

## Mayor's Message

*"We, therefore, the Representatives of the united States of America, in General Congress, Assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the Name, and by Authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly publish and declare, That these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be Free and Independent States; ... And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor."—Declaration of Independence by the thirteen united States of America, July 4, 1776*

This month we commemorate both the birth of our nation on Independence Day and the entry of the pioneers into the Salt Lake Valley on Pioneer Day. Much sacrifice and personal suffering, including the loss of life, separation of families, and forfeiture of wealth, led to the creation of a great nation and wonderful state.

Our country has been a bed of innovation that has helped change the world. Our Constitution led the way to establish free governments throughout the world. Our state now leads the nation in many categories related to economic opportunity.

The beautiful city we live in and our fortunate circumstances were made possible by the hardships endured by those involved in the founding of our nation and state. This month let us take the time to learn more about them and share what we learn with those around us. Let us show our gratitude for the many sacrifices made that we cannot repay by turning our attention to others in our community, state, nation, and the world. Hint: during Highland Fling week, August 2-7, there will be organized service projects that we all can participate in.

Let me close this message with this thought from Dr. Benjamin Rush, a signer of the Declaration of Independence: *"Patriotism is as much a virtue as justice, and is as necessary for the support of societies as natural affection is for the support of families. The Amor Patriae [love of one's country] is both a moral and a religious duty. It comprehends not only the love of our neighbors but of millions of our fellow creatures, not only of the present but of future generations. This virtue we find constitutes a part of the first characters of history."*

## Water Rate Change

As a reminder, you will notice a change to the water rate on your utility bill beginning this month. After an extensive study to update our Utility System Master and Maintenance plans, the City found that there is a need for a new culinary water well. In order to fund this improvement so that the City can continue to deliver clean drinking water to residents, City Council increased the base rate for culinary water by \$3.67 per month to \$15.91. Council also increased rates for water used over the base of 6,000 gallons by 30%. Most Highland homes use less than 6,000 gallons of culinary water per month and as such only pay the base rate of \$15.91 for culinary water.

Highland has not raised any utility rates since the 2016 Utility Rate Study and even with this increase, Highland's rate will be the lowest of surrounding cities' and over \$6 per month less than the average of surrounding cities. For more information on the study and rate change, please visit <http://bit.ly/HC-ratestudy-21>.



## HIGHLAND CITY

### CALENDAR

July 6: City Council Meeting\*, 7:00PM, City Hall

July 14: Meet the Mayor, 7:00PM, <https://bit.ly/mm-youtube-videos>

July 15: Candidate Debate, 7:00PM, City Hall

July 20: City Council Meeting\*, 7:00PM, City Hall

July 27: Planning Commission\*, 7:00PM, City Hall

Aug 2-7: Highland Fling- see insert for schedule and details

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

### HOLIDAY CLOSURES & DELAYS

All City Offices closed July 5 in honor of Independence Day. Garbage services will be delayed one day that week.

### 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



## 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>.

### June 1

City Council approved contracts for road preservation and road reconstruction projects throughout the City. More information on these and all the 2021 road projects is available at [www.HighlandCity.org](http://www.HighlandCity.org).

City Council set the rate for the sale of orphan Open Space property at \$2.74 per square foot. This rate will remain in effect through 2021 for any Open Space properties the Council decides to surplus. See the June 15 Council Brief for more Council action on Open Space.

### June 15

City Council considered requests and proposals to dispose of a number of open space properties throughout the City. Ultimately, the Council voted to surplus properties to 49 homes and deferred the decision of whether to sell property to 16 other homes to another date. Through this process, some requests for disposal were amended by the Council by reducing the square footage to protect an easement or preserve parks or the open space feel, etc. In each case, Council weighed the disposal request by the criteria set forth in the Orphan Property Disposal Policy adopted by the City Council.

City Council approved the Fiscal Year 2022 budget which will run from July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022. Some of the highlights include:

- Total General Fund Budget of about \$10.7 million.
- \$100,000 to continue rehabilitating sewer pipes in the Pheasant Hollow and Hidden Oaks subdivisions.
- \$1,200,000 to build a new pump station to bring pressurized irrigation water in from the Murdock Canal.
- \$150,000 dedicated for playground equipment replacement and an additional \$150,000 for tree replacement throughout the City.
- \$167,000 set aside to complete the construction of the Mitchell Hollow trail. The trail will be constructed as a part of the Hollows Subdivision and will overlook the wildlife area.

