



Mayor's Message

"The greatest achievement was at first and for a time a dream. The oak sleeps in the acorn; the bird waits in the egg; and in the highest vision of the soul, a waking angel stirs. Dreams are the seedlings of realities."—James Allen, *As a Man Thinketh*, 1902.

If last year was the year of road work for Highland, this year could very well be the year of construction. There are a number of projects queued up for administrative review or are already approved. Note, administrative decisions are those the Planning Commission and City Council review to ensure compliance with city code. Developers often welcome suggestions for improvements to their proposed project during the process. Here is a list of the some of the projects that either have been approved or will come to the Planning Commission/Council shortly.

- **Highland Market Place** (north of Taco Time and west of Blue Lemon). The proposed site plan includes a pad for retail space, an office building, two restaurants, and a potential grocer.
- **Lone Peak Village (north of Burt Brothers)** A two story 14,882 sq. ft. office building.
- **Ten Seven Hundred** (formerly AppleCreek, north of UCCU and south of Ace Hardware) 42 residential units. The projects also has plans for 23,000 sq ft of office/retail space.
- **Ridgeview** (land south of Lone Peak High School and north of the Murdock Canal). Phase 1, which is on the south side of the property, is under construction. New homes are expected to begin in late winter/early spring. When completed, this phase will include 265 homes and townhomes.

There are also several other smaller subdivisions that are under construction or will start this year. It will be a busy year for the planning and building departments. Public works and engineering will also have plenty to do. Road and trail maintenance will continue this year (we're in the fourth year of our seven-year road plan). We are working on two critical culinary water projects and there will be important sewer projects this year as well. I am amazed that our limited staff can juggle so many balls at once and am so grateful for their teamwork and perseverance.

What started as a dream over 40 years ago is now a home for thousands of families and businesses that serve us. Let's keep dreaming that our future may be bright.

Snow Removal Reminders

Do you feel like your road wasn't cleared well? The reason could have been cars parked along the side of the road. If roads aren't cleared of parked cars, trailers, basketball hoops, and other hazards, plows aren't able to safely clear that side of the road. 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. Please help us out by getting everything off the road. Check out <http://bit.ly/HC-snow> for more information including plowing priority, street parking, clearing driveways, sidewalk clearing, contact information, and more.

Off-Road Vehicles on City Parks

Recently staff has seen evidence of a large number of off-road vehicles driving on City parks. Whether individuals are pulling children along on sleds behind four-wheelers or doing donuts in their side-by-sides, it's causing damage beneath the snow. Not only does the grass get damaged, but sprinkler heads are being broken. Because we use commercial grade sprinkler heads, they are not inexpensive. Highland has estimated that our Parks Department spends about \$10,000 per year fixing broken sprinkler heads. Please help us protect our park resources and keep our costs down by not driving off-road vehicles on City parks.

CALENDAR

February 2: City Council Meeting*, 7:00PM, City Hall

February 10: Meet the Mayor, 7:00PM, information at www.facebook.com/mannforhighland/.

February 16: City Council Meeting*, 7:00PM, City Hall

February 23: Planning Commission*, 7:00PM, City Hall

March 1: Cemetery Cleanup

March 4: Sign-ups for Easter Egg Hunt kits open

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

HOLIDAY CLOSURES

The City Offices will be closed Monday, February 15 in honor of President's Day. Garbage service will not be impacted.

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

Sign up for email, text, and phone alerts from Highland City based on your interests at alerts.utahcounty.gov.

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>.

January 5

State Representative Brady Brammer gave an overview of the upcoming legislative session. One point of discussion was that the legislature plans to address how cities adopt fees and what those fees can be used for. Some legislation being discussed would require the City to convert the transportation and public safety fees to a property tax. The City will be closely monitoring this issue during the session and will provide updates as available.

An applicant requested a rezone of about 4 acres of property located at about 4697 W 11200 N from an R-1-40 to an R-1-30 zone to allow a 5-lot single family subdivision. The Council continued this item asking for additional information and discussion with nearby neighbors regarding the plan for Manor Drive.

The Council approved the preliminary plat for Beacon Hills Plat E Phase 1 and 2. This will be a 35-lot single family subdivision located at about 12150 North Beacon Hill Boulevard. The builder will finalize plans with staff before beginning construction.

The Council extended the moratorium on the sale of Open Space property for another four months or until a final determination is made regarding future policy on the disposal of Open Space property.

January 19

Council, staff, and residents discussed safety concerns about the intersection of 11800 N and Saltair Drive as there was an auto-pedestrian accident there recently. Staff is currently looking into what can be improved with the intersection and initially plans on putting in a painted stop bar on the road which will indicate where cars should stop.

The Council approved several construction contracts for improvement and repair work on various parts of the City's culinary water and PI systems. One impact will be additional pressure in pressurized irrigation to the northwest area of the City.

Mid-year budget adjustments for the current Fiscal Year were approved. Some example adjustments include an increase in sales tax revenue as the City has not seen the downturn in the economy initially expected due to the COVID pandemic, the replacement of a front-end loader and backhoe, the purchase of new traffic counters and speed radar equipment, increased spending on parks maintenance employees to try to better maintain Open Space, replacement of the Library book drop and public access computers, and urgent culinary well repairs.

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 removal will be on Monday, March 1. All perishable items will be discarded and items of a more permanent nature will be put in a storage facility on site for one week during which owners may claim items by making an appointment by calling 801-772-4515.

City Codes and Permits

Did you know Highland City Code requires permits to finish a basement, put in a fence, rent out a portion of your home, build a shed larger than 200 square feet, install a pool, and complete some remodels? These codes are in place to ensure the safety and aesthetic beauty of Highland now and for years to come. Do you have one of these projects planned? Call us at 801-756-5751 and staff will be happy to walk you through the permitting process.

Recycling Impact

In November 2020, Highland residents recycled 60 tons of cans, bottles, paper and cardboard in their curbside bins. Recycling these materials saves the following resources:

- 219 mature trees, which represents enough timber to produce 15,505,600 sheets of printing and copy paper.
- 164 cubic yards of landfill airspace which is enough airspace for the annual disposal needs for 187 people.
- 210,355 kilowatt hours of electricity, enough power to cover the annual electricity needs of 19 homes.
- 225,142 gallons of water, which saved enough water to meet the daily fresh water needs of 3,001 people.
- 217 metric tons of greenhouse gas emissions avoided.

Help us to continue to make a positive impact by recycling eligible material in your bin. Not sure what you can recycle? Visit bit.ly/HC-garbage_collection. Recycle clean bottles, cans, paper and cardboard. Keep food and liquid out of your recycling. DO NOT bag recyclables in plastic bags. Keep plastic bags and plastic film out of the recycling bins. They clog up the machines. Look for recycling collection for those at local retailers. Together we can keep our city clean and beautiful!

COVID-19 Vaccine Information

To stay up-to-date with the latest COVID-19 vaccination information, find out who can be vaccinated, where to go, or make an appointment, visit <https://coronavirus.utah.gov/vaccine/>.

YOUTH SPORTS & RECREATION PROGRAMS

OPEN TO HIGHLAND CITY RESIDENTS WITH NO ADDITIONAL FEES

VISIT CEDARHILLS.ORG/RECREATION TO FIND OUT MORE!



The Highland City Arts Council is looking forward to a new year! We are also looking to add some new faces to our board. If you are interested in serving on the Arts Council, call Shauna at 801-891-7183.

Rotating Art Displays Have you seen the artwork hanging in City Hall? The Art Council rotates these pieces seasonally. They are the work of local artists and often feature local and historical Highland scenes. If you would like to have your work displayed, please contact Shauna at 801-891-7183.

Timpanogos Ringers

We have limited openings for new ringers, but if you are interested, and you have a musical background and can read music, please email paige@ericksonfamily.com for more information. We rehearse Tuesday nights at the Arts Center, and we plan to have a concert in May.

We are looking for sponsors! Since our performances were cut short and we have to purchase more music and equipment to be able to social distance, our costs are up and our income is down. We could use a little help from the community. If you or your business would be willing to sponsor us in any way, please reach out to us, or to the Highland Arts Council. We would happily accept any donations. Thank you so much for your support!

