

## Mayor's Message

In October you will be receiving a ballot where you have the opportunity to vote for two city council members from the four candidates listed. They are asking for the privilege to spend five to twenty or more hours a week for four years making decisions that affect us now and years into the future.

Council members will make decisions on budgetary expenses totaling about \$90M over the course of their four-year term (+\$22M per year), zoning, park amenities, trails, road maintenance, and a variety of legal items.



Let me offer a few thoughts on personal characteristics that you can look for as you consider which candidates to support:

- They need to be someone whose judgement you can trust. Are they able to set aside self-interest when they vote? A council member will vote over 500 times during a four-year term. You can view all council votes since Jan 2018 here - <http://bit.ly/HC-CC-Voting-History>
- They will be making decisions on issues in areas where they are not experts. Look for someone who likes to learn, is willing to listen to multiple points of view, and is able to revise their opinion as they learn more about an issue.
- Council members often don't agree with each other, but need to work together. Can a candidate disagree without being disagreeable? Are they able to effectively debate issues? Can they compromise when that is called for?
- Residents will have strong opinions on issues and occasionally are unkind to those who don't agree. Showing civility in the face of incivility tends to de-escalate issues and helps take emotion out of decisions. Look for those who are gracious when others are not.
- Doing the right thing in the wrong way can generate a lot of negativity and is often worse than doing nothing. The "wrong way" usually means making big decisions in a way that is perceived to be non-transparent.
- Candidates that are patient and persistent will be able to move the ball forward on big issues.

Is there a perfect candidate? No. Are there candidates who are perfectly capable of doing an excellent job? Absolutely! Please take the time to get to know those who are running and support those you believe will be effective public servants over the next four years. Note, on September 17 we will celebrate the 234 anniversary of the signing of the US Constitution. Take a few minutes to review the Constitution and consider what steps you can take to help preserve it. Daniel Webster in 1832 had this to say about its importance:

*"Other misfortunes may be borne, or their effects overcome. If disastrous war should sweep our commerce from the ocean, another generation may renew it; if it exhaust our treasury, future industry may replenish it; if it desolate and lay waste our fields, still, under a new cultivation, they will grow green again, and ripen to future harvests. ... But who shall reconstruct the fabric of a demolished government? Who shall rear again the well proportioned columns of constitutional liberty? Who shall frame together the skillful architecture which unites national sovereignty with state rights, individual security, and public prosperity?"*



## HIGHLAND CITY

### CALENDAR

September 7: City Council Meeting\*, 7:00 pm, City Hall

September 8: Meet the Mayor, 7:00 pm, [facebook.com/RodforUtah](https://facebook.com/RodforUtah)

September 14: Mayor's Issues and Information Meeting—Mental Health, 7:00 pm, City Hall

September 17: Senior Citizen Dinner, 5:00 pm, City Hall

September 21: City Council Meeting\*, 7:00pm, City Hall

September 28: Planning Commission\*, 7:00 pm, City Hall

October 7: City Council Candidate Meet & Greet and Debate, 6:30 pm

\*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).

Check us out on Facebook and Twitter @HighlandCity

## Now Hiring!

Looking for a part-time or temporary job? Want to help your community by keeping Highland beautiful? The City is in need of Seasonal Parks workers to help maintain the nearly 350 acres the City owns. [www.highlandcity.org/Jobs](http://www.highlandcity.org/Jobs)

## Drought Response Tips

Utah is still experiencing one of the worst droughts on record. To do our part, Highland City has asked residents to cut back on outdoor watering by 30%. Initially, the City wasn't seeing much reduction, but more recently residents have cut back and to this point, we've used 9% less water this year in comparison to previous years. This is a great start, but we can all do better.

The City is asking residents to conserve water not just because we're in a historic drought, but also because we don't know what this winter will bring. Highland water users are currently on track to use up a good portion of the City's pressurized irrigation stored water. This means that next year the only water for outdoor use we'll have is whatever we get over the winter. And if we have another bad winter and the severe drought continues next year, things will be even worse.

