



## HIGHLAND CITY

## Mayor's Message

*"The Infinite gives to no man happiness; but only the raw material from which it can be made. He provides iron ore but never plowshares, clay but not bricks, wheat but not loaves. The material from which one man forms only an abode of misery, another transforms into a temple of joy."*—William George Jordan, *The Crown of Individuality*, 1909.

One of the challenges we face today is that we live in an environment with different rules than we had just a few months ago and ones which will continue to evolve. These are different raw materials from which we can create either "temples of joy" or "abodes of misery" as the quote above indicates.

I am particularly glad to live in Highland, where there are so many examples of creating "temples of joy". We have seen many acts of kindness on a neighborhood level. Additionally, last month the city helped organize a parade for residents of the Highland Glen Assisted Living Center and the Utah State Development Center on very short notice. Around 75 vehicles participated in the event. The parade included a bagpiper, police and fire vehicles from Lone Peak and American Fork, cars with signs, balloons, and flags, and horses. Residents and staff from both locations were delighted. There were tears of joy from both participants and spectators.

The state has loosened many COVID-19 related restrictions. We are in the top 10% of states in the following categories: least restrictions, lowest mortality rates, and lowest unemployment rates. Utah County beats the state in most categories. We are blessed to live where we do during this season.

P.S. Here's a cautionary note for those who live adjacent to city open space. While it is tempting to dump yard waste onto open space as we clean up yards and prune bushes and trees, it is a class "C" misdemeanor which carries a fine up to \$750. If you get a warning letter from the city about a dumping issue, know our objective is to fix the problem, not issue a citation. There will be a timeframe given to address the issue before a citation is issued. If for some reason you cannot address the problem within the time allotted, just give the city a call and we'll work with you.

## 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 5

The City Council and staff continued discussing the Victor View lift station due to its continued problems with backups primarily caused by non-waste items such as cleaning wipes, feminine hygiene products, wrappers, pill bottles, wire, and more. Staff and Council are looking at options to solve the problem.

Staff reported that the road contract had been awarded for Canal Boulevard and construction is set to begin in June. The road will be substantially completed by October.

### May 19

The Council approved contracts for trail preservation work to take place throughout the City. Between the two contracts, approximately 11.34 miles of trail will receive treatment.

Council approved an amendment to the zoning and the preliminary plat of the Fairfield Cove/ Wildrose plat B subdivision. This seven-lot subdivision is approximately 2.85 acres and will be located at 10272 N 4800 W in Highland.

## CALENDAR

June 2: City Council Meeting\*, 7:00PM, City Hall

June 8: Cemetery Cleanup

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

June 10: Meet the Mayor, 7:00PM, Live at Rod Mann: [Highland City Mayor Facebook Page](#)

June 16: City Council Meeting\*, 7:00PM, City Hall

June 19: Summer Kick-off Movie in the Park 9:15 PM, Mountain Ridge Park

June 23: Planning Commission\*, 7:00PM, City Hall

July 31- August 1: Highland Fling

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

Meetings will continue to be broadcast online. Participation details at [www.HighlandCity.org](http://www.HighlandCity.org). Comments can also be emailed ahead of time to [council@highlandcity.org](mailto:council@highlandcity.org) or [planningcommission@highlandcity.org](mailto:planningcommission@highlandcity.org).

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

Check us out on Facebook and Twitter @HighlandCity

## New Garbage Provider and Pick-up Schedule

Curbside trash and recycling services for Highland City residents will switch to Waste Management of Utah (WM) beginning the last week of June. To support a smooth transition, Highland City is working closely with WM to ensure residents are well-informed. Watch your mail for a new customer packet from WM, which will be sent to your billing address by the third week of June. Please be aware of the following details around the service shift:

**Old Cart Pickup:** Republic Services will pick up your old trash and recycling carts from June 26–28 after your weekly service on June 26. Leave empty carts at the curb.

**New Cart Delivery:** Waste Management will deliver new carts to each Highland City household between June 15 and June 20. You do not need to be home for delivery. The WM delivery team will leave the carts at your curb along with a tag detailing the information on your new service.

**WM Service Day:** The tag attached to your new WM cart will notify you of the day-of-the-week your household will be serviced by WM (Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday). Your WM weekly trash service and every-other-week recycling service will be on the same day of the week. We know that changing pick-up days is annoying. However, spreading out pick-up over multiple days will make it easier for WM to pick-up any cans previously missed. In addition, picking on a day other than Friday means City staff will be in the office to help should any problems arise.

**WM Service Start:** WM will begin servicing Highland City on Monday, June 29 at 7:00AM. Plan to start using your WM carts after Republic Services final pickup on June 26. Please note Republic can not pickup a can that is not empty and they will not service a WM can.

**WM Recycling Pickup:** Your first WM recycling pickup is also the week of June 29. Be sure to wheel both your trash and recycling carts to the curb on your first day of new service with WM. Remember, only put clean bottles, cans, paper, and cardboard in your recycling cart.

**Rates:** All bids the City received for garbage pickup were an increase to what we were previously being charged. In addition to providing excellent customer service, Waste Management was the lowest cost proposal. However, rates will still need to be increased to account for the increased charge. Those rates are currently being finalized with Council and will be communicated as soon as they are available.

More information on this change can be found at [www.HighlandCity.org](http://www.HighlandCity.org) or by calling 801-772-4523.

## Construction Around the City

There are a number of road and infrastructure projects taking place throughout the City this summer including: flood control in Viewpoint, a waterline upgrade in Knight Avenue, Canal Boulevard construction, 6800 West reconstruction, 9600 North sewer upgrade, the 2020 road projects, sewer lining in Hidden Oaks, upgrade of Culinary Well #2 and the 11800 North well, and more. Please use patience when navigating these areas. While we understand there will be frustration and inconvenience in the short-term, in the long-term our City will be in much better shape. See a map and more information at <https://bit.ly/HC-construction-map>.

## Pressurized Irrigation Water

As the weather heats up, don't forget to follow Highland City's pressurized irrigation ordinance when watering your landscaping.

- 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

Wondering when to water and when to not? The Utah Division of Water Resources produces a Weekly Lawn Watering Guide that recommends watering based on weather patterns and evapotranspiration rates. Check it out at [conservewater.utah.gov](http://conservewater.utah.gov).

## Upcoming Election Information

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Utah County Elections has changed how we administer in-person voting. We are fully prepared to protect your right to vote while maintaining the health of our community. In order to accomplish this, we need all voters to **VOTE FROM HOME**.

Important changes to be aware of:

- There will be no in-office voter registration. Please register to vote or update your registration online at [vote.utah.gov](http://vote.utah.gov)
- There will be no early voting.
- In-person ballot pick up will be extremely limited on Election Day. We will be enforcing strict COVID-19 sanitation standards and social distancing.
- No voter registration will be allowed on Election Day.

Utah County offers several voting options for voters with disabilities and their caregivers. Please call (801) 851-8128 or visit [utahcounty.vote](http://utahcounty.vote) for more information. 2020 voting dates are as follows:

- Regular Primary Election – June 30, 2020
- Regular General Election – November 3, 2020

## Public Hearing—Pressurized Irrigation Enterprise Fund

**Tuesday, June 16, 7:00 PM at City Hall**

The General Fund pays the Pressurized Irrigation (PI) Fund \$108,000 per year to water the approximately 179 acres of parks, park strip grass, and vegetation owned by the City. It is proposed that the PI 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 2.5% of the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 budgeted expenses of the PI Fund.

## Cemetery Clean-up

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 clean-up and removal will be on Monday, June 8. 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 11 from 8:00 AM—12:00 PM. Afterwards they will be discarded. For questions, please call 801-772-4515.

## S.R. 92 Resurfacing

UDOT will resurface S.R. 92 from 5500 West in Highland to the Pine Hollow Trailhead and S.R. 144 from S.R. 92 to the Tibble Fork Reservoir. Construction in the canyon is expected to be complete in late July. The resurfacing of SR 92 is expected to be complete in September 2020.

## New Communication Platform

The City will shortly 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](https://alerts.utahcounty.gov). You can select the categories that you care about including: General Announcements, Library happenings, Arts Council, Events, Public Meetings, and Job Openings.

## Historical Society

The DUP cabin in Heritage Park and the Highland Historical Museum in the City Community Center will not be open on Saturdays this summer. To schedule appointments for small groups please call:

- DUP Cabin: Donna Kitchen 385-290—0211,
- Historical Museum: Charlie Greenland 801-913-5200.

Appointments will be dependent on the current state of the COVID-19 pandemic. All visitors will be required to follow the guidelines outlined in the State of Utah's Plan.

## Youth Council Corner

We made it through the end of a crazy school year! Be proud of all you accomplished!

Thank you to all who joined us for our Kahoot trivia night. Watch for more socially-distanced activities to come. We loved participating in the drive-by parade for Highland Glen Assisted Living and the Utah State Developmental Center. Look for HYCC members serving at other events this summer. We love our City!

