

Mayor's Message

Christmas is my favorite time of the year! I love Christmas music and the renewed focus on others. It is no secret that one of my favorite authors is William George Jordan. The following quote from a chapter in his book The Crown of Individuality entitled *No Room For Them In The Inn* (see <http://bit.ly/noroomintheinn>) seems especially appropriate for this year's holiday season.



"For worldly success, fame, social prestige, laurel-crowned triumph, the inn is illuminated; welcoming music fills the air; and the inn doors are thrown wide open. But struggle towards sublime attainment, heroic effort to better the world, simple consecration of soul to a noble ideal means—the manger and a lonely pathway lit only by the torch of truth held high in the hand of purpose."

"Right must ever fight its way against the world. Truth must ever walk alone in its Gethsemane. Justice must bravely face its Calvary if it would still live in triumph after all efforts to slay it. Love must ever, in the end, burst forth in its splendor from the dark clouds of hate and discord that seek to obscure it. These great truths must be born in the manger of poverty, or pain, or trial, or suffering, finding no room at the inn until at last by entering it in triumph they honor the inn that never honored them in their hours of need, of struggle or of darkness. ... The glory of the end makes trials along the way seem—nothing."

We, the City Council and I, hope you are able to spend time with family and friends this month and reflect on the good that came out of the extraordinary trials of this year. Thanks for all you do and Merry Christmas!

Project Updates:

I need to let you know that there are two projects which we had hoped to finish this year, but won't be done till next year.

- The connector road between Alpine Hwy and North County Blvd (Canal Boulevard) will not be paved until next spring. Rebar was in short supply causing a four plus week delay in pouring of the footings for a bridge. As a result, we missed the seasonal window for laying down asphalt.
- The widening of 6800 West (road to Costco) was pushed into next year, as the property acquisition process took longer than we had hoped.

We are nonetheless excited that these long awaited, *and very expensive*, projects will be completed soon.

December City Events

Our traditional in-person events will not be taking place this year, but we can still have some fun together. The **City Hall Christmas Tree** is up and you are invited to join us for a scavenger hunt starting on November 30. Pick up the hunt questions near the tree, locate the items on the list, answer the questions, drop the paper in the drop box, and pick up a treat. We will randomly draw winners from the entries on December 23. While you are in City Hall, please wear a mask and maintain 6 feet between household groups.

Gnome for the Holidays Follow our holiday gnomes on social media as they find fun things to do close to home this year. There will be activities, service ideas, prizes, and more! Be sure to follow Highland City on Facebook and Twitter and set up post notifications. Join the fun beginning December 1. If your local business would like to participate as a sponsor, email events@highlandcity.org.



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CALENDAR

November 30- December 23: City Hall Christmas Tree Scavenger Hunt

December 1-24: online 'Gnome For the Holidays' activities

December 1: City Council Meeting*, 7:00PM, City Hall

December 7: Cemetery Cleanup

December 8: Planning Commission*, 7:00PM, City Hall

December 9: Meet the Mayor, 7:00PM, online at <https://www.facebook.com/mannforhighland/>

December 26—January 10: Live Christmas Tree Drop-off at empty lot east of Police Station. Only live, un-flocked and un-decorated trees.

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

HOLIDAY CLOSURES & GARBAGE DELAY

Christmas: City Offices closed December 24-25.

New Year's: City Offices closed December 31-January 1.

No impact to garbage pickup.

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

- www.highlandcity.org
- Facebook and Twitter @HighlandCity

Snow Reminders

The safety of Highland City residents during and after a snow event is a top priority for the City. Our Public Works department utilizes all available assets as needed to clear the roads depending on the storm event, snowfall received, and duration of the storm. Salt and sand are used only at intersections and other problematic locations to provide traction.

Snow Plowing Priority—Please see the attached map for street plowing priority. Priority is based on the road classification and usage intensity. Streets identified as arterial or collector roads, which are deemed to be in the minimum network needed to provide basic transportation for public safety, schools, or steep grades, receive priority. These streets will be plowed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week when weather conditions warrant. When storm conditions have moderated, roads interior to subdivisions, including cul-de-sacs, will be plowed. It may take anywhere from 3 to 5 days after the storm before crews are able to clear all of these areas.

