

## Mayor's Message

*"If the individual should set out for a single day to give Happiness, to make life happier, brighter and sweeter, not for himself, but for others, he would find a wondrous revelation of what Happiness really is."— William George Jordan, *The Majesty of Calmness*, 1900*

This June is an auspicious month. It marks the beginning of summer, the start of the local election campaign season, and it is also the home of half-Christmas, which for me is the day I can begin to play carols again (much to the chagrin of our city administrator).

In the spirit of Christmas I would like to challenge everyone to follow the council of Mr. Jordan and make Friday, June 25th a day where we set out *"to make life happier, brighter, and sweeter ... for others."* All who participate can drop by the city office the following week and pick up a copy of Jordan's book the *Majesty of Calmness* at the counter. This will be my gift to you for making someone else's day brighter.

Here's a tidbit from the 2021 city survey. The following three topics received the most comments. Over the next three months I will use my column to cover each one.

- Taxes and Fees
- Parks and Trails
- Roads

I want to thank the Highland residents who participated in the Canal Blvd (east-west connector) opening celebration. Over 700 residents enjoyed a classic/exotic car show, food trucks, and were able to walk, run, skate, and ride on the new road before it was opened to traffic. Our city Facebook page has a number of pictures from the event. Thanks are also due to our city engineer and the staff who helped make this road a reality and to Corrine and Miranda, our event staff, who organized the celebration.

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.

## Water Conservation Efforts

In order to stretch our water supply through the summer months, we all need to be water wise. Here are some tips from [slowtheflow.org](http://slowtheflow.org). See their website for rebates, current lawn water guides, and other tools for water conservation.

- Eliminating just one watering can save about 3,000 gallons for the average quarter-acre Utah yard with .17 acres of green space.
- Don't over-water your plants. More plants die from over-watering than under-watering. Drowning your vegetation will shorten its life.
- Adjust your mower height to a higher setting. Longer grass shades your root system and holds moisture for a healthier, greener lawn.
- Pull your weeds. They syphon water from healthy plants and shrubs. Fewer weeds means less water use for your landscape.
- Fix leaks. A leaky faucet can waste thousands of gallons of water and increase your water bill. Keep your plumbing updated and free of unnecessary leaks and drips.
- Add mulch to your garden. Organic mulch can help reduce evaporation around plants and shrubs. Use a drip irrigation system for less water waste and maximum effect.



**HIGHLAND CITY**

## CALENDAR

June 1: City Council Meeting\*, 7:00PM, City Hall

June 1-4, June 7: Candidate Filing Period, 8:00AM- 5:00PM, City Hall

June 9: Meet the Mayor, 7:00PM, <https://bit.ly/mm-youtube-videos>

June 15: City Council Meeting\*, 7:00PM, City Hall

June 22: Planning Commission\*, 7:00PM, 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 & 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)

Sign up for email, text, and phone alerts from Highland City based on your interests at [alerts.utahcounty.gov](http://alerts.utahcounty.gov).



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## 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>.

### May 4

City Council approved a bid for the 2021 Sewer Lining project for the Hidden Oaks Subdivision from Insituform in the amount of \$115,687.

The preliminary plat was approved for Sunrise Farms, a proposed 10-lot single family subdivision to be built by Patterson Development.

Council approved a purchase agreement of surplus property to WPI for development of a commercial retail building. The land is expected to improve access to and travel around the parking lot of Meier's, Fiiz, and other businesses in the area. Plans were discussed on how to reconfigure the parking lot and drive lanes to improve traffic flow and vehicle stacking.

### May 18

Council voted to approve an increase in culinary water rates beginning July 1, 2021. This equates to a \$3.67 increase in the monthly residential base rate and overage rates will increase by 30%.

Council adopted changes to the Fences, Wall and Hedges section of the Highland City Development Code (Section 3-612). The changes determine how tall a fence sitting atop a retaining wall or berm may be. This applies to those seeking new fence or wall permits, but no changes need to be made to existing structures. The code changes also clarify fence height in front yards, on corner properties and in sight triangles at intersections, making it easier to understand and apply the requirements for all.

The RAP Tax process will continue. The RAP Tax item will be placed on the November 2021 ballot. This Recreation, Arts and Park Tax would raise money to fund local needs such as trails, Arts Council, and recreation programs. It would be 0.1% on eligible purchases. It was discussed that most of the surrounding cities already have such a tax in place to fund these programs in their cities.

