

Mayor's Message

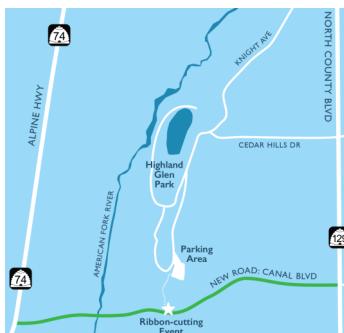
Thank you to everyone who participated in our 2021 City Survey. We started the annual survey in 2016. The results were reviewed in the April 20 Council meeting. You can watch the presentation on our city's YouTube channel (<http://bit.ly/HC-youtube>). It starts at minute 21. Here are some highlights:

- 1,270 residents completed the survey, the most ever.
- The quality of life rating was the highest recorded 3.6 out of 4.
- Roads received a rating of 2.4 out of 4, also, the highest recorded. In 2016, 48% of residents rated road maintenance poor (1). This year 21% gave roads a poor rating.
- 64.4% of residents plan on living in Highland for 20 or more years (79.9% for 10 or more)
- There are 27 service ratings that we compare year over year. Of those, 7 had a slight drop, 8 increased, and 12 remained the same.

Relative to roads, we have some updates. At 1:00 PM on May 15, the Canal Blvd extension between Alpine Hwy and North County Blvd will open! As of today, we still hope that we can complete the widening and repair of 6800 W from 9600 N south to American Fork. There are a couple of property acquisitions that still need to be resolved which could push this into next year. A rebuild of Country Club drive from Alpine Hwy to the church was scheduled for this summer, but because of a needed sewer line upgrade, will be postponed to next year.

Please remember to be frugal in your use of pressurized irrigation water this year. Thanks for all you do to make Highland a wonderful place to live.

Canal Boulevard Grand Opening



Come celebrate the completion Canal Boulevard on Saturday, May 15! The ribbon cutting ceremony will be at 9:30 AM, followed by the Roll & Stroll Car Show and Tour 10:00 AM-12:00 PM. Walk, run, roll, scoot, or skate on the road before it is open to traffic and check out the car show while you are there. The road officially opens at 1:00 PM. If you would like to bring a car to the car show, please email events@highlandcity.org.

Event parking is available at the trailhead as shown on the map. Limited parking is available on the east end of Canal Blvd. Enter from North County Boulevard and follow parking directions.

This road is an important connection for local and regional transportation and improves safety and convenience for our community. It has been in the works for over 40 years and was made possible by the cooperation of state, county, and local efforts. We want to recognize the work of all those who have helped make this road a reality.

Spring Highlights in Highland

Tree Sale May 1 for residents only from 8:00 am– 2:00 PM & May 8 from 8:00 am– 12:00 PM in the lot east of the police station, 10700 North 5400 West. Trees and prices at www.HighlandCity.org one week prior to the sale.

City Clean-Up May 14 & 15 from 8:00AM—5:00PM at the parking lot at the mouth of American Fork Canyon. Please bring proof of residency. Dumpsters will be available to dispose of metal, wood, and household waste. No green waste or hazardous waste will be accepted. Green Waste should be taken directly to [North Point Solid Waste Transfer Station](http://www.NorthPointSolidWasteTransferStation.com).



HIGHLAND CITY

CALENDAR

May 1: Tree Planting at Town Center Meadows Park, 8:00 AM

May 1: Tree Sale 8:00 AM- 2:00 PM, residents only

May 4: City Council Meeting*, 7:00PM, City Hall

May 8: Tree Sale 8:00 AM- 12:00 PM, open to all

May 12: Meet the Mayor, 7:00PM, <https://bit.ly/mm-youtube-videos>

May 14 & 15: Spring Clean-up 8:00 AM-500 PM, parking lot at mouth of American Fork Canyon

May 15: Grand Opening of Canal Blvd. 9:30 AM Program, 10 AM - 12 PM Roll & Stroll and Car Show

May 18: City Council Meeting*, 7:00PM, City Hall

May 25: Planning Commission*, 7:00PM, City Hall

May 31: Memorial Day. City offices closed. Garbage pickup delayed by one day this week.

*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 & 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.

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>.

March 30

The City Council approved the final plat for Highland Marketplace Phase 2. This property, located in the empty field north of CVS and west of Blue Lemon, was approved for 5 commercial buildings. The developer is working with staff on construction plans and will begin site work shortly.

