.

Dial 211, download the 211 Utah app, or text your zip code to 898-211 to be connected to services.

On the local level, Councilwoman Brittney Bills is coordinating a list of senior citizens who could use help. If you know someone that would appreciate some help or even just a phone call, please email Brittney at [bbills@highlandcity.org](mailto:bbills@highlandcity.org) to connect.

## Highland Arts Council

Due to COVID-19, all Arts Council programs are on hold currently. We look forward to resuming as soon as possible! Updates will be posted on our website as they become available.

### Upcoming Fall Events

- Children's Choir Registrations
- Bell Choir Registrations
- Adult Choir Registrations and Practices
- After School Art Club ages 8-12
- Basic Watercolor Class for Adults
- Friends of Art

For information and registration, please call Shauna at 801-891-7183 or visit [highlandcityarts.org](http://highlandcityarts.org).

## Events Update

We are anxiously awaiting the time when we can get together with neighbors and friends. For now, in-person city events are on hold. Follow Highland City on Facebook to stay up-to-date on virtual events in the mean time! Daily activity ideas are posted in the Facebook group "[It's a Beautiful Day in Highland](#)." Join us!

As we look further into summer, we are adjusting our plans for The Fling and will release information as it becomes available. Our original event dates were July 25 – August 1. Keep those dates open! We will still have a fun summer!

If your business would like to be a sponsor for this year's community events, please email Corrine at [events@highlandcity.org](mailto:events@highlandcity.org). We have a flexible variety of sponsorship options and levels available. It is a great way to get your name out in the community and show your community spirit!

## Youth Council Corner

We invite all teens in Highland to join us for a fun Kahoot activity on Thursday, May 8 at 7:00 PM. Make sure you have a device with the app ready to go. The game PINs will be posted on the [city Facebook page](#) at 7:00 PM that night. Play along to win prizes and just for something different and fun to do!

We also want to tell the class of 2020 how much we love them! This has not been an easy way to finish your high school career, but you are rising to the challenge. Finish strong! You got this!

## Fire Fuel Reduction Guide

As we all know, open spaces in Highland are valued for their nature and beauty. Living within the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) provides us with a sense of nature, yet there are dangers that must be mitigated and each of us should do our part. To help in that endeavor, the Lone Peak Fire Department has developed a Fire Fuel Reduction Guide & Inspection Checklist. We may not be able to stop wildfires but we can mitigate that risk by planning and proper fuel management. Creating a defensible space around our homes may help to reduce risk to our lives, properties, community, and firefighters. Creating a defensible space includes things such as removing all dead plants, grass, and weeds or removing dead or dry leaves and pine needles from your yard, roof, and rain gutters, etc. For the full guide, please visit <http://bit.ly/HC-FireDept>.

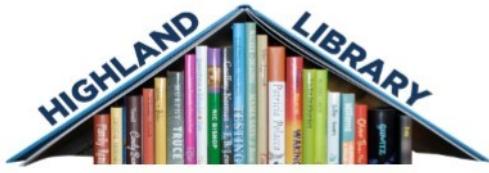


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**May 2020**

**All Programs Are Virtual.**

Links to programs are on our website @ [www.highlandcitylibrary.org](http://www.highlandcitylibrary.org)

Follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube.



**Don't forget!**

## **Announcing Summer Reading 2020!**

Registration on our website begins May 28th. Print off all your reading charts and register for summer Jr. Explorers' Club and Tween STEM. DETAILS on how and where will be posted to our Website, Facebook, and Instagram so stay tuned! Reading rewards each week for ages 0-11 and awesome end-of-summer reading prizes for everybody who finishes! Watch for details on our "Harry Potter" party to be held later this summer when it is safe to do so.

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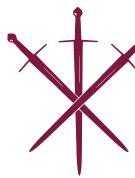
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