There are three traffic corridors within Highland that fall under the jurisdiction of the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT): SR-92 (Timpanogos Highway/Canyon Road), SR-74 (Alpine Highway), and SR-129 (North County Boulevard). Questions and concerns regarding these roads should be referred to the UDOT Region 3 offices at 801-227-8000.

Street Parking—Street parking is prohibited from December 1 to March 31 between the hours of 12:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. and any time snow is present to allow access to the plows for snow removal. The Police Department may issue parking citations or have vehicles towed that are parked on the street during or shortly after a snow storm. Residents should also be mindful to keep all obstructions such as basketball hoops, trailers, trash cans, etc. off the streets during snow removal.

Clearing Driveways—When snow is plowed, the resulting windrow flows to the side of the road including in front of mailboxes and into driveways. We understand that this is frustrating, however because our first priority is to clear the road and create a safe travel way, it is not an option to raise the plow blade at every drive approach. We ask for your understanding and cooperation. Clearing a 10-foot area of the oncoming lane shoulder may help.

Sidewalk Clearing—Property owners should clear their sidewalks within 24 hours of a snow storm. This helps ensure children can make it to school safely and keeps other pedestrians stay safe as well. Remember

to push the snow onto your own property. Putting snow into the streets can make the road more dangerous for automobiles and snowplows. After the snow has been removed from the streets, Public Works employees will work to remove any snow from the walking trails and school sidewalk routes.

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>.

November 10

Highland residents and members of Utah Rank Choice Voting gave presentations on the process and benefits of Rank Choice voting as well as the problems and concerns with the system. Council will consider the information presented and decide whether they are interested in pursuing Rank Choice Voting for the 2021 Municipal Election.

Staff and the Council discussed Highland's Ordinance related to the sale of alcohol and possible amendments to that Ordinance to provide better clarity and to align with current State Code. Staff will bring back potential amendments to Council in a future meeting for discussion and approval.

City Council repealed Municipal Code 12.30 Removal of Neighborhood Option Trails. As such, trails designated as "Neighborhood Option" are no longer available for removal.

Cemetery Cleanup

Monday, December 7 is our next cemetery cleanup day. Help us to offer a clean, beautiful, peaceful environment as people visit the Highland City Cemetery. All decorations, real or artificial, will be removed, including trinkets, ornaments, lamps, etc. Items of a more permanent nature will be stored on site for one week and may be picked up by appointment. After one week, all items will be discarded. As always, flowers from a funeral will be left in place for five days. For more details, visit <http://bit.ly/HC-cemetery> or call 801-772-4515

Christmas Tree Disposal

All Highland residents are invited to bring their live, un-flocked and un-decorated Christmas trees to the empty lot to the east of the Police Station and south of the Arbor Day Tree Sale location from December 26—January 10 to be hauled away by Waste Management. No other items may be disposed of and trees can only be brought during the timeframe outlined. Please cut up especially large trees that will not be able to be easily loaded into a dumpster. For questions, please call us at 801-772-4523.



We are missing you and all our Arts Council events! For 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.

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

Friends of the Library

The Friends would like you to know about another great resource available at the Highland City Library. Creativebug is a great resource for video tutorials of arts and crafts including jewelry making, children's crafts, crochet, knitting, painting, drawing, and much more. Creativebug videos are professionally produced, don't have annoying ads, and come with a printable transcript along with worksheets and patterns. Anyone with a library card can access Creativebug by going to the book/media tab on the library website and clicking on "Creativebug."

In December you can experience firsthand how fun Creativebug can be. If you are a teen or adult library patron, come to the library and pick up a kit to help you make a post-it note wreath featured on Creativebug. The kits have all the supplies you need to make the craft along with easy-to-follow instructions. You'll not only end up with a festive holiday decoration, but you'll discover yet another reason why having a library card is a gift that just keeps on giving!

A banner for the Utah Strong Recovery Project. It features a photo of two men, one with a beard, looking down. The text on the left reads "FREE HELP for COVID-19 related stress". The text on the right reads "Call/Text 385-386-2289 UtahStrong@utah.gov Everyday 7a-7p". Logos for FEMA, Human Services, and SAMHSA are at the bottom.

