



## Mayor's Message

*“The Chinese philosopher Lao Tze wrote in the Tao Te Ching, ‘Through Love, one has no fear,’ More than 500 years later, Saint John the Apostle said the same thing: ‘There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear . . . It took about 2,000 years, but contemporary neurobiological evidence has revealed that Lao Tze and Saint John were absolutely on the money”—The Atlantic, July 16, 2020.*

In his recent column on love and fear, Mr. Brooks, prefaced the quote by saying, “One way of dealing with these fears is to strive to eliminate the threats that caused them. But while social and economic progress is important and possible, there will always be threats to face and things to fear. The way to combat fear within ourselves is with its opposite emotion—which is not calmness, or even courage. It’s love.”

Our recent initiative on inclusion is focused on gaining a better understanding of our neighbors which will expand our ability to love everyone. Please checkout <https://bit.ly/HC20-inclusivity> to see how you can be involved. Our Meet with the Mayor session on August 12 at 7 PM will feature another inclusivity discussion.

Speaking about caring for each other, the lawns and fields are getting brown in Highland. The primary issue is low water pressure caused by residents watering every day instead of following prescribed schedules outlined in the article below. When some don't follow the schedule, we all suffer from low water pressure.

Here are a few tidbits from our 2020 resident survey:

- The three issues most mentioned in comments were: parks/trails, taxes/fees, and roads.
- 54% of respondents believe the quality of life in Highland is excellent, 42.5% think it is good, 3.1% feel it is fair, and 0.5% consider it to be poor.
- The average household uses our parks 1.2 times per week and the trails 3.3 times.
- About 50% of residents see themselves as living here another 20+ years while 25% believe they will live here for 10 to 20 years.

For the last eight years, long term residents Jeanie and Steve Westover have voluntarily cared for the flowers in our cemetery. And on her own initiative, 16 year old Cambria Bybee repainted our *Welcome to Highland City* sign. These residents and many others like them help make Highland a great place to live and are the reason so many people want to stay.

## Outdoor Watering Restrictions

As temperatures have risen, residents are watering more and the City's pressurized irrigation system (PI) has struggled to keep pace with demand. Please remember following watering restrictions not only helps us conserve water, but also ensures that only half the City is pulling water from the PI pond at once so everyone can get the pressure they need to run their system.

- 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

Also, if you're experiencing pressure issues, be sure to check your filters to make sure they aren't clogged. This time of year the City pulls water from the Central Utah Water Project which typically has more algae and moss.

We often get asked why we as a City water during the day when we ask residents not to. To help alleviate the pressure issues that happen during nighttime hours, the City waters during the day. While we know it's less efficient, we do it to try and help residents have more water pressure at night.

## CALENDAR

July 30-August 1: Highland Fling  
[www.HighlandCityFling.com](http://www.HighlandCityFling.com)

August 4: City Council Meeting\*,  
7:00 PM, City Hall

August 12: Meet the Mayor, - Inclusivity Conversation, 7:00 PM

August 18: City Council Meeting\*,  
7:00 PM, City Hall

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

September 17: Senior Citizen Dinner, 5:00 PM, 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

Waste Management (pick-up and can repairs): 888-496-8824

## 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

## Construction Around the City

There are a number of road and infrastructure projects taking place throughout the City this summer including: 9600 North sewer upgrade, 11800 North and Highland Boulevard road work, Canal Boulevard construction, 2020 road reconstruction projects, sewer lining in Hidden Oaks, trail surface treatments, 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. More information at <https://bit.ly/HC-construction>.

## Inclusivity Program—Learn, Feel, Act

With the tragic events and protests that have transpired across the country, Highland City is motivated to affect positive change in our own community. While the focus now is addressing the experiences of the Black members of our community, our long-term goal is to create a community of inclusivity for all by becoming more aware of the feelings any of our friends and neighbors who may feel excluded because of a variety of factors.

The City and local residents are partnering with the Embrace organization to sponsor a program called Learn, Feel, Act to help provide greater understanding of the life experiences of the Black individuals in our community. The program encompasses three steps: Learn, Feel, and Act and can be personalized to what works best for your family. Every family who completes the program will earn a decal that shows off their commitment to inclusivity. In addition, the first 100 families who complete the program will earn two t-shirts.

In addition, the City is hosting another inclusivity discussion on August 12 with Mayor Mann, black members of our community, and others. The video will be streamed to our Highland City YouTube channel where you can also see the previous discussion from June 10.

If you are interested in helping to support the Learn, Feel, Act program, you can financially contribute through the Highland Foundation or contact [Mayor Mann](#) or [Councilmember Brittney Bills](#) to get further involved.

More details are available on the [City's Inclusivity webpage](#) on [www.HighlandCity.org](http://www.HighlandCity.org).

## Senior Appreciation Dinner

Mark your calendars for our Senior Citizen Appreciation Dinner on Thursday, September 17 at 5 pm. We will have an outdoor drive-in style dinner with live music and food delivered to your car. Bring your quarantine buddies and enjoy an evening out! The dinner is free, but pre-registration is appreciated. Email [events@highlandcity.org](mailto:events@highlandcity.org) or call Corrine at 801-772-4507 to let us know you are coming.

## 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>.

### July 7

Individuals from the company Natura Solve presented a potential program to introduce their product into our pressurized irrigation (PI) ponds in an effort to reduce the amount of water needed for lawns and gardens. The product is a non-genetically modified bacteria and enzyme substance which puts natural products back into the soil and increases the output of plants. This product is also predicted to assist in breaking up organic matter which clogs filters. Staff and Council are going to continue to investigate the product and its potential use in the PI system.

Council approved the final plat for a 7-lot residential subdivision located at 10272 North 4800 West. Staff will continue to work with the developer to finalize plans before construction.

Council approved a contract to build a flood control channel north of the View Point subdivision. The area has added flood potential due to the fire that previously burnt the vegetation on the mountainside.

Council approved the preliminary plat for a 10-lot residential subdivision at 6000 West Evergreen Way. Staff will work with the applicant before bringing the project back to City Council for final plat approval.

## Highland Fling Thank You

We have so many people to thank for helping us make our 2020 revamped Highland Fling a success. Thank you to our residents who came out and supported the events and helped us keep everyone safe by following the health guidelines the City had in place.

Thank you to our volunteers who make it possible for us to have a Fling. Our amazing volunteers include: Tyler Anderson, Brandon Balkman, Roy Buhler, Doug Courtney, Suzanne Mann, Cary Wise, Audrey Wright, and many members of the Youth Council.

Finally, thank you to our sponsors who made this year's Highland Fling possible! We appreciate your support in our community and encourage all Highland residents to give their business to them. Title Sponsor: Central Bank; Emerald Sponsor: Altabank; Platinum Sponsor: Point S Tire Factory; Gold Sponsor: Sparrow Electric; Silver Sponsors: Jiffy Lube, The Pointe Academy, and Rocky Mountain Power; Bronze Sponsors: Elevated Family Dentistry; Friends of Fling: Chick-Fil-A, Chiromovement, Ma and Paws Bakery, Neighbor, Omni Studio, Sport Kilt, Texas Roadhouse, Utah Heavy Athletics, and Wicked Audio.



**To Register** for classes or more information, visit [HighlandCityArts.org](http://HighlandCityArts.org) or call Shauna at (801)891-7183. All events located at Community Center, 5378 West 10400 North, unless otherwise noted.

We are hopeful that we can start events in September with the proper guidelines for safety. Programs will be dependent on the current state of the COVID pandemic. All participants will be required to follow the guidelines outlined in the State of Utah's Plan.

## Soon to be Announced Events & Programs:

- Youth Theatre Workshop – September
- Carl Purcell Master Art Workshop – September or October
- Sharon Cannon Workshop – September or October
- Children's Choir

## Ongoing Classes

**Basic Watercolor Class** for Adults for those who have always wanted to learn watercolor, but don't know where to start. If possible, bring your own supplies. 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 starting September 14. 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. Starting back up September 9. The second Wednesday is a presentation by a guest artist and the third Wednesday is a workshop where members are invited to bring lunch and any project to work on to get feedback from the group.