Please help us prepare and do your part and cut back watering by 30%. So, if you're watering for 30 minutes per station, cut it back to 20 minutes. 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

## Senior Citizen Appreciation Dinner

Highland residents 55 and over are invited to join us on Thursday, September 16 at 5:00 pm for a fun dinner and concert outside City Hall hosted by the Highland Youth City Council. Enter either parking lot between City Hall and the police station. Choose to dine in the courtyard at tables, in your car, drive-in style, or bring your own lawn chairs and spread out. Enjoy live music with The Tri-Chevys playing favorites from the 50's, 60's and 70's. There's plenty of room for dancing too! Dinner is free, catered by Mo' Bettahs Hawaiian. Please RSVP by emailing [events@highlandcity.org](mailto:events@highlandcity.org), calling 801-772-4507, or registering at <https://bit.ly/HC-SrDinner>. Thank you to Elevated Family Dentistry for sponsoring this event!

## Firefighter Pancake Fundraiser

Unfortunately, one of the Lone Peak Firefighters has recently been diagnosed with a rare autoimmune disease. This has caused him to be in the ICU for more than 3 weeks and he is unable to work and support his family. The Lone Peak Fire District asks for your help and support in coming to a fundraiser pancake breakfast on September 11 from 7:00-11:00 am at the Highland Station. 100% of all proceeds will go to this firefighter and his family.

## Call for Sponsors and Volunteers

We are headed into the Fall and Winter events season. This is a great time to get involved in the city! If you have a business that would like to contribute as a sponsor, this is a perfect way to get your name out in the community. Monetary donations and in-kind donations help us to provide experiences and events for all who wish to participate. We greatly appreciate the generosity of local businesses to make these possible!

The other key to successful community events is volunteerism. The Highland Fling was such a success because of the volunteers who planned and carried out many of the activities. If you or your family have been looking for a way to serve, we would love to have you participate in city events. Our Halloween and Christmas events rely on volunteers to make the magic happen. Come work alongside our Youth Council and Arts Council at these events in a variety of ways. If you have ideas or requests, we would love to hear those as well. To get involved as a sponsor or volunteer, email us at [events@highlandcity.org](mailto:events@highlandcity.org).

## 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 homeschooled! 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.

## Mayor's Issues and Information Meeting: Mental Health

Are you worried about your mental health? Or the mental health of someone you care about? Mental health problems are common. Up to 1 in 4 people have experienced mental illness. Addressing mental health is key to allowing you and your families to live your best lives. Join us on September 14 at 7:00 pm at Highland City Hall for a mental health education night with Dr. Christy Kane. Come learn about the brain and get answers to your questions about mental illness, anxiety, depression and more!

### YOUTH SPORTS & RECREATION PROGRAMS

OPEN TO HIGHLAND CITY RESIDENTS WITH NO ADDITIONAL FEES

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



## Kids After School Art Club

Every Monday at 4:00 at the Community Center (downstairs). Registration: \$10 a week or \$40 a month prepaid. Taught by Linda Littlefield 717-368-6924

## Highland Children's Choir

Registration and Auditions for Highland Children's Choir are NOW OPEN! Spots will be filled in the order they are registered. All registration can be completed on our website at [highlandchildrenschoir.com](http://highlandchildrenschoir.com) The music this season is outstanding! Come sing with us!

## Highland Choral Arts Choir

We are so excited to be back singing together! Our fantastic choir is presenting a fall concert at Timberline Middle School in Alpine on September 18, at 7:00 pm. The program will include a mixture of classical, show tunes, folk songs and dear-to-your-heart favorites, under the talented direction of Cathy Jolley, and Annalise Eccles, our accompanist. Don't miss this fabulous evening for all ages! For more information and tickets, see our website: <http://highlandchoralarts.org>

## Bell Choir

The Timpanogos Ringers will be starting up their fall/winter season on September 1, and they are looking for a few musicians to join them. Come and learn handbells and have fun while you do it. Rehearsals are Wednesday nights at the Highland City Arts Building. Fee is \$85 for the season. For more info, contact Paige Erickson at [super.paige.erick@gmail.com](mailto:super.paige.erick@gmail.com), or 801-830-0927

## Watercolor Class

Starting September 8 at the Community Center 10:30 AM to 12:30 pm. Teacher is Rachelle Levingston Registrations: \$15 a week. Call 801-318-8060 to register.