City Council approved going out to bid for phase I of Mountain Ridge Park. Phase I is expected to include the first phase of an all abilities playground, restrooms, 4 pickleball courts, and a parking lot. The project will go out to bid once construction drawings are complete. Due to the current market, it's likely that construction will not start until 2022.

For the past few months, the Mayor and City Council have investigated the idea of partnering with a private entity to redevelop the Utah County Equestrian Property located near the Costco in Lehi. Due to concerns and unknowns with potential costs and ongoing maintenance needs, the Council decided to not move forward with the potential partnership. The Utah County Commission is still deciding what to do with the property moving forward.

April 20

City Council approved the Site Plan and Final Plat for a new retail building located north west of Meiers. This construction will also result in some reconfiguration of the traffic flow and parking of the entire retail area including the parking lots for Fizz and Wendy's.

City Council also approved the Final Plat for a residential and commercial project north and west of the Utah Community Credit Union. The project includes 42 residential units including villas, twin homes, and brownstones and 2 commercial buildings. The developer is working with staff on construction plans and will begin site work shortly.

The City Council and staff had a discussion about potential enacting a Recreation, Arts, and Parks (RAP) Tax. RAP taxes are 0.01% sales tax (one cent for every \$10 spent) whose funds must be dedicated to cultural, recreational, and zoological facilities. To be enacted, RAP Taxes must be approved by voters in an election. Staff will continue to research the possibility and potential uses and bring information back to City Council. In order for the RAP tax to go on the ballot this November, the City must notify Utah County of our interest by the end of May.

Staff and Council continued discussing the potential of building a new Park Maintenance Building north of the Community Center. The building would be concrete and metal and approximately 80 feet long and 50 feet wide. The building would be used for storage and parks staff would use the basement of the Community Center for office and breakrooms. As a part of the construction, the existing parking lot would be extended and a concrete panel wall and landscaping would be installed to surround the new building. Staff will continue working on construction plans before getting bids on the project and bringing it back to City Council for approval.

Open Space and Orphan Property Disposal

For some time, City Council has discussed what to do regarding Open Space orphan properties. Recently, the Council has created a set of criteria to determine whether a parcel of City-owned property is "sellable." Based on this criteria, Council has determined seven properties that are sellable. These properties and the list of criteria can be found at <http://bit.ly/HC-property>.

The Council is also allowing residents to submit requests for Open Space and orphan parcels that they would like to purchase that are not on the pre-determined list.

If you would like to purchase a piece of open space adjacent to your property that is not on the pre-determined list, please send in your request including your name, address, contact information, an aerial image of the land you would like to purchase, and a short narrative explaining why the piece follows the criteria set forth by the City Council. Requests are due May 20 and should be emailed to kbronson@highlandcity.org.

All requests will be evaluated by a Council subcommittee and then presented to the full Council. If you have any additional questions, please call Kellie at (801) 772-4506.

Pressurized Irrigation Water

The pressurized irrigation system is up and running for the season. The weather had been mild enough that little irrigation is needed so far. When you are watering, please be water wise and remember the city guidelines:

- 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

For ideas about how to conserve water in your yard, visit slowtheflow.org/outdoor-tips/. Thank you for doing your part to help us conserve our valuable water resources.



We are excited to announce upcoming Arts Council classes and workshops! To register or for more information, please call Shauna at 801-891-7183 email shaunaholt@live.com.

Oil Painting Summer Workshops

Taught by Regan Reichert. Saturdays, 10 AM— 3 PM. \$75 per workshop, which includes lunch. May 8: Sunset Painting, June 12: Still Life, July 10: Portrait Painting, August 14: Pleine Air. Regan will also be teaching a weekly drawing class on Wednesdays, 7-9 PM.

Basic Watercolor Class for Adults

Taught by Shauna Holt Larson. We explore the methods for doing backgrounds and basic techniques for achieving texture and value in your watercolors. Fee: \$15 a week.

Upcoming Programs

- Summer Youth Theatre Workshop
- Carl Purcell Master Art Workshop
- Children's Choir
- After School Art Club (Coming this Fall)
- Friends of Art- bring a project, join us for lunch and visiting. Dates TBA
- Highland Quilting and Fiber Arts

Timpanogos Ringers present a handbell choir concert "At the Movies," an outdoor concert for the whole family. May 14, 7:00 PM at 4768 W. Stoney Brook Lane. Bring chairs or blankets for seating.