Council determined that the proceeds from the sale of open space property would go into an open space capital account so that the funds raised in these transactions will still benefit open space neighborhoods. Councilmembers felt that this money should be used for maintenance and repairs in these designated open space neighborhoods.

Bids were reviewed for the 2021 Road Rehabilitation Projects and the contract was awarded to Black Forest Paving. Staff will work with Black Forest to complete these projects.

## Public Hearing—Pressurized Irrigation Enterprise Fund

**Tuesday, June 15, 7:00 PM at City Hall**

The General Fund pays the Pressurized Irrigation (PI) Fund \$108,000 per year to water the approximately 179 acres of parks, park strip grass, and vegetation owned by the City. It is proposed that the PI Fund do a transfer of funds back into the General Fund in the amount of \$108,000 to make the General Fund whole for this cost. The purpose of this hearing is to notify the public of this proposal. The \$108,000 represents 3% of the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 budgeted expenses of the PI Fund.

## Quarterly Cemetery Clean Up

On Monday, June 14, 2021, ALL decorations will be cleared from the graves at the Highland City Cemetery, including real and artificial decorations, trinkets, ornaments, lamps, shepherd hooks, etc. Please remove all decorations from your loved ones' graves prior to this day. You are welcome to return decorations after the clean up has been completed.

Decorations of a more permanent nature which are not removed by the owner will be placed in a Conex container, on site, and will be held for one week. Owners may claim decorations by appointment only. Please call Stephannie at (801)772-4505. Thank you for helping maintain a clean, beautiful, and peaceful environment at the cemetery.

## Be a Responsible Pet Owner

Raise your hand if you got a new pet during the quarantine. Here's a reminder for all pet owners. Please clean up pet waste when you are out walking in public areas. Our Parks Department has seen a major increase in pet messes, especially at Dry Creek Park and at the cemetery. Animals are not allowed in the cemetery except within a vehicle, per city code 13.48.190.

Please pick up after your animals. Do not leave plastic bags behind. Take them with you or dispose of them in garbage cans located in park pavilions. Do your duty when your dogs do theirs!

## Candidate Filing Period

Highland City has the Mayoral seat, and two City Council seats open this election. Each seat is a 4-year term that begins January 1, 2022. The General Election is on Tuesday, November 2, 2021. If needed, a Primary Election will be Tuesday, August 10. Consider serving your community by running for office. Candidate filing period is Tuesday- Friday, June 1-4 and Monday, June 7, 2021. File a Declaration of Candidacy in person at City Hall between 8 AM and 5PM. Candidates must pay a \$35 filing fee, must be a registered voter, and must have resided in Highland for at least 12 consecutive months immediately before the election.



### Highland City Fling Fine Art Show

Monday, August 2, 4-7 pm—**Registration** for youth art from Preschool - High-school

Tuesday, August 3, 4-7 pm—**Registration** of art for all adults

Thursday, August 5, 6-8 pm—**Reception** for artists and their families

Friday, August 6, 4-7 pm—**Art Show** open to the public

Saturday, August 7, 11 am-4 pm—**Art Show** open to the public



All activities at the Highland City Community Center

[Check website for entry fees and limits](#)

[highlandcityarts.com](http://highlandcityarts.com)

CALL Shauna for more information 801-891-7183



### Friends of the Library

Welcome to summer! It's a perfect time to visit the library, grab a stack of books and catch up on your reading. It's also the perfect time to announce that the Jake and Joleen Rees family have been chosen as the "Cedar Hills Library Patrons of the Year" for 2021. The Rees family have been exceptional supporters of the Highland City Library and over the years have checked out more than 3200 items! We invite you to learn more about the Rees family in an upcoming article which will soon be posted on the Highland City Library website and to watch for them in the Cedar Hills Family Festival parade on June 5th in Cedar Hills.

The Scholastic book fair will be held at the Highland City Library June 1-7th during regular library hours. It's one more way to find the perfect books to make the upcoming summer months even more enjoyable. Make the library part of your family's summer routine. There are so many fun and informative summer programs to look forward to. Visit the library web site to learn more.

### YOUTH SPORTS & RECREATION PROGRAMS

OPEN TO HIGHLAND CITY RESIDENTS WITH NO ADDITIONAL FEES

[VISIT CEDARHILLS.ORG/RECREATION TO FIND OUT MORE!](http://CEDARHILLS.ORG/RECREATION)

### Youth Council Corner

We have had the opportunity to serve the community in a variety of ways recently. Youth Council members helped with the Arbor Day Tree planting, helped with logistics for the Canal Boulevard grand opening and at the city clean up. We love being out in the city interacting with others and look forward to more of that with the Highland Fling. Come join us!