Youth Council Corner

2020 has been a year unlike anything we expected, but the Highland Youth City Council has done great things! We have learned to adapt to changing circumstances, to be resilient, and found creative ways to serve our community. Thank you to all who donated to our Thanksgiving Food Drive! We were able to fill a van with donations. You can still donate to Tabitha's Way Food Pantry online at www.tabithaswaynorth.org/donate.



We are also excited to announce the selection of our 2021 Mayor, Ryan "Cougar" Bartholomew, and Deputy Mayor, Marielle Sutton. We are finalizing other leadership positions and are looking forward to all the new council members joining us next year!

Highland Historical Society

Did you know the Highland Historical Society has a small museum in the Community Center that displays a collection of historical household items and small tools? This is a great activity for homeschoilers! You can also access Highland historical information at <http://bit.ly/HC-history>. Learn about area settlers and see who has lived where you live now. If you would like to schedule a time to come to the museum, please call Charlie Greenland at 801-913-5200. To tour the DUP cabin, contact Donna Kitchen 385-290-0211.

Beautification Committee

The Beautification Committee is made up of volunteers who want to make Highland City beautiful. They are involved with the community garden, yard of the month recognition, and adopt-a-patch, as well as flowers at the cemetery and community center. The Beatification Committee would like to thank all those who volunteered during 2020. We all look forward to 2021! Please consider volunteering in our community. If you are interested in volunteering on the Beautification Committee, please contact Cary at wisecaryj@gmail.com.

Community Involvement

Great things are happening in Highland! If you are interested in getting involved in community events, we are preparing now for 2021. We welcome families to volunteer together and have tasks for all ages and levels of experience. To get involved, email Corrine Prestwich at events@highlandcity.org. Planning begins in January for the Highland Fling and other activities.

YOUTH SPORTS & RECREATION PROGRAMS

OPEN TO HIGHLAND CITY RESIDENTS WITH NO ADDITIONAL FEES

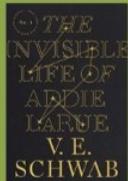
VISIT CEDARHILLS.ORG / RECREATION TO FIND OUT MORE!

HIGHLAND LIBRARY HIGHLIGHTS

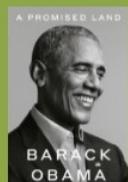
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WHAT'S NEW



The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue
by V.E. Schwab
A young woman makes a Faustian bargain to live forever, but never be remembered.



A Promised Land
Barack Obama tells the story of his improbable odyssey from young man to leader of the free world.

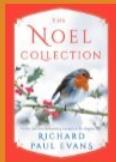


Show Me a Sign
by Ann Clare LeZotte
This historical novel explores prejudice through a deaf child.

FEATURED BOOKS

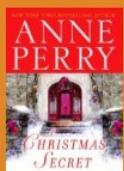
Cozy Christmas Reads

The Noel Collection
by Richard Paul Evans
Super sweet and clean romances to curl up with by the fire.



Christmas Sweets
by Joanne Fluke
Three holiday stories of mystery, murder, and romance.

A Christmas Secret
by Anne Perry
A holiday stay in a quaint village turns into a murder investigation.



RESOURCE OF THE MONTH

Looking for easy arts and crafts with video?

Creative Bug is available on our website and it is free for Library cardholders. It is a go-to resource for on-trend arts and crafts with instructional videos.

Download the App today!



WELCOME

Hours

Monday-Thursday 10AM-8PM

Friday 10AM-4PM

Saturday 12PM-4PM

Closed Sunday

Visit our website at www.highlandcitylibrary.org

Holiday Hours-12/24-26 Closed 12/31 Close at 4PM



HIGHLAND CITY LIBRARY PROGRAMS

Creative Bug

Join us this month for a simple Christmas craft with Creative Bug, which is our featured resource of the month. Our Christmas craft kit will be available at the Library to take home and use with Creative Bug. Available while supplies last.

Elf on the Shelf

Come find Jingletoes! Grab your self-serve treat.

Kids Self-Serve Santa Workshop

December 14-23
Christmas Bookmark craft.

Virtual programs will continue December 1-11. Come to the library each week to pick up craft packets for all children's programs while supplies last. The online link for each program will be in the packet.

Baby Bookworms for ages 0-2

Story Time for ages 3-5

Packet will have link for regular story time. Our Highland City Library YouTube channel will have an additional video of letter of the week, puppets, and music.