Friends of the Library

You can't buy happiness but you can buy books and that's kind of the same thing. If you agree with that sentiment, mark your calendars for the Friends of the Highland City Library's first giant book sale of 2021! The book sale will be in the Highland City Council Chambers **Saturday May 22 and Monday May 24**. Our Early Bird Sale, for members of the Friends of the Library, will be on Saturday from 11 AM—12 PM. The sale opens to the general public from 12 - 4 PM. On Monday, the sale will continue from 10 AM - 7 PM. Prices are \$1 for hardcover books and 50 cents for soft cover. Many books are in like new condition and proceeds are used to support library programs. If you have books to donate, please visit our book donation bin located in the lobby next to the library.

YOUTH SPORTS & RECREATION PROGRAMS

OPEN TO HIGHLAND CITY RESIDENTS WITH NO ADDITIONAL FEES

VISIT CEDARHILLS.ORG/RECREATION TO FIND OUT MORE!

Youth Council Corner

We have been busy helping distribute fliers about water conservation efforts in the City. We have also been learning about local government operations and taking part in some of the activities that keep our city running smoothly. We look forward to seeing you at the Tree Planting and City Clean-up in May!



Beautification Committee

The Beautification Committee would like to recognize Darren and Shawntele Mc Gary's yard as the Yard of the Month for April. They have a beautiful yard and both work very hard to make it look so good. Please let them know that you appreciate all of the work that they put into making their yard beautiful. Visit this gorgeous yard at 6823 W 10205 N. This month's Yard of the Month winners received a \$25 Home Depot gift card and 2 bags of Oakdell Egg Farm Compost. We very much appreciate all of the nominations we receive. Please send your nominations to wisecaryj@gmail.com

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.

Volunteers in Police Service

We are excited to announce we will be launching a "Volunteers In Police Service" (VIPS) program. VIPS will allow citizens to offer their time to assist us in providing certain services to both Alpine and Highland. VIPS are highly trained individuals who act as an extra set of eyes and ears for the Police Department by performing Mobile Patrol shifts and reporting any suspicious activity to patrol personnel on duty. VIPS always patrol in a designated patrol vehicle that is equipped with a radio and laptop that is assigned to the Lone Peak Police Department.

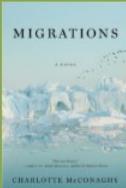
To apply to be a member of VIPS, go to lonepeakpolice.com/employment or pick up an application at the Police Department. You must go through an application, interview, and background check process. Volunteers can expect 40 hours of training prior to the start of your volunteer position as well as ongoing monthly training.

HIGHLAND LIBRARY HIGHLIGHTS

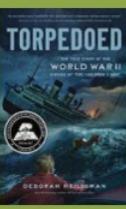
MAY 2021



WHAT'S NEW



Migrations by Charlotte McConaghy. Franny leaves everything to follow a dying species, but can't escape her secrets.



Torpedoed by Deborah Heiligman. A true account of the attack of the WWII children's passenger ship. (ages 9-12)



Real by Carol Cujec. A nonverbal autistic girl stands up for herself and others after she finds a way to communicate. (ages 8-12)

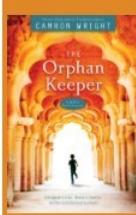
FEATURED BOOKS

Books by Utah Authors

Getting Even by Clair Poulson. Joe Whalen finds himself as the chief suspect of a grisly murder.



The Orphan Keeper by Cameron Wright. A 7-year old boy is kidnaped in India and sold to a couple in the US.



Virga & Bone by Craig Childs. Short contemplative essays. "Utah Reads" book for this summer.



WELCOME

Hours

Monday-Thursday 10AM-8PM

Friday 10AM-4PM

Saturday 12PM-4PM

Closed Sunday Closed May 31 for Holiday

Visit our website at www.hIGHLANDCITYLIBRARY.ORG



RESOURCE OF THE MONTH

We think Libby is the simplest way to start reading ebooks and audiobooks from our library. Libby is an app available on the App Store and Google Play. You can read across devices, listen in your car and send to your Kindle. All this for free with your Highland City Library card!



Meet Libby.

The app for ebooks and audiobooks

HIGHLAND CITY LIBRARY PROGRAMS

Cinco de Mayo

Enter drawing by May 5th for a Chili's gift card.

