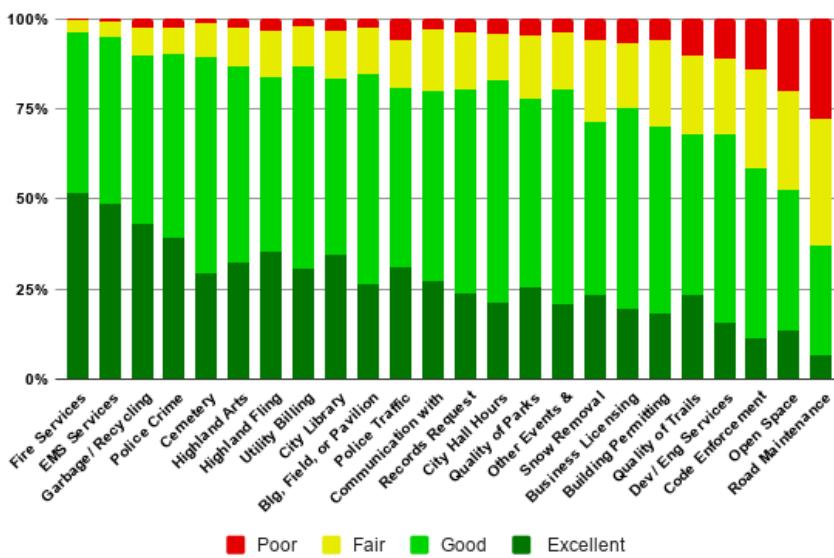


Mayor's Message

We most definitely live in interesting times. During 2020, many of us have experienced personally painful events. These have been exacerbated by COVID-19 and other surprises. In Jamil Zaki's book, *The War for Kindness*, he shares information from a study that many will recognize to be accurate based on personal experience. *"Psychologists ... measured the number of painful life events individuals had experienced throughout their lives—things like car accidents, severe illness, or victimization by crime. These people then came to the lab, where they met another participant who was struggling with a frustrating task. Participants stepped in to help this other person, and those who had suffered most were the most helpful, even if their painful experiences had occurred long before. When survivors help others, they also help themselves. Victims' are often stereotyped as weakened by trauma, but many emerge stronger and more fulfilled. Post-traumatic growth—including greater spirituality, stronger relationships, and a renewed sense of purpose—is almost as common as PTSD."*



I hope we can take the lemons of life and turn them into lemonade. Speaking of turning lemons into lemonade, below is a chart of the city service ratings from the 2020 Resident Survey.

Our lowest ranked service was road maintenance with only 38% rating it as good or excellent. While this is not

great, it is 2X better than the 2016 survey, where the combined rating was 19%. We are moving the needle in the right direction.

Another positive note is that we've been able to help Alpine School District by covering the cost of adding touchless drinking fountains and other items for schools in Highland using federal CARES Act money. We are also using these funds to cover a number of other COVID related city expenses – I will share the details next month. I frequently say this, but the sentiment is genuine; thanks for all you do to make Highland a wonderful place to live.

Accessory Dwelling Units

An Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) is a separate living space in a home such as a basement or loft apartment. According to City Code, all ADU's must be registered with the City and the construction of an ADU requires a building permit. To be approved, all ADUs must meet certain guidelines such as:

- Be attached to the main dwelling unit which must be owner occupied. Pool houses, lofts above shops, etc. are NOT permitted.
- Meet all fire, safety, health, and building code requirements.
- The ADU entrance shall be from the rear of the home or a camouflaged side entrance not visible to the street.
- The front of the home shall not appear to have separate units.

For more information or to apply, please visit www.HighlandCity.org/223 or call 801-756-5751.



CALENDAR

October 5: Cemetery Cleanup & Removal

October 6: City Council Meeting*, 7:00 PM, City Hall

October 7: Meet the Mayor, 7:00 PM

October 15: Youth Council Leadership Committee Applications Close (online)

October 20: Youth Council General Applications Open (online)

October 20: City Council Meeting*, 7:00 PM, City Hall

October 24: Super Hero Saturday, 1:00-4:00 PM, Library

October 27: Planning Commission Meeting*, 7:00 PM, City Hall

October 30: Trick or Treat Street at Splash Pad Park, 5:00-7:00 PM pre-registration required

*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. online at: www.HighlandCity.org

Check us out on Facebook and Twitter @HighlandCity

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>.