Friends of the Library

Fill your house with stacks of books, in all the crannies and all the nooks." Dr. Seuss

If you are a book lover and love the idea of a home filled with books, the Friends of the Highland City Library would like to remind you that if your crannies and nooks have become too full, you can donate your used books to the Friends! We use these donations for used book sales and online sales using the monies earned to promote and support library projects and activities and to buy new materials. So you're not only cleaning out some crannies and nooks, but supporting our library as well!

Thanks to the hard work of two dedicated volunteers, we've made the book donation process a bit easier by installing a newly refurbished book donation drop box in the lobby of the Highland City office building next to the library. We accept paperback, hardcover, old and new books but please, no magazines! If you have a large donation, please contact one of the Friends on the Friends of the Highland City Library page on the Highland City Library website.

Youth Council Corner

The 2021 Highland Youth City Council was sworn into office on January 21. This group will spend the year serving the City by planning events and service projects, assisting with community projects, helping at the Highland Fling, and much more. They also learn more about government and the justice system. Watch for this great group of teens around the City!



Beautification Committee

The Beautification Committee would like to thank all those who volunteered during 2020. We all look forward to 2021. Please consider volunteering in our community. Start planning your spring planting and gardens now and take part in our Yard of the Month recognition! If you are interested in volunteering on the Beautification Committee, please contact Cary at wisecary@gmail.com.

Upcoming City Events

We are looking forward to the year ahead and the chance to be together more when possible. Many events are still up in the air, but we want you to save the date for some of the upcoming fun!

- **Drive-thru Easter Egg Hunt pick up—Saturday, March 27.** See the Easter Bunny as you pick up eggs and other treats to have your own hunt at home. Sign-ups open on March 4 on the city website.
- **Highland Fling—August 2-7.** Details to come.
- **Senior Citizen Appreciation Dinner—September 16**

All events will be carried out in accordance with local health policies and may be altered to protect the health and well-being of our community members. We are excited to celebrate with our neighbors!

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 homeschoolers! 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.

HIGHLAND LIBRARY HIGHLIGHTS

FEBRUARY 2021



WHAT'S NEW



Frontier Follies: Adventures in Marriage and Motherhood in the Middle of Nowhere by Ree Drummond
Hilarious stories on marriage, motherhood, and country life.



Brother's Keeper by Julie Lee
A harrowing story of two children trying to escape North Korea.



One by One by Ruth Ware
A suspenseful thriller set on a snow-covered mountain.

FEATURED BOOKS

Clean Romance

Promised by Leah Garriott

In this regency romance, Margaret is determined never to fall in love...until she meets Sir Williams.



An Hour Unspent by Roseanne White
Set in 1915, this is part spy novel, part clean romance.

A Noble Masquerade

by Kirsti Hunter
Another clean regency era romance, the first in a delightful series.



RESOURCE OF THE MONTH



Thinking of starting a business?

EBSCO Small Business Reference Center offers exclusive full text for many top consumer small business reference books, as well as tools to address many small business topics. It includes business videos, a help and advice section and details on how to create business plans. Available with your Highland City Library card.

WELCOME

Hours

Monday-Thursday 10AM-8PM

Friday 10AM-4PM

Saturday 12PM-4PM

Closed Sunday

Visit our website at www.highlandcitylibrary.org



Closed February 15, 2021 for Presidents' Day.

HIGHLAND CITY LIBRARY PROGRAMS

Winter Reading

Challenge

Ages 0-18 and no registration is required. Pick up reading chart at the library. Get ready for some great prizes. Reading challenge goes until end of February. Highland City Library cardholders only.

Blind Date with a Book Feb 1-14

Time to snuggle up with a book you know nothing about.

Black History Month

Display and booklists available. Watch for video reviews from Library staff.

Regular programs in February. Check the library website for up-to-date details. Registration required.

Baby Bookworms for ages 0-2

Fridays @ 10:15 AM

Story Time for ages 3-5

Tues and Thurs @ 11AM. Our Highland City Library YouTube channel will have an additional story time with puppets and music.

Jr. Explorers' Club (hybrid)

Thurs @ 4PM & 5PM (zoom) ages 6-8

In Be TWEEN

Tues @ 4PM for ages 9-12

Parent/Child Book Club

Ghost by Jason Reynolds.
February 17 @ 6:30 PM for ages 9-12. Lively book discussion and craft.

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