Creative Bug Mother's Day Take-Home Craft

May 3-8 for the Moms of our Library. One per household while supplies last and free with your library card.

One Book, One Utah

Celebrating Utah Authors. Join the Utah Statehood Celebration. Information @Thrive125.utah.gov/one-book-one-utah

Friends of The Library

Used Book Sale

Saturday, May 22 & Monday, May 24

Summer Reading Program

Kickoff May 26-29.

Pick up your Summer Reading charts early and grab a prize! For ALL ages. Library card required.

Tails and Tales June 1-31

Join us for our annual Highland Library Summer Reading program. Small weekly prizes ages 0-17. Age level final prizes available August 2-7. We will have Sunshine Stories, Critter Crafts, Writers Group and Craft Club! All information will be on our website.

Scholastic Book Fair at

The Library June 1-7

Fundraiser for Children's materials.

www.hIGHLANDCITYLIBRARY.ORG



2021 HIGHLAND CITY MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS



Highland City will have the Mayoral seat and 2 City Council seats open this election.

Each seat is for a 4-year term that will begin January 1, 2022.

The General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 2, 2021.

If needed, a Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, August 10, 2021.

CONSIDER SERVING YOUR COMMUNITY BY RUNNING FOR OFFICE

CANDIDATE FILING PERIOD

Tuesday - Friday, June 1-4, 2021 and Monday, June 7, 2021
8:00 am to 5:00 pm

Individuals must file a Declaration of Candidacy, in person*, with the City Recorder at 5400 West Civic Center Drive, Highland, UT.

*Individuals who are out of the state during the entire filing period, please call (801) 772-4505 for instructions.

Candidates must also pay a \$35 filing fee.

Qualifications for Office

- Registered voter
- Resident of Highland for at least 12 consecutive months immediately before the election

Register to Vote!

Highland City has contracted with Utah County to administer the election. Look for further information as election day draws closer.

Register online at Vote.Utah.gov or Call Utah County at (801) 851-8128

In order to become registered, you must:

- be a citizen of the United States
- have resided in Utah at least 30 days immediately before the next election
- be at least 18 years old on or before the next election

For any questions, please contact the City Recorder, Stephannie Cottle, at (801) 772-4505 or by email at scottle@highlandcity.org.

Utility Rate Study and Culinary Water Increase

For the past few months, the Highland City Council has been working on updating the City's Master and Maintenance Plans for our utility systems including culinary water, pressurized irrigation, sewer, and storm drain. *These updates ensure that the City's utility systems are maintained and upgraded appropriately so that services continue to run smoothly for Highland residents now and in the future.*

While updating these plans, the City found that there is a need for a new culinary water well. As growth has occurred in Highland and surrounding areas, ground water has gone deeper and one of our wells that was first dug in 1986 is no longer able to reach current ground water levels. Digging this well deeper will allow the City to bring this well back online and again use it to provide drinking water to the City.

If the City moved forward with this well project in addition to the standard system maintenance, the Culinary Water Fund would run out of funds by 2023 without a revenue increase. As a result, the City Council is considering raising culinary water rates. *This increase would mean most Highland residents would see a monthly increase of \$3.67 on their utility bill* (see table below for rate details). This increase will allow the City to continue with needed maintenance and capital projects in our culinary system so that we can continue to deliver clean drinking water to residents.

Residential Culinary Water Rate	Current	Proposed	Difference (monthly)
Base (0-5,999 gallons)	\$12.24	\$15.91	\$3.67
Overage (6,000-15,999 gallons)	\$0.78 per thousand gallons	\$1.01 per thousand gallons	\$0.23
Overage (16,000+ gallons)	\$2.04 per thousand gallons	\$2.65 per thousand gallons	\$0.61

The plan updates showed that the pressurized irrigation, sewer, and storm drain funds all have the appropriate amount of funding to keep up on the proper maintenance and capital projects. As such, no increases are being considered for any of those funds.

Highland has not raised any utility rates since the 2016 Utility Rate Study. *Even with this increase, Highland's rate will be the lowest of surrounding cities' and over \$6 per month less than the average of the Alpine, American Fork, Cedar Hills, Highland's proposed, Lehi, and Pleasant Grove rates. (see right)*

The City Council will continue discussing this proposal at the May 18 City Council meeting. If adopted, the new culinary rate would take effect on the July utility bill. For more information about the potential rate change, please visit www.HighlandCity.org or call 801-756-5751.