## Beautification Committee

The Beatification Committee would like to recognize John and Lori Rooker's yard this month, as the Yard of the Month for May. They have a beautiful yard and work hard to make it look good. Please let them know that you appreciate all of the work that they put into making their yard beautiful. You can see this gorgeous yard on Caddie Lane.

The Yard of the month winners receive a \$25 IFA gift card, courtesy of IFA in American Fork, and two bags of Oakdell Egg Farm Compost. Please send nominations for yard of the month to [wisecaryj@gmail.com](mailto:wisecaryj@gmail.com).

## Events Update

With the constantly changing COVID-19 situation comes fluctuation in our summer event plans. Join us Friday, June 19 for a Summer Kick-off Movie at Mountain Ridge Park. Showing will begin at dusk, around 9:15 PM. Pre-registration will be available online. Watch social media for the most current details.

Highland Fling will look different this year. July 31 & August 1 will be our hometown celebration. Details will be release as they are finalized.

If you would like to become a sponsor or volunteer, please email us at [events@highlandcity.org](mailto:events@highlandcity.org).

## Friends of the Library

The Highland City library is planning a spectacular summer reading program starting in June. The theme is "Imagine Your Story" and anyone with a Highland library card can register. There are programs and prizes for all ages so check it out! Online registration began May 28 so if you're interested and need a library card, please email the library at [circstaff@highlandcity.org](mailto:circstaff@highlandcity.org).

We are also excited to announce that Sarah Craig and her family are the Cedar Hills library patrons of the year. Together they have checked out over 2,000 items from the library and frequently attend library programs. Watch for more about the Craigs on the [Friends of the Library web page](#) located on the [Highland City library web site](#).





**Stay Safe**



**Reopening  
June 1st!**

**New Hours:**

**Monday-Thursday  
10:00-5:00**

**Friday  
10:00-4:00**

**Saturday  
12:00-4:00**

# BEYOND THE BOOKSHELF

programs | events

**June 2020**

*Imagine  
Your Story*



*Highland City Library*



**Summer Reading Program**

**June 1-July 31 for ages 0-99.**

**Registration is now OPEN on our website.**

**[www.highlandcitylibrary.org](http://www.highlandcitylibrary.org)**

**Reading rewards for ages 0-11 every week at the Highland City Library. There will be end-of-summer reading prizes for everybody who finishes!**

## **ANNOUNCING PROGRAMS IN THE PARK EVERY WEDNESDAY!**

Registration each week is required for all programs and only Highland City Library cardholders can register. Program dates are June 3rd-July 27th and will be held at the Town Center Meadows Park in Highland (North of Police Station).

- 10:00 AM Stories in the Park/Craft (ages 3-5 with parent/caregiver)
- 10:30 AM Jr. Explorer's Club (ages 5-9)
- 11:00 AM Tween STEM Time (ages 10-14)

Curbside Pickup is available for High-Risk patrons. Call us with your order and we will arrange a pickup time.

**[www.highlandcitylibrary.org](http://www.highlandcitylibrary.org)**



## Highland City's Response to COVID-19

The COVID-19 pandemic is ever evolving and Highland City is working hard to do its part to slow the spread. Below are the most up-to-date safeguards the City has in place. These safeguards are based on the guidelines found in the [Utah Lead's Together Plan](#). We encourage all City customers to be respectful of staff and other customers by staying home if they have any symptoms of illness, wearing masks while visiting, using proper hand hygiene, and maintaining physical distancing as much as possible in City facilities and while participating in public meetings.

### City Hall

City Hall is open to the public. However, we encourage all residents to continue to conduct their business with the City via phone at 801-756-5751 or online at [www.HighlandCity.org](http://www.HighlandCity.org). We have made all City business possible over the phone or online including taking credit card payments, making funeral arrangements, and submitting building permits. We encourage all to take advantage of those abilities instead of coming in person to City Hall. Anyone who does come into City Hall is encouraged to wear a mask and maintain a 6-foot distance between any other individual. Some physical adjustments have been made to City Hall in order to help encourage proper physical distancing.

### City Council Meetings

Council meetings are now being held in person. However, meetings will also be streamed electronically, and the public is encouraged to participate electronically if possible. Some adjustments will be made to the physical meeting space to ensure that the distancing guidelines outlined in the State of Utah's plan are followed. Physical attendees will be screened for symptoms and are expected to follow physical distancing guidelines and wear a mask when proper distancing can not be kept. See details of how to participate in each meeting on that meeting's agenda at [www.HighlandCity.org](http://www.HighlandCity.org).

### Library

The Library will open for visits on June 1 with limited hours: Monday-Thursday, 10:00 am-5:00 pm, Friday 10:00 am-4:00 pm, and Saturday 12:00-4:00 pm. We encourage patrons to be respectful of staff and other patrons by staying home if they have any symptoms of illness, wearing masks while visiting, using proper hand hygiene, and maintaining physical distancing as much as possible while visiting. Starting June 1, patrons in high risk categories may arrange curbside pickup by calling the circulation desk during working hours (801-772-4528).

The Library will be offering fun and social-distance-friendly Story Time, Junior Explorers, and Tween STEM programs each Wednesday morning starting June 3, at the Town Center Meadows Park (near the Police Station). To limit numbers to ensure physical distancing, patrons must pre-register each week on the library's Eventbrite page to participate in these programs. Only those with Highland City Library cards can pre-register. The Library will also be offering an online-based Summer Reading program for all ages. Check the Library Website starting May 28 for details.

More information on the Library's plans to keep everyone as safe as possible during this time is available on their [COVID-19 information page](#).

### Lone Peak Fire & Police Stations

Lone Peak's first priority is to provide emergency assistance to the community. The police station is open to the public, however fingerprinting services are not being performed. The Fire station is still closed to the public. For non-emergencies, continue to call dispatch at 801-794-3970. For emergencies, please call 911.

### Highland Alpine Justice Court

To speak with the Court Clerk, please make an appointment, contact Terry Biggs at 801-772-4525 or [terry@highlandcity.org](mailto:terry@highlandcity.org). The Court Clerk is in the Justice Center building Monday – Friday from 8:00AM - 12:00PM. A Court Cashier is also available to take citation payments Monday – Thursday from 12:00-6:00PM at City Hall.

## Events & Arts Council

The events team is planning alternative and adjusted events throughout this summer and during Fling time that will adhere to the State of Utah's safety requirements. Once finalized, plans will be posted on [www.HighlandCity.org](http://www.HighlandCity.org).

All Arts Council events, workshops, performances, etc. have been cancelled until further notice. Keep up-to-date with the Arts Council on [www.HighlandCityArts.org](http://www.HighlandCityArts.org).

The Events Team has created a Facebook group, "[A beautiful day in Highland](#)" to help connect with the community and help provide meaningful activities for residents

## Parks, Trails, Playgrounds, and Splashpad

City parks, trails, and playgrounds may be used within the following guidelines:

- Individuals must stay six feet away from individuals outside of their household.
- Individuals should avoid high-touch surface areas. Drinking fountains are shut off.
- Children should only play on playground equipment if their interaction with other children can be limited.
- Individuals participating in a team sport must have their symptoms checked before participating.

It is not possible to operate the Town Center Splash Pad under the State's guidelines in the yellow phase. As such, for resident's safety, we do not plan to open the Splash Pad until we reach a green phase.

## Facility Rental: Community Center, Fields, and Pavilions

Groups can rent City facilities within the following guidelines listed below. Groups who cannot adhere to these guidelines will have their reservation cancelled and will receive a refund.

- Participants must be limited to 50 or fewer
- Physical distancing guidelines of keeping a 6-foot distance between household groups must be maintained
- Masks must be worn when physical distancing is difficult to maintain
- High touch areas should be disinfected
- Those in attendance should be healthy and follow strict hygiene standards

## General Information

The City wishes to stress that fire and police emergency services and utility services such as culinary water and sewer will continue to function properly during this time.

To help our sewer system to operate effectively, please remember that the only items that should be flushed down a toilet are human waste and toilet paper. If anyone in your home uses any type of wipe including those labeled "flushable" DO NOT flush them down the toilet. They need to be disposed of in the trash otherwise we risk sewer back-ups.

We encourage all residents to follow the State's recommendations and the standby precautions regarding spreading illnesses including washing hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, using hand sanitizer frequently, avoiding touching your face, covering coughs or sneezes (e.g. into a tissue, sleeve, or elbow; not hands), cleaning high-touch surfaces (e.g. door handles, counters, light switches, remote controls, restroom surfaces), avoiding shaking hands, etc.

For more information on COVID-19 and the State of Utah's plan please utilize the following resources:

- Utah County – <https://health.utahcounty.gov/>
- State of Utah – [coronavirus.utah.gov/](https://coronavirus.utah.gov/) or 801-456-7707
- Center for Disease Control – [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html)

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