

## Mayor's Message

*“Governments do not make ideals, but ideals make governments. This is both historically and logically true. Of course the government can help to sustain ideals and can create institutions through which they can be better observed, but their source by their very nature is in the people. The people have to bear their own responsibilities. There is no method by which that burden can be shifted to the government. It is not the enactment, but the observance of laws, that creates the character of a nation.”—President Calvin Coolidge, July 5, 1926*

I agree with this quote from President Coolidge. I would add that this applies to the character of a community as well as the nation. Thanks to those that have contributed in positive ways to Highland's character, not only by observing our laws, but by going the extra mile and serving our community. For example:

- Jenn Lambert, who started the Run Club which has had a positive impact on hundreds of youth in our community;
- Brandon Balkman who led the resident-developed Disc Golf Course in Beacon Hills Park;
- The many Highland residents who served in a local Humanitarian group that made 1,000's of dolls, diapers, quilts, etc. over the years, such as my neighbors Suzanne Holgreen and RaNae Ott;
- Scott Hart, who creates the informative and humorous 2-Minute Tuesday video summaries of our council meetings (see <http://bit.ly/uthighlander>);
- And the countless others who quietly go the extra mile to be good neighbors.

Please take the time to become informed on the election this year. You will be determining the outcome of two propositions and selecting two council members to serve us over the next four years. Our city website has information on the propositions and candidates – plus, you can view recordings of debates, meet the candidate events, and candidate interviews on the YouTube channels “Highland City, UT” and “Utah’s Highlander.” If mailed, ballots need to be postmarked by November 1st. However, they can be dropped off at city hall until 8 PM, November 2nd.

Going back to gratitude for the way your contributions make our community better – I'm happy to let you know that we are collectively doing much better at conserving our pressurized irrigation water. Earlier in the year we had reduced usage by 5% and we are now at 15%. Thanks, and have a great October!

## 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. Monday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, the cemetery will be cleared of ALL grave decorations, including trinkets, ornaments, lamps, shepherd hooks, etc. Items that appear to be of a more permanent nature will be placed in a Conex container located on the southeast corner of the cemetery. Owners may claim items by appointment only by calling (801) 772-4505. Items left unclaimed after one week will be discarded. Please make every effort to remove items from your loved one's grave prior to the cleanup. For questions, please call (801) 772-4505.

Cemetery cleanups are held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday in March, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday in June, the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday in October, and the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday in December every year.



## HIGHLAND CITY

### CALENDAR

October 4: Cemetery Cleanup & Removal

October 5: City Council Meeting\*, 7:00 PM, City Hall

October 7: City Council Candidate Meet & Greet and Debate, 6:30 PM, City Hall and YouTube

October 12: Parks Tax Public Meeting, 7:00 PM City Hall and YouTube.

October 13: Meet the Mayor, 7:00 PM, [facebook.com/RodforUtah](https://facebook.com/RodforUtah)

October 15: Pressurized Irrigation shut-off

October 19: City Council Meeting\*, 7:00 PM, City Hall

October 25: Trick or Treat Street at Splash Pad Park, 5:00-7:00 PM

October 26 Planning Commission Meeting\*, 7:00 PM, 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 and can repairs): 888-496-8824

### ONLINE

Report a concern, pay your bill, reserve a pavilion, etc. online at: [www.highlandcity.org](http://www.highlandcity.org)

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>.

### September 7

Public Works Assistant Director, Jeff Murdoch, gave an update to Council on the City's efforts with water conservation. To date, Highland water users have used about 15% less pressurized irrigation water than last year. This reduction has been beneficial to our system; however, we are still on track to use nearly all of our stored water which means next year, the only PI water we'll have is what we get over the winter. As such, the City is going to continue encouraging conservation through the final month of PI water use.

Councilmember Ostler gave an update on Lehi's Dry Creek Lake. Some of the amenities will include a surrounding trail, fishing docks, a concession stand, and boat rentals. There will be a fee collected for anyone entering the park via car. Construction on the recreation elements of the park is expected to begin in fall of 2021.

### September 21

City Council conducted a work session regarding the plans for Mountain Ridge Park. They heard presentations from Orem and Cedar Hills Cities regarding their all-abilities playgrounds and lessons learned. Wesley Warren, a local resident interested in leading up a fundraising effort for the park also spoke.

City Council approved the Preliminary Plat for the Aberlour Subdivision. Aberlour is a 14-lot subdivision located at approximately at 11020 N 5500 W. Staff will now work with the developer through the design and engineering process before construction begins.