Zoom Jr. Explorers' Club

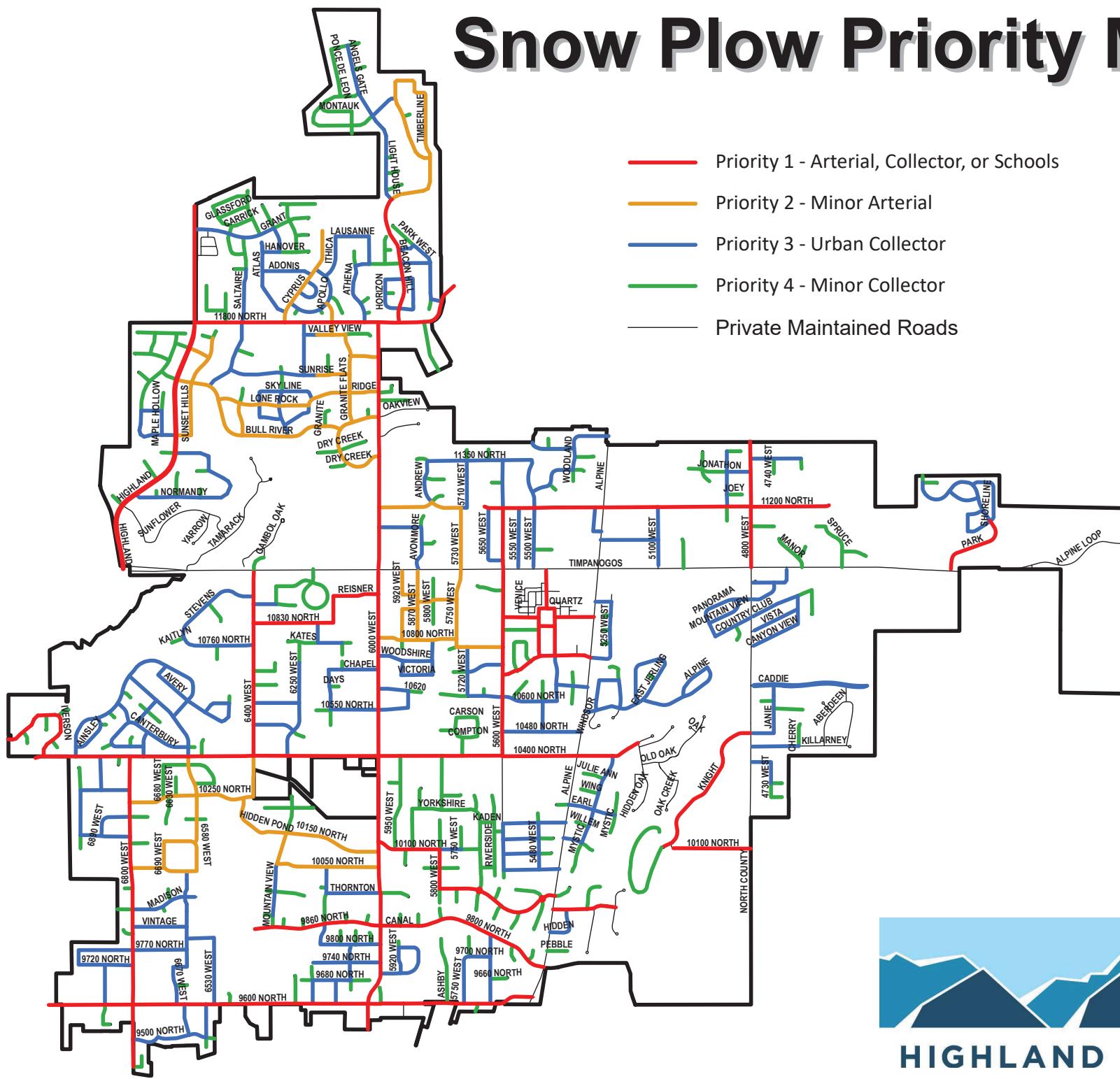
Thurs @ 4:00 pm for ages 6-8.

Tween STEAM

Take-home packets for ages 9-12.

No children's programs
December 14-31

Snow Plow Priority Map



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