## Highland Historical Society

The Historical Society invites all to visit the DUP Cabin and the Highland Museum during the Highland Fling. Both will be open for tours on Saturday, August 7 from 11:00 am– 3:00 pm. If you would like to visit the museum at other times, please call Charlie Greenland at 801-766-6624. To tour the DUP Cabin other times, please call Donna Kitchen at 801-756-6579. Learn about the history of Highland anytime by visiting our website, <https://bit.ly/HC-history>.

## Fireworks Restrictions

For the month of July, state law allows fireworks to be shot from July 2-July 5 and July 22-July 25 from 11:00AM - 11:00PM except on July 4 and July 24 where the hours extend to midnight.

Due to extreme fire danger, fireworks are prohibited in certain areas of Highland including: Beacon Hills Subdivision; Bull River Subdivision, drainage areas, and surrounding property; Chambery Fields Subdivision; City owned homes on Pheasant Drive; Country French Subdivision; Dry Creek Highland Subdivision and drainage areas; Hidden Oaks Subdivision; Highland Glen Park; Highland Hills Subdivision; Highland Hollow Subdivision and drainage areas; Highland Oaks Subdivision; homes abutting Highland Hollow and drainage area in the Highland Hollow and Canterbury North subdivision; Hunter Ridge Subdivision; Lone Peak High School; Meadow Lane; Mercer Hollow Subdivision; Mitchell Hollow Park and drainage areas; Mountain Ridge Park; Mouth of American Fork Canyon; Oak Ridge subdivision; open field south of Mitchell Hollow Park; Pheasant Hollow Park; Skye Estates Subdivision; State owned property south of Lone Peak High School; Sterling Pointe Subdivision; Sunset Mountain Properties; Town Center Splash Pad; View Point Subdivision; west side of 10150 North; and Westfield Cove Subdivision. A map of these restrictions is available at <http://bit.ly/HC-FireDept>.

In addition to Highland City's bans, fireworks are never allowed on US Forest Service (including American Fork Canyon), BLM, or National Park land. See a map of statewide firework restrictions at [UtahFireInfo.gov](http://UtahFireInfo.gov).

## 2021 Municipal Elections & Candidate Debate

The following individuals are running for the two open City Council seats for the 2021 General Election: Sarah D. Petersen, Jerry Abbott, Scott L. Smith, Kathy Harding, Tina Grundmann, and Colby Gibson. Kurt Ostler is the only individual who has filed to run for the Mayor's seat.

The Highland Youth City Council is hosting a candidate debate on Thursday, July 15 at 7:00PM. Come and learn more about these candidates and what they think about issues that matter to you. Have a question you want the candidates to answer? Email it to [events@highlandcity.org](mailto:events@highlandcity.org). Questions are due on Sunday, July 11.

The Primary Election to narrow the field to four Council candidates will be held on Tuesday, August 10. Highland City has contracted with Utah County to run a Vote-by-Mail Municipal Election. Watch for your ballots to come in the mail the week of July 20. More election information can be found at [www.highlandcity.org](http://www.highlandcity.org) or [www.utahcounty.vote](http://www.utahcounty.vote) or by calling the Utah County Elections office at (801) 851-8128.



### 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



### PI Water Restrictions & Conservation

Due to the extreme drought the state is facing, Highland City is continuing to ask residents to conserve water. As staff has monitored water usage, we have seen a decrease and thank-you for doing your part to help.

Remember, to make it through this irrigation season and have storage for the future, we need to cut back on watering by 30%. So, if you normally set your sprinkler stations to 30 minutes, turn them back to 20 minutes. As you take these steps, you will see your lawn dry out a bit. That's ok. Grass is tough and will enter dormancy during times of drought and high temperatures and will recover when conditions improve. During an extreme drought, it's important to prioritize watering trees, shrubs, and perennials over annuals and grass.

When you do water, please remember to follow the watering schedule to ensure everyone has enough pressure to water so no drop is wasted:

- Even Addresses: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday
- Odd Addresses: Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday
- No watering on Sunday
- Water from 6:00 pm on the assigned day to 10:00 am the following day

Thank you for doing your part to help us continue to provide pressurized irrigation water to you and all your neighbors. Tips and information at [SlowTheFlow.org](http://SlowTheFlow.org) and [HighlandCity.org](http://HighlandCity.org).