## Help Keep Gutters Clean

If you walk outside your home and glance at the curb and gutter, what do you see? Leaves, mud and other debris? Will you join in a community effort to clean the gutters adjacent to your property? Every fall and winter the gutters fill with debris that the street sweeper is unable to remove. With Autumn rain and falling leaves, some of this material eventually finds its way into the storm drain system and potentially even our ground water. Please help to keep the streets, gutters, and water resources clean.

## Report a Concern

See a problem in the City? Let us know about it! Whether it's a pothole, broken sprinkler, street light out, park needing work, etc. you can report the problem on our website. Visit [www.HighlandCity.org](http://www.HighlandCity.org) and click on the "Report a Concern" button. You can also always call us at 801-756-5751.

## Water Conservation and Pressurized Irrigation Shut Off

Highland water users have used approximately 15% less water this year in comparison with previous years! We're asking residents to keep that momentum up and continue to cut back through the end of the Pressurized Irrigation (PI) season. As temperatures have dropped, lawns need half as much water now as they did during the hot months of summer. You could even stop watering earlier than the October 15 shut-off and allow your lawn to go into dormancy earlier this year. This will not prevent it from coming back to full strength next year.

Speaking of the shut-off, beginning on October 15, Public Works will begin draining and winterizing the PI system. While you may see water in the system after the 15, water pressure will diminish rapidly as ponds are drawn down. Winterize your system to prevent damage caused by frozen water left in pipes, sprinklers, filters, and valves. Don't forget to close your main valve, located in a box installed as part of your sprinkling system often in close proximity to the City's PI box. This will also help to protect your system from pressure fluctuations experienced when the system is charged in April. If you are unsure of how to winterize your system, please contact a landscape professional.

## Trick-or-Treat Street Event

Bring the kids to Splash Pad Park on Monday, October 25 for a little Halloween warm-up. Trick-or-treat from 5:00-7:00 PM with local businesses and community groups. Please enter the park from the south side—look for the inflatable arch. The path is stroller friendly, but please leave bikes and scooters home.

If your business or community group would like to host a trick-or-treat spot or become a sponsor, please email us at [events@highlandcity.org](mailto:events@highlandcity.org). This is a great way to meet residents and advertise in the community!

## Lone Peak Fire District Disposal of Items

The Lone Peak Public Safety Board has approved the disposal of the following items from the Lone Peak Fire Department: 1997 Pierce Saber Heavy rescue vehicle, 2018 Ford 150, 2007 Dodge 3500 chassis, and 1200' of large diameter hose. If you have questions regarding the disposal of any of these items, please contact the Fire Department at 801-763-5365.

## 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!



**Friends of Art Group**  
Meet every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at the Community center in the downstairs classroom. 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 is Linda Littlefield at 717-368-6924

### Youth Theatre Workshop

We are excited to announce that after a very long year and a half, we are ready to do a show! Thursdays 3 PM to 6 PM September thru December 9. Director Jordana Burns. \$150 for the semester. Production will be High School Musical on December 10 and 11.

### Kids After School Art Club

Every Monday 4:00 to 5:15 PM at the Community Center. Registration \$10 a week or \$40 a month prepaid. Teacher is Linda Littlefield 717-368-6924

**Timpanogos Ringers** The Timpanogos Ringers are looking for musicians to join them. Come learn handbells and have fun while you do it. Rehearsals are Wednesday nights at the Community Center. Fee is \$85 for the season. For more info, contact Paige Erickson [super.paige.erick@gmail.com](mailto:super.paige.erick@gmail.com), or 801-830-0927.

### Levington Art Guild

Meets every Wednesday from 12:15 to 2:15 PM at the Community Center.

### Watercolor Class

Starting September 8 at the Community center 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM. Registration: \$15 a week. Teacher: Rachelle Levingston, call Rachelle to Register 801-318-8060

### Choirs and Choral Arts

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!

Get ready to CELEBRATE with Highland Choral Arts Choir!! Mark your calendar to come to our Christmas concert on December 11th. See you there

### More Programs

Watch for information about Quilt Guild, Stitchery Group, concerts, and a Christmas event on the first Saturday in December.

### Youth Council Corner

Applications for the 2022 Highland Youth City Council are open. This is a fun opportunity to get involved with the City, provide service, participate in events, gain leadership skills, and learn about local government. Applications to serve on the Leadership Committee are available online on and are due October 13. General Council applications are due October 27. See [http://bit.ly/HC-Youth\\_Council](http://bit.ly/HC-Youth_Council) for details and application forms.

### Beautification Committee

The Beautification Committee would like to recognize the Ryan and Stephanie Gunstream family this month for their **SPOOKTACULAR** yard, by awarding them the Yard of the Month for October. Please let them know that you appreciate all the work and creativity they put into their yard. You can see this spooky yard at 4747 Caddie Lane. The Yard of the Month winners receive a \$25 Ace Hardware gift card, and 2 bags of Oakdell Egg Farm Compost. We do appreciate all of those who decorate their yards for the Halloween season. Also, a huge thank you to all the volunteers who worked to clean up Highland Boulevard.

### Upcoming Caregiver Conference

The 16th Annual Caregiver Conference: Finding Joy in the Journey is Saturday, November 6 from 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. This free virtual conference will help caregivers discover ways to find moments of joy through the challenges of caregiving. If you care for a senior loved one, this conference is for you.

The virtual conference is free but registration is required. Call 801-229-3804 or visit [mountainland.org/cgconference](http://mountainland.org/cgconference) to register and learn more.

### Friends of the Library

Did you know that the Friends of the Highland City Library has an ongoing used book sale located in the Highland City Library? It is just inside and to the left of the front entrance. We have used books of all types and in excellent condition; paperbacks sell for fifty cents while hardcover books are a dollar. There is also a variety of DVDs and CDs which sell for fifty cents. Payment is easy through PayPal, Venmo, or cash. In addition, if you have an interest in joining the Friends of the Library, there are forms available to help you do that.

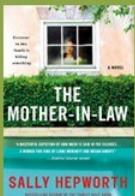
So, if you're too old to Trick or Treat (and even if you aren't!) stop by our library used book sale shelves and "treat" yourself to a good book! As always, all monies earned go to support our library and its many wonderful programs and activities.

# HIGHLAND LIBRARY HIGHLIGHTS

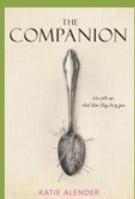
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## WHAT'S NEW



*The Mother-in-Law* by Sally Hepworth. A twisty, suspenseful story of a complicated relationship.



*The Companion* by Katie Alender. The bad dreams stopped, but the nightmare has just begun. (Young Adult)



*Dark Waters* by Katherine Arden. A creepy, spine-tingling adventure. (Ages 9-12)

## FEATURED BOOKS

### Spooky Books for Middle Grade

*Ghost Knight* by Cornelia Funke (hardly scary). A not-to-scary ghost story about a haunted boarding school.



*Small Spaces* by Kathrine Arden (pretty scary). A school trip gone bad leaves kids battling zombie scarecrows.

*The Screaming Staircase* by Jonathan Stroud (dang scary). London is filled with ghosts and only teens can see them.



## 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

The Library has new tablets pre-loaded with popular ebooks of interest to our adult patrons. The tablets also provide easy access to the Tumblebooks library so adults can share stories and educational videos with the children in their lives. These tablets were purchased with a grant from the *Institute of Museum and Library Services* and the *Utah State Library*.



## HIGHLAND CITY LIBRARY PROGRAMS

### Book Character Pumpkin Decorating Contest

October 1-28

Ages 12 and above. Decorate your book character pumpkin at home. (No carved or cut.) Bring to library to be on display. All entries will receive a prize! Special awards will receive gift cards. Winners will be announced Oct. 28th. Pick up your prize and pumpkin after 10/28.

### Go Science!

October 22 @ 4-6 PM. UVU Chemistry Club will be here for National Chemistry week. All ages invited and under 9 must be accompanied by an adult. Demonstrations and hands-on activities.

### Georgie Ghost

Can you find Georgie the ghost in the library?

### Trick or Treat at Library

Oct. 30th 1-4PM

\*Sami's Songs and Stories  
Fridays @ 11AM-Toddlers

\*Story Time  
Tues, Wed, & Thurs  
@ 11AM-Preschoolers

\*Jr Explorers  
Wednesdays @ 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! October 11th  
@ 10:30AM.Toddlers,  
Preschoolers and Grandparents.

\*Parent/Child Book Club  
*Holes* by Louis Sachar.  
October 20th @ 6:30 PM.  
Ages 9-11 and parents

\*No pre-registration but  
Highland Library card required

[www.hIGHLANDCITYLIBRARY.ORG](http://www.hIGHLANDCITYLIBRARY.ORG)



# MUNICIPAL ELECTION INFORMATION

## 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. The City has also produced a Voter Information Pamphlet (VIP) with more information. The VIP will be mailed to all Highland households and will be available on the City website by October 1.

Ballots will be mailed to all registered voters beginning the week of October 12. Ballots can be placed in any Utah County drop box, including the one located north of City Hall by November 2 at 8:00 pm. Locations of other drop boxes can be found at [www.utahcounty.vote](http://www.utahcounty.vote). You may also use the postage-paid envelope with your ballot to mail your ballot. Mailed ballots must be postmarked by November 1. 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 following individuals are vying for the two open Council seats: 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 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.

Vote "FOR" to approve the sale.

Vote "AGAINST" to reject the sale.

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

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. 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. The ballot text will be as follows:

"Shall Highland City, Utah, be authorized to impose a 0.1% sales and use tax to help fund recreational facilities in Highland?"

Vote "FOR" to approve the tax.

Vote "AGAINST" to reject the tax.

Highland City will host a public meeting about the Parks Tax on Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at 7:00 pm at Highland City Hall. Residents may attend in person or via the City's YouTube Channel. State law requires the City to post the full arguments on the Parks tax in the City newsletter. See those arguments on the reverse side of this insert. The arguments for or against a ballot proposition are the opinions of the authors.

### Remember to Vote!

Ballots must be postmarked by Monday, November 1 or turned into any Utah County drop box by Tuesday, November 2 at 8:00 pm. More information at [vote.utah.gov](http://vote.utah.gov) or [www.utahcounty.vote](http://www.utahcounty.vote).

### For More Information on Ballot Items

Visit [www.hIGHLANDCITY.ORG](http://www.hIGHLANDCITY.ORG) or contact City Recorder, Stephannie Cottle at 801-772-4505 or [scottle@highlandcity.org](mailto:scottle@highlandcity.org).

## Argument FOR Proposition #11 Highland City Sales and Use Tax for Parks

### Overview

Parks provide a number of benefits for a city. They provide a location for individuals and families to be active outdoors; are a gathering spot for groups and the community as a whole; and make a place feel like home.

Our annual resident survey has shown that Highland residents agree with this sentiment. In 2020, 77% of respondents reported using our parks at least one time per month. Because our parks are well used and residents care about them, one thing the City consistently hears is they need better maintenance and upgrades. While the City has done what it can to properly fund our parks, City dollars are split among several important priorities including police and fire, road maintenance, snow plowing, etc. To try to address resident's concerns, the City Council unanimously voted to include a Parks tax on the ballot to let residents decide if they want to do more to fund our City's parks.

The Parks Tax would be 0.1% sales and use tax which equates to \$0.01 for every \$10 spent. This type of tax is commonly referred to as a RAP, PARC, or ZAP tax. For Highland, these funds would be exclusively used in our parks. American Fork, Cedar Hills, and Salt Lake County already have a similar tax in place. Every time a Highland resident shops in one of those areas, they are paying the tax to the benefit of another city's parks. Because it's a sales tax, anyone who shops in Highland, resident or not, would pay the tax and contribute to better parks here.

While the City does have other revenue sources such as property and general sales tax, a Parks Tax would provide an estimated \$150,000 of annual dedicated funding. It would also provide an additional source of revenue which increases the City's overall fiscal health. The tax would sunset in 10 years, at which time the Council and voters would again decide whether to continue the tax.

### Potential Uses

Highland City has 164 acres of landscaped parkland and parkway detail. Having that much area means there are countless items needing maintenance or replacement such as playgrounds, benches, tables, pavilions, bike-racks, sports-courts, parking lots, etc. In addition, some parks are not fully complete or are missing amenities. Based on a recent inventory of our parks, over \$6 million is needed for repairs, replacements, and planned amenities. \$1.3 million of which is needed to correct safety issues, ADA accessibility, non-functioning equipment, etc. Council has dedicated some funds begin addressing those needs, but there is still a sizable gap.

The City Council will approve the specific items the Parks Tax revenue would be used for each year. And like other decisions, Council would factor resident input into their decision.

### Summary

Approving the Parks Tax for Highland City would help fund needed maintenance and capital projects in our City's beloved parks. A vote for Highland's Parks tax is a vote to preserve and improve our wonderful park facilities for years to come.

*Submitted by Mayor Rod Mann and 2021 Highland City Council*

## Argument AGAINST Proposition #11 Highland City Sales and Use Tax for Parks

No arguments against Proposition #11 Parks Tax were submitted.