We also want to congratulate the class of 2021 on your graduation! Your high school years have been unlike anything we could have imagined, but you came through stronger and ready to tackle challenges that may come your way. We celebrate your accomplishments and resilience!

### Beautification Committee

The Beautification Committee would like to recognize Rose Marie and Steve Draney's yard as the Yard of the Month for June. They have a beautiful yard and both work extremely 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. You can see this gorgeous yard at 4816 W. 11300 N. in Highland. This Month's Yard of the Month winners received a \$25 Home Depot gift card. We very much appreciate all of the nominations we receive. Please send your nominations for Yard of the Month to [wisecaryj@gmail.com](mailto:wisecaryj@gmail.com)

### Highland Historical Society

The Highland Historical Society invites all to enjoy the newly-completed website. Please take some time to become familiar with your history at: <https://bit.ly/HC-history>. The museum will not be opened this summer on a regular basis but if you would like to visit, please call Charlie Greenland at 801-766-6624 to make an appointment for a personal tour. The Highland DUP Cabin will be open by appointment only. Please call Donna Kitchen for a small-group tour. 801-756-6579.

### Highland Fling August 2-7

Keep August 2-7 marked on your calendars for a fabulous week of fun! From the Kick-off Block Party BBQ on the 2nd to the "No Limits" concert and fireworks on the 7th, there will be something for everyone! Watch your mail mid-July for the Fling magazine or go online at [HighlandCityFling.com](http://HighlandCityFling.com) for all the week's happenings and to register for events. You can also follow us through the Highland City Facebook, Twitter or Instagram pages @HighlandCityFling.

We are still looking for volunteers to help in a variety of ways. Share your talents and contact us today at: [events@highlandcity.org](mailto:events@highlandcity.org)

# HIGHLAND LIBRARY HIGHLIGHTS

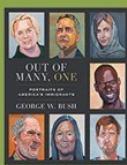
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## WHAT'S NEW



*The Elephant in the Room* by Holly Sloan. A story of family separation and the connection between animals and humans.



*Out of Many, One: Portraits of America's Immigrants* by George W. Bush. The inspiring journeys of immigrants.

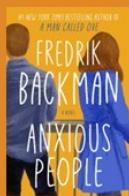


*Eternal* by Lisa Scottoline. A tale of loyalty, loss, family, food, love and war set in Rome in the shadow of fascism.

## FEATURED BOOKS

### Books With Father Figures

*All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr. Maurie-Laure's father lovingly teaches her the skills she needs to survive WWII.



*Anxious People* by Fredrik Backman. Father and son police officers show their love and respect for each other.

*The Wright Brothers* by David McCullough. Behind the famous brothers was a kind and supportive father.



## WELCOME

### Hours

Monday-Thursday 10AM-8PM

Friday 10AM-4PM

Saturday 12PM-4PM

Closed Sunday

Visit our website at [www.hIGHLANDCITYLIBRARY.ORG](http://www.hIGHLANDCITYLIBRARY.ORG)



## RESOURCE OF THE MONTH

It's too good to be true so introducing our favorite app two months in a row! 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!



## HIGHLAND CITY LIBRARY PROGRAMS

### Tails and Tales

Join us for our annual Highland Library Summer Reading program. All ages are invited! Small weekly prizes ages 0-17. Age level final prizes available August 2-7. Show your Highland City Library card to receive your reading log.

Scholastic Book Fair at The Library June 1-7  
Fundraiser for children's materials.

Stuffed Animal Sleepover at the Library June 18-19  
Stuffed animals need fun sleepovers too! Details on website.

### SUNSHINE STORIES: ages 0-5

Wednesdays @ 10-10:30AM  
Stories and crafts\*  
NE Library lawn

CRITTER CRAFTS\*: ages 6-11  
Wednesdays @ 10:30-11:30AM  
NW Library lawn

TEEN WRITERS GROUP & CRAFT CLUB\*: ages 12-17  
Thursdays @ 4PM  
Classes alternate every other week. Held in Highland City Council Chambers room.

\*LIBRARY CARD REQUIRED FOR CRAFTS

Parent/Child Book Club  
June 16 @ 6:30PM. The book is *Redwall*. Register online.

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