### Youth Council Corner

We are excited to celebrate summer at the Youth Night event during the Highland Fling. We are sponsoring a Chalk Party on Friday, August 5 at 7pm at Town Center Meadows Park. The event is free and open to teens in 7-12 grade. Plus, free snow cones!



### Beautification Committee

The Beautification Committee would like to recognize Michelle Beckstead's yard as the Yard of the Month for July. Michelle works extremely hard to make it look so good. Let the Becksteads know that you appreciate all of the work they put in. See this gorgeous yard at 6349 W Hanover Way in Highland. This month's winner receives a \$25 Ace Hardware gift card. We very much appreciate all of the nominations we receive. Please send your nominations to [wisecaryj@gmail.com](mailto:wisecaryj@gmail.com).

### Highland Glen Park Vandalism

The City has seen a dramatic rise in the amount of vandalism taking place at Highland Glen Park and other locations since the beginning of the pandemic. In an effort to curb this, the City Council recently amended the park hours for Highland Glen Park to be dawn till dusk. City staff is in the process of installing gates near the entrance to the Park on Knight Avenue that will be locked during the park's closed hours. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding. If you have teenagers, please remind them that vandalism not only not damages City property, but also negatively impacts our City budget and our community atmosphere. If you live near City property, please help us monitor it and if you see anything suspicious, please call dispatch right away at 801-794-3970. If you know anything about any of the vandalism that has taken place, please call dispatch.

### Friends of the Library

We hope you will consider making visits to the Highland City Library a part of your summer routine. Our summer reading program is in full swing as well as storytime, programs for children, activities for teens and stacks full of books just waiting to be read. It's nice and cool inside so plan a visit to the library soon!

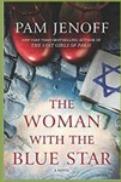
Summer also means city festivals, parades, and celebrations. We would like to thank all those who represented the Highland City Library in the Cedar Hills Family Festival parade. We look forward to the Highland Fling parade in August and encourage you to look for the Dannen and Claudia Bushman family who have been chosen as Highland City's library patrons of 2021. To learn more about the Bushmans, please read their story on the Highland City Library's web page. Enjoy your summer and we hope to see you at the library!

# HIGHLAND LIBRARY HIGHLIGHTS

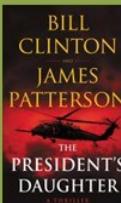
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## WHAT'S NEW



*The Woman with the Blue Star* by Pam Jenoff. Riveting tale of courage and unlikely friendship during WWII.



*The President's Daughter* by Bill Clinton and James Patterson. Nonstop drama, action and suspense.



*Zero Fail: The Rise and Fall of the Secret Service* by Carol Leonnig. Secrets, scandals, and shortcomings revealed.

## FEATURED BOOKS

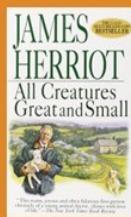
### Books about Animals

*Marley and Me*  
by John Grogan. A couple adopt a dog who teaches them about the nature of love and devotion.



*The Life of Pi*  
by Yann Martel. A teenage boy uses his insight to survive on a lifeboat with a Bengal tiger.

*All Creatures Great and Small* by James Herriot. Memoir of a country vet's love for people and animals of a small Scottish village.



## Hours

Monday-Thursday 10AM-8PM

Friday 10AM-4PM

Saturday 12PM-4PM

Closed Sunday

Closed July 5th and 24th

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



## WELCOME

## RESOURCE OF THE MONTH

Have you noticed our NEW Library Catalog upgrade?

Click on the links below the book summary to find author bios, read-alikes, reviews, age level, and more.



## 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 Library card to receive your reading log.

### "Show Off" Your Pet Show

Have you always wanted to see your pet on TV? Bring or email us a picture of your pet July 6-10. Come to library July 12-17 to see your pet in our made-for-TV Pet Show!

### Parent/Child Book Club

July 21 @ 6:30PM. The book is *Where the Mountain Meets the Moon*. Register 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.

\*HIGHLAND CITY LIBRARY CARD REQUIRED FOR CRAFTS

### REACH For The Magic

August 4 @ 4:00-7:00PM. End of Summer Reading Party. All families invited.

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