## Friends of Art Group

Meet every second and third Thursday at the Community center in the downstairs classroom, beginning September 8<sup>th</sup>. Meet new art friends and just have a relaxing and enjoyable time. Bring your own project to work on, consult or share. Registration is \$25 a year or \$3 each time, first time is free. Leading the group: Linda Littlefield 717-368-6924

## Youth Theatre Workshop

Join us for the performance of High School Musical on December 10 & 11!

## Coming Soon

Watch for information about Quilt Guild, Stitchery Group, Christmas Activity, and concerts.

## Highland Youth City Council

Applications for the 2022 Highland Youth City Council will open on September 20. HYCC is for teens (9-12 grade) who are interested in learning about government, local events, and serving in the community. We help with events all year, especially the Highland Fling. It is a fun way to get involved and meet new people. More information at [highlandcity.org/177/Youth-City-Council](http://highlandcity.org/177/Youth-City-Council).

## Beautification Committee

The Beautification Committee would like to recognize the Andrew and Jessica Bybee yard as the Yard of the Month for September. All of the Bybee family members work together to make their yard look so amazing. They are also careful to follow the watering schedule and turn off their sprinklers when rain is in the forecast. Let the Bybee's know that you appreciate all of the time and dedication it takes to make their yard so beautiful. You can see this gorgeous yard at 11716 Pennbrooke Lane in Highland. This Month's Yard of the month winners received a \$25 Ace Hardware gift card and two bags of Oakdell Egg Farm Compost. We very much appreciate all of the nominations we receive. Please send your nominations for Spooktacular Yard of the Month for October to [wisecaryj@gmail.com](mailto:wisecaryj@gmail.com).

## Friends of the Library

What a summer! The Friends of the Highland City Library would like to thank all those who helped make summer such a fun and productive time for us. A special thanks goes to our three library Patron of the Year families, all those who helped and marched with our entry in the city festival parades and everyone who helped with and shopped our used book sales.

As a reminder, we continue to accept used book donations at our donation bin located just outside the library's front doors and continually have used books for sale just inside and to the left of the doors as you enter the library. We are always adding new books so stop and take a look the next time you visit.

These book sales continue to be our main source of donation funds and are used in so many ways. In fact, this year funds earned by the Friends paid for all the adult and teen summer reading prizes. We also donate any unsold used books to various organizations throughout the valley such as to assisted living centers and for ESL classes.

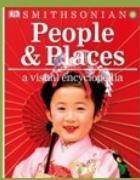
Once again, thanks to all who made summer so successful for the Friends. If you'd like to join us, please visit our web page on the Highland City Library website to find out how. We'd love to have your help keeping our library and community strong!

# HIGHLAND LIBRARY HIGHLIGHTS

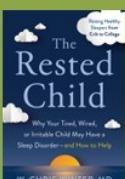
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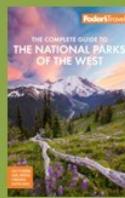
## WHAT'S NEW



*People and Places: A Visual Encyclopedia* by The Smithsonian Institution. Learn about fascinating cultures.



*The Rested Child: Why Your Tired, Wired, or Irritable Child may Have a Sleep Disorder* by Chris Winter. A guide to children's sleep issues.



*The Complete Guide to the National Parks of the West* by Fodor's. Maps and recommendations for your trip.

## FEATURED BOOKS

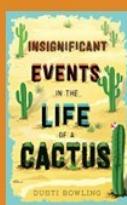
### Kid's School Stories

*Look Both Ways* by Jason Reynolds. Short vignettes of different kids from the same school that each face challenges.



*New Kid* by Jerry Craft. This graphic novel follows a kid from the Bronx as he starts at a new upscale private school.

*Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus* by Dusti Bowling. Aven Green faces the first day in a new school while dealing with a significant disability.



## WELCOME

### Hours

Monday-Thursday 10AM-8PM

Friday 10AM-4PM

Saturday 12PM-4PM

Closed Sunday Closed 9/6 for Holiday

Visit our website at [www.highlandcitylibrary.org](http://www.highlandcitylibrary.org)



## RESOURCE OF THE MONTH

Did you know we are a resource for Battle of the Books grades 3-6? You can also check out a kindle with all the books (e-books and audio books) on it. The purpose of Battle of the Books is simply to encourage students to read good books and have fun while competing with peers.



## HIGHLAND CITY LIBRARY PROGRAMS

### \*Sami's Songs and Stories

Fridays @11AM-Toddlers

### \*Story Time

Tues, Wed, & Thurs  
@11AM-Preschoolers

### \*Jr Explorers

Wednesday @4PM age 6-8  
and Parents.

### \*Adventurers Club

Tuesdays @4PM age 9-11

### \*Teen Writers Group

Thursdays @4PM age 12 +

### \*Grandparents Story Time

NEW program! 2nd Monday of each month @10:30AM.  
Toddlers, Preschoolers and Grandparents.

### \*Parent/Child Book Club

*Artemis Fowl* by Eoin Colfer  
September 15 @ 6:30 PM.  
Ages 9-11 and parents. Lively discussion and art project included.

\*No pre-registration but Highland Library card required

### September is Library

### Card Sign Up Month

Get a NEW Library card or RENEW your old one and get a fun water bottle. New Library card-holders will also be entered into our drawing. Grand prizes for all ages.

# ELECTION & CITY COUNCIL UPDATE

## 2021 Municipal Elections

In November, registered voters will have the opportunity to vote for the Mayor's seat, two City Council seats, and two Propositions. A summary of each is outlined below. Prior to the election, the City will produce a Voter Information Pamphlet with more information that will be made available to all registered voters. More election information can be found at [www.HighlandCity.org](http://www.HighlandCity.org) and [www.UtahCounty.vote](http://www.UtahCounty.vote).

### City Council and Mayor's Race

The top four candidates who will proceed to the general election in November to vie for the two open Council seats are as follows: Sarah D. Petersen, Jerry Abbott, Scott L. Smith, and Colby Gibson. In addition, the Mayor's seat will be on the ballot. The only candidate currently registered to run for that seat is Kurt Ostler.

The Highland Youth City Council will host a Candidate Debate on Thursday, October 7, 2021 at Highland City Hall. The event will include a meet and greet at 6:30 pm followed by a question-and-answer period at 7:00 pm. Residents may attend in person or remotely via the City's YouTube Channel. Please submit debate questions to [events@highlandcity.org](mailto:events@highlandcity.org) by Sunday, October 3.

### Proposition 1 - Wimbleton Subdivision Open Space Disposal and Removal of Neighborhood Option Trail

On December 3, 2019, the Highland City Council approved the removal and sale of 5.77 acres of public open space property and 5,592 lineal feet of paved public trails located in and around the Wimbleton Subdivision (10030 North to 10250 North and 6690 West to 6580 West) to the neighboring residents. The sale will take place only if it is approved by the voters.

### Proposition 11 - Highland City Sales and Use Tax for Parks and Trails

City Council has placed a special sales and use tax on the 2021 Municipal Ballot. If approved by voters, the tax would be a 0.1% sales tax collected at Highland businesses and the funds collected could only be spent on recreation facilities such as parks and trails. The sales tax rate means \$0.01 would be collected for every \$10 spent. The tax would only be implemented if it is approved by the voters.

Highland City will host a public meeting on Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at 7:00 pm at Highland City Hall on the topic of the sales and use tax for Parks and Trails. Residents may attend in person or via the City's YouTube Channel.

## 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>.

### August 3

City Council approved the plat, site plan, and conditional use permit for three office buildings that will be located at approximately 11235 N Highland Boulevard. The developer will now work with staff on design and engineering before beginning construction.

City Council voted to place a Parks and Trails sales and use tax on the 2021 municipal ballot. See more information on the Parks and Trails Tax below.

### August 17

The City Council and staff discussed park use and special event policies as it relates to the Highland Run Club. Staff will research and draft potential amendments to the policies to bring back to Council for further discussion.

The Council approved the final plat of Sunrise Farms. It will be a 10-lot subdivision located at approximately 11241 N 6000 W. Staff will now work with the developer on design and engineering before construction begins.

The Council approved the purchase of a digital radar speed sign and trailer. Once the City receives the trailer, staff will be able to take the trailer to different locations throughout the City where residents are concerned about speeding.

Council and staff discussed the gap in funding needed to complete the Mitchell Hollow Trail. Council directed staff to build the trail to the extent that funds would allow from north to south focusing on the area before the wetlands where a boardwalk is necessary. Staff will apply for grant money to complete the remainder of the trail.