September 1

City Council approved the purchase of new bathrooms at the following City Parks: two at Highland Glen, one at Heritage Park, and one at Beacon Hills Park. These bathrooms will replace the facilities or porta-potties currently at the parks. The bathrooms are precast concrete and as such are designed to be easily cleaned and sanitized and are less susceptible to vandalism. The restrooms will be installed by the end of 2020.

September 15

City Council approved two preliminary plats. The first approval was for a 14-lot subdivision at 11020 N 5500 W. The second approval was for a 69-lot subdivision known as The Hollows located at 10360 N 6531 W. The updated Hollows development now includes a donation by the developer of the wetland property on the east side of the development to the City to be preserved in its natural state. A trail is planned to be built on the east side of the wetlands to allow public access for viewing. The respective developers will work with staff through the design and engineering process on their projects before coming back to Council for final plat approval.

The Council updated City Code to prohibit temporary signs from being placed on public property. This means that signs advertising businesses, political candidates, etc. can no longer be placed on City property including that on Alpine and Timpanogos property. All signs must now be placed on private property subject to permission by the property owner. Political signs may also to be placed on the park strip in front of an individual's home subject to the homeowner's approval. If a sign you own was placed on public property and removed, you can pick it up at City Hall up to one week after it was removed. Afterwards, it will be discarded.

Pressurized Irrigation Shut-off

Beginning on October 15, Public Works will begin draining and winterizing the pressurized irrigation (PI) system. While you may see water in the system after the 15, water pressure will diminish rapidly as ponds are drawn down. Winterize your system to prevent damage caused by frozen water left in pipes, sprinklers, filters, and valves. Don't forget to close your main valve, located in a box installed as part of your sprinkling system often in close proximity to the City's PI box. This will also help to protect your system from pressure fluctuations experienced when the system is charged in April. If you are unsure of how to winterize your system, please contact a landscape professional. For questions, contact Public Works at 801-772-4515.

COVID-19 Update

The County recently issued a Health Order that includes a mask mandate. The order asks us to help slow the spread by following the State's current Phased Guidelines. Information at <https://www.HighlandCity.org/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=603>.

Fire Safety Updates

Due to the extreme drought conditions and high fire danger, the State Forester has postponed the Fall 2020 open burn season. The US Forest service has also banned shooting in the foothills around American Fork Canyon. This includes firearms, air rifles and gas guns. Please help us protect life and property. This is also a good time to ensure that you have a clear fire perimeter around your property. We have seen how quickly fires can spread in these tinder dry conditions.

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

2020 Election Information

Ballots will be mailed the week of October 12. If a voter does not have a ballot by October 16, they should contact the Utah County Elections Office at 801-851-8128. Dropbox locations, ballot pick-up locations, early voting, who/what is on the ballot, etc. can all be found at UtahCounty.Vote.

Voters are encouraged to return their voted ballot at any of the secured drop boxes located throughout the County including the one directly north of City Hall. The deadline to postmark your ballot is November 2, the day **BEFORE** Election Day. If you return your ballot at a post office, confirm that your ballot will be postmarked before Election Day. Early Voting is available on October 28 - 30, and November 2, at the Elections Office.

Ballot pick-up locations will be available on Election Day from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM and Utah laws permitting same-day registration via provisional ballots will be in effect.

Utahns will see judges on their ballots this November. Become informed at judges.utah.gov. This website is run by an independent government commission that provides judicial performance evaluations about every judge on your ballot.



We are missing you and all our Arts Council events! Due to the safety of our teachers and students, almost all programs and classes are currently on hold. We are anxious to restart them and are hopeful that we can in January 2021 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. To register, call Shauna at (801)891-7183. Check HighlandCityArts.org for updates. All events located at Community Center, 5378 West 10400 North, unless otherwise noted.