**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](mailto:HighlandQAFA@gmail.com) or by calling JoyLyn Rigby at 801-361-3176.

## Youth Council Corner

We had a great time hosting two drive-in movies and two Kahoot nights this summer! We hope it gave people something to look forward to when other things were canceled. As we head back to school, we are cheering on our classmates! We don't know what this year will bring, but we will be a resilient generation for sure! Don't be afraid to ask for help if you are struggling or if you see someone who needs extra support. You are not alone in this! Stay healthy and make the best of what you are facing. You can do it!

## Beautification Committee

The Beatification Committee would like to recognize the Stephen O'Hearn yard as the Yard of the Month for July. You can see this gorgeous yard at 12033 N Shettlestone Drive. The Yard of the month winners receive a \$25 IFA gift card, courtesy of IFA in American Fork, and 2 bags of Oakdell Egg Farm Compost. We appreciate all of the nominations we receive and will continue to consider all past nominations. Please continue to send your nominations to [wisecaryj@gmail.com](mailto:wisecaryj@gmail.com)

## DUP Cabin and Highland Historical Museum

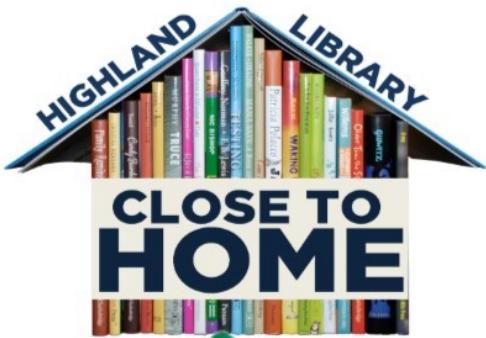
Due to COVID-19, the DUP cabin in Heritage Park and the Highland Historical Museum in the City Community Center will be closed this summer. To schedule appointments for small groups, please call: DUP Cabin: Donna Kitchen 385-290-0211 or Historical Museum: Charlie Greenland 801-913-5200. Appointments will be dependent on the current state of the COVID pandemic. All visitors will be required to follow the guidelines outlined in the State of Utah's Plan.

## Library Board Openings

Do you love the Library and want to get more involved in the policy making behind the scenes? The Library Board currently has an open seat and is looking for a new member to join them. If you are interested, please fill out an application at <http://bit.ly/HC-volunteer> and send it to [librarydirector@highlandcity.org](mailto:librarydirector@highlandcity.org) or you can pick one up at the Library.

## Friends of Library

The Friends of the Highland City Library is pleased to announce the Blake and Suzy Johnson family have been chosen as the "Alpine City Library Patrons for 2020." The Johnson family have been exceptional supporters of the Highland City Library this past year. Watch for more on the Johnson family in an upcoming impact story on the library's website and its Facebook page. The Johnsons join the Craig family from Cedar Hills and the Murdock family from Highland as our library patrons for 2020.



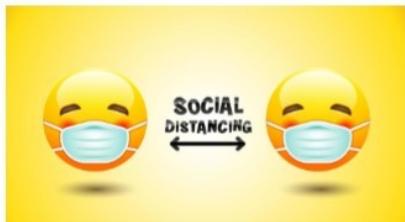
**Open for  
Regular Hours**

Monday-Thursday  
10:00-8:00

Friday  
10:00-4:00

Saturday  
12:00-4:00

Outside book drop  
open 24 hours



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

**Fill out your  
2020 Census  
by August 15th.**



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



# BEYOND THE BOOKSHELF

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## August 2020

### Inclusivity Program Learn, Feel, Act

We are partnering with  
Highland City and a group of  
residents who created this  
program. We invite your  
whole family to participate.

Books to checkout and  
information are available at  
the Library.



**Library Staff Picks**  
Come check out what our  
Library staff has picked for  
their favorites.