Timpanogos Ringers the fall season has begun 15 with rehearsals Tuesdays from 7:00-9:15PM. You do not need previous bell ringing experience. Handbells offer a unique opportunity to learn music and teamwork together. While each ringer has only certain assigned notes, he or she must learn to depend on, and be dependable to those who ring all the other notes. Masks will be required, and we will have gloves for you to wear and space individual ringers out. There is an \$85 fee to cover music and materials, which is due by the second rehearsal. Contact Paige Erickson at 801-830-0927 or super.paige.erick@gmail.com for questions.

Coming Back Soon:

- Carl Purcell Master Art Workshop
- Sharon Cannon One Day Workshop
- Children's Choir
- Youth Theatre Workshop
- Basic Watercolor Class for Adults
- Advanced Watercolor Class
- After School Art Club
- Friends of Art
- Highland Quilting & Fiber Arts

A poster for "TRICK-OR-TREAT STREET" on October 30, 2020, from 5-7 pm at the Splash Pad Park. The poster features two white ghost outlines with black outlines and orange jack-o'-lanterns inside. The text "Reserve your spot @ bit.ly/HC-TrickOrTreat" and "If your business would like to participate, email us at events@highlandcity.org" are at the bottom.

Youth Council Corner

Applications for the 2021 Highland Youth City Council are opening soon. This is a fun opportunity to get involved with the City, provide service, participate in events, gain leadership skills, and learn about how government works. Applications to serve on the Leadership Committee are available online on and are due October 15. General Council applications will be open October 20 through November 15. See http://bit.ly/HC-Youth_Council for details and application forms.

We also want to thank everyone who came to the Senior Citizen Appreciation Dinner. It was a fun night for the community to come together!

Beautification Committee

The Beatification Committee would like to recognize the work of David and Gayle Lambert on their beautiful yard as the Yard of the Month for September. Please let them know that you appreciate all of the work that they put into making their yard look so fabulous. You can see this yard at 10636 N. East Jerling Dr. 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 very much appreciate all of the nominations we receive. Please nominate your favorite Spooktacular yard for October. Send your nominations to wisecaryj@gmail.com

Friends of the Library

It's time for all Superheroes to assemble at the Highland City Library's SUPERHERO SATURDAY! This activity is free for all families and will be held October 24 from 1:00—4:00 PM. To ensure adequate social distancing, families will move as a single group from one "superhero training" station to another and the Library will be closed to non-participants during this time. Costumes are encouraged! Please register online for a specific start time and watch the Highland City Library website for more details.

If activities such as this are important to you and your family, consider supporting the Library by joining the Friends of the Highland City Library! Details and contact information are available on the Friends of the Library page on the Highland City Library website.

The Point Survey

The Point of the Mountain State Land Authority is seeking community guidance on what should happen with the Point of the Mountain when the Utah State Prison moves in 2022. Take a brief 5-minute survey to share your thoughts at <https://thepointutah.org/>.



BEYOND THE BOOKSHELF

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October 2020



Pre-registration on our website begins October 10th and space is limited. The whole family is invited.

HIGHLAND CITY LIBRARY PROGRAMS



Come make a ZINE in our Teen corner of the Library. Available all month long.

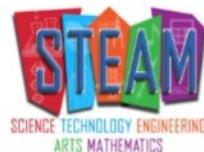
*Baby Bookworms

Fridays @ 10:15 am for ages 0-2.



*Story Time

Tues & Thurs @ 11:00 am for ages 3-5. NEW online Story Time beginning in October. Details will be on our website.



*Jr. Explorers' Club

Thurs @ 4:00 pm for ages 6-8.



*Tween STEAM

Grab and go packets for ages 9-12. New packets will be available beginning the Monday of each week.

*Parent/Child Book Club

A Long Way from Chicago Oct. 21 @ 6:30 pm for ages 9-12.



Spooky Self-Serve Halloween Walk Oct. 30-31

*Requires pre-registration through our Library website and held in the Council Chambers to enable social distancing. Highland Library cardholders only.

www.highlandcitylibrary.org



HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH