



## HIGHLAND CITY

## Mayor's Message

Gratitude is an oft forgotten key to happiness. My wife wrote the following short story about one of her ancestors, John Gailey, who moved to Kaysville, UT in 1854 with his wife and young children. Whenever I read it, my heart brims with love and my eyes are filled with tears.

**'Homemade Shoes' by Suzanne Mann**

*"Come here, my darlings. Let me secure your feet! School is very far away, and the weather is frightfully cold today."*

*While sitting in his favorite chair, the dear father lovingly lifted his children, one at a time, onto his lap for the daily ritual of feet wrapping. First, he nestled their little toes into long strips of woolen fabric. Then, around and around the material went, until there was a nice, soft cushion to walk on. Next, to provide some protection from the frozen snow, a sizable piece of thick, stiff leather from a buffalo hide covered the wool. Finally, the whole package was tied up like a present with strong corded rope. A big hug with, "Thank you, Papa!" ceremoniously concluded each set.*

*The children then playfully stomped around the house wearing their clumsy and boxy homemade 'shoes' until it was time to leave for school. Across the room, still seated in front of the fireplace, this good father watched and wished he could afford real shoes for his young ones. He smiled anyway.*

*With breakfast and chores finished, the happy children started out into the chilly air, after being covered with woolen hats and coats and mittens, of course. Now, they would be warm- from head to toe!*

*No matter the weather, the Gailey family children walked four miles to school each day. Years later, John sold a cow, so he could buy his children their first pair of shoes. His eldest daughter was 14 years old at the time.*

In Highland we are, generally speaking, so blessed. I want to wish every resident a very merry Christmas and hope yours is filled with enough light, love, and appreciation that you can share it with those who may need a little extra this year.

## Hometown Holidays Events

We have some fun things coming in the next few weeks! We hope you are enjoying the lights at Heritage Park! They will be on through New Year's Day.

**\*Arts Council Christmas Craft & Santa Drive-by** at City Hall on December 4, 10-11 AM.

**\*Storytime with the Mayor** on December 6, 6:30 or 7:15 PM at City Hall. Kids are invited to wear their pj's and enjoy a holiday story. There will be a gift for each child, a craft, and refreshments as well as pictures with Santa by the tree. Pre-registration is appreciated. [Bit.ly/HC-Storytime](https://bit.ly/HC-Storytime)

**\*Christmas Tree Scavenger Hunt** through December 20 at City Hall during business hours. Pick up a "hunt" paper by the tree, answer the questions, and drop it in the box. Winners will be drawn at random.



## CALENDAR

November 24- December 20:  
City Hall Christmas Tree  
Scavenger Hunt

December 4: Christmas Craft and Santa Drive-by. See article below.

December 7: City Council Meeting\*, 7:00PM, City Hall

December 6: Cemetery Cleanup

December 6: Mayor's Storytime at 6:30 or 7:15 pm. See article below.

December 9: Meet the Mayors, 7:00PM, Library or online at <https://bit.ly/hc-mwtm>

December 14: Planning Commission\*, 7:00PM, City Hall

December 18: Wreaths Across America, 9:00AM, City Cemetery

December 27—January 10:  
Live Christmas Tree Drop-off in the dumpsters at empty lot east of Police Station

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

## HOLIDAY CLOSURES

Christmas: City Offices closed December 24-25.

New Year's: City Offices closed December 31-January 1.

## 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

[www.highlandcity.org](http://www.highlandcity.org)

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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>.

### November 9

Shauna Larson announced she is stepping down as the Arts Council Chair. She was honored for her 11 years of service on the Arts Council where she has been instrumental in building the numerous successful programs the Council operates today.

Phoebe Hall has graciously volunteered to be and was appointed as the new Chair of the Arts Council. If you are interested in getting involved with the Arts Council, email [events@highlandcity.org](mailto:events@highlandcity.org).

Council approved their 2022 meeting schedule. Meetings will generally be held the first and third Tuesday of the month with some exceptions. A full meeting schedule can be found on the City's website.

The Council approved the Final Plat for retail development at the Ridgeview subdivision. Costa Vida and Arby's will be the first two tenants. Council also approved the Preliminary Plat for Ridgeview Pod B. This will be an additional 424 units in the subdivision.

Council amended the short-term rental ordinance to require all new permitted properties be owner-occupied.

Council approved an ordinance governing shipping containers. See more on the column to the right.

City Council continued their previous discussion from June 15 regarding the remaining open space property disposal requests. Council voted to surplus 2 of the properties, not to surplus 2 others, and deferred the decision on the remainder for staff to do added research.

Council discussed the Open Space Financial Plan with the consultant hired to do the study. The study will include an analysis on the operational and capital costs of the fund, long term revenue projections, and financing plan and cost allocation between regular city park funds and the open space fund.

Council approved updates to Highland City Design Criteria to allow for xeriscaping in parkway detail.

Council discussed a recent MAG study regarding the recommendations for 4800 West improvements. Council will continue this conversation with residents and at future Council meetings before deciding whether to complete the suggested improvements.

The Mayor and Council directed staff to conduct research and provide recommendations for Wimbledon Open Space property in light of the election outcome.

## Election Results

The 2021 General Municipal Election was held on November 2, 2021. Congratulations to the following candidates who were elected: Mayor: Kurt Ostler; Council Members: Sarah D. Petersen and Scott L. Smith. Each elected official will serve a term of 4 years beginning on January 3, 2022 and ending on December 31, 2025.

Proposition #1 Wimbledon Subdivision Open Space Disposal was voted AGAINST with 65.95% of the voters. Proposition #11 Parks Tax was voted FOR with 62.26% of the voters.

For more election information, see [bit.ly/HC-elections](http://bit.ly/HC-elections).

## Christmas Tree Disposal

All Highland residents are invited to bring their live, unflocked and un-decorated Christmas trees to the dumpsters in the empty lot east of the Police Station from December 27—January 10. Place all trees in the dumpsters to be hauled away by Waste Management. No other items may be disposed of and trees can only be brought during the timeframe outlined.

## Shipping Container Ordinance

On November 9, the City Council passed an ordinance regulating the use of shipping containers. This new ordinance will *only* be applicable to shipping containers placed on residential properties *after* the ordinance was passed. The following is a short summary of the regulations:

- Must meet accessory structure regulations for the applicable zone
- Setbacks – front: 10' behind the front of the home; side: 10'; rear: 10'
- Design – shall be painted a color consistent with that of the home
- Height – may not be stacked vertically
- *Prohibited* on lots without a home

See [Development Code Section 3-625 Shipping Containers](#) for details.

## Cemetery Cleanup December 6

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 by keeping your site clean. On Monday, December 6, the cemetery will be cleared of ALL grave decorations, real or artificial, including trinkets, ornaments, lamps, shepherd hooks, etc. Christmas decorations will be left. Items which are of a more permanent nature will be placed in a conex container in the cemetery. Owners may claim these items by calling (801)772-4505. Items left unclaimed after one week will be discarded. Please make every effort to remove items prior to the cleanup.



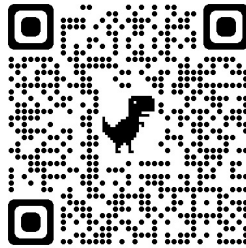
## Christmas Craft Day

Our annual Craft Day with Santa will be a little different this year. We invite you to come to the Christmas Craft & Santa Drive-by on Saturday, December 4 at 11 am.

This will be in the west parking lot between City Hall and the Police Station. Say "hi" to Santa and his elves as you pick up craft kits to enjoy at home.

## Highland Choral Arts Choir

HARK!!! YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE! Join Highland Choral Arts for their "JOYFUL" Christmas Concert & Silent Auction on December 11, 7 pm at Timberline Middle School. The evening will include an awesome and fun array of Christmas music to delight all ages! Christmas without music is like life without chocolate, right? For tickets and more info, visit [highlandchoralarts.org](http://highlandchoralarts.org) or scan the QR code. See you there!!



**Bell Choir** The Timpanogos Ringers will be putting on a Concert for the community on December 15 at 7:00 PM at the Highland City Community Center. Admission is free, but donations are encouraged. There will also be a concert on December 16 at the American Fork Library at 6:30 PM. For more info, contact Paige Erickson at [super.paige.erick@gmail.com](mailto:super.paige.erick@gmail.com), or 801-830-0927.

## 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.

## Beautification Committee

The Beautification Committee would like to thank all those who volunteered during 2021. We all look forward to 2022, please consider volunteering in our community. If you are interested in volunteering on the Beautification Committee, contact Cary at [wisecaryj@gmail.com](mailto:wisecaryj@gmail.com).

## Youth Council Corner

The Youth Council service project will wrap up on December 9. Bring hat and glove donations to the library, Macey's, or Cedar Hills Wal-Mart and put them in one of the wrapped collection box. These will go to the Road Home Family Shelter. We will also be putting together hygiene kits for refugees. Thank you for helping those in need!

We are also excited to announce the selection of our 2022 Mayor, Kerrienne Skidmore and Deputy Mayor, Ryan Gigger. Along with the Leadership group and Youth Council, they will do great things in 2022!



## Wreaths Across America

Join us on Saturday, December 18 at the Highland City Cemetery for Wreaths Across America. At 9 AM we will place flags on the graves of each veteran and thank each one by name. At 10 AM there will be a Wreath Ceremony and short program presented by the Daughters of the American Revolution and Highland City Recorder. The ceremony will also be live-streamed on the City's Facebook page.

## Friends of the Library

What a year the Friends of the Highland City Library has had. With book sales, city festivals and parades, donating books to worthy organizations such as the new Navajo Community Center and Library in Mexican Hat, the Brandon Mull book signing and more, the Friends have been successful in our continuing mission to help and support the Highland City Library. Thank you to all who have participated with us!

We invite you to visit our in-library, "**Christmas Book Sale**", **December 6-10** where all books will be **half off**. This sale is part of the continuous in-library used book sale located just inside and to the left of the main library doors. Come have a look! You will find great books to give as gifts and it's a perfect chance to stock up on good books for the holidays. As always, all monies earned go toward the continued support of our library.

To see other ways the Friends have helped support the library this year, visit the Friends web page on the Highland City Library website. You're always welcome to join our group and there is information about how to do that on the web page too. Together we can make 2022 an even better year for the Friends and for the Highland City Library!



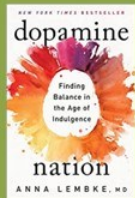
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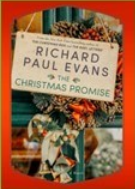
## WHAT'S NEW



**Gilded** by Marissa Meyer. This best-selling author returns to the fairytale world with a haunting tale.



**Dopamine Nation** by Dr. Anna Lembke. Explore how to find balance in the age of indulgence.



**The Christmas Promise** by Richard Paul Evans. A heartwarming story of secrets, heartbreak, and forgiveness.

## FEATURED BOOKS

### Books Families Can Read Together For Christmas

**A Christmas Carol** by Charles Dickens. A timeless classic that should be shared with each new generation.



**The Vanderbeekers of 141st Street** by Karina Glaser. Rambunctious children befriend a crochety landlord.

**Christmas Jars** by Jason Wright. One act of kindness starts a chain reaction of good will.



## WELCOME

### Hours

Monday-Thursday 10AM-8PM

Friday 10AM-4PM

Saturday 12PM-4PM

Closed Sunday and Dec 24-25, Dec 31-Jan 1

Open 24 hours [www.highlandcitylibrary.org](http://www.highlandcitylibrary.org)



## RESOURCE OF THE MONTH

Would you like to receive information about the programs and services of our library through emails and/or texts?

You can sign up for various notifications about things that matter to you at [alerts.utahcounty.gov](https://alerts.utahcounty.gov). You can opt out at any time. Scan this QR code for video sign-up instructions.



## HIGHLAND CITY LIBRARY PROGRAMS



**Paint With the Director**  
December 4th @ 1:00 pm.  
Join us for a fun hour of painting a Christmas scene. Donna, our Library Director, is our own "Bob Ross"! All supplies included. For Adults and Teens (12 +).

**Santa's Workshop**  
We will have take-and-make crafts of all kinds December 13-23.

**Jingletoes**  
Come find Jingletoes, our Elf, all month long and get a treat!

**Winter Reading Program**  
Get ready for our annual winter reading challenge! January 3-February 28. Prizes and for all ages. Pick up reading charts beginning January 3, 2022.

NO PROGRAMS  
December 14-31

**\*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**

Dec 13 @ 10:30AM for Toddlers, Preschoolers and Grandparents.

\*Highland City Library card required

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# Winter Weather Advisories

## Snow Reminders

The safety of Highland City residents during and after a snow event is a top priority for the City. Our Public Works department utilizes all available assets as needed to clear the roads depending on the storm event, snowfall received, and duration of the storm. Salt is used only at intersections and other problematic locations to provide traction.

## Snow Plowing Priority

Please see the attached map for street plowing priority. Priority is based on the road classification and usage intensity. Streets identified as arterial or collector roads, which are deemed to be in the minimum network needed to provide basic transportation for public safety, schools, or steep grades, receive priority. These streets will be plowed first and as frequently thereafter as needed. Priority streets are cleared 7 days a week when weather conditions warrant. When storm conditions have moderated, roads interior to subdivisions, including cul-de-sacs, will be plowed. It may take anywhere from 3 to 5 days after the storm before crews are able to clear all of these areas.

There are three traffic corridors within Highland that fall under the jurisdiction of the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT): SR-92 (Timpanogos Highway/Canyon Road), SR-74 (Alpine Highway), and SR-129 (North County Boulevard). Questions and concerns regarding these roads should be referred to the UDOT Region 3 offices at 801-227-8000.

## Street Parking

Street parking is prohibited from December 1 to March 31 between the hours of 12:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. and any time snow is present to allow access to the plows for snow removal. The Police Department may issue parking citations or have vehicles towed that are parked on the street during or shortly after a snowstorm. Residents should also be mindful to keep all obstructions such as basketball hoops, trailers, trash cans, etc. off the streets during snow removal. These items create a hazard for our drivers and the adjacent persons and properties. Please remember, if you cannot see an item that is in the roadway and covered in snow, neither can we.

## Clearing Driveways

When snow is plowed, the resulting windrow flows to the side of the road including in front of mailboxes and into driveways. We understand that this is frustrating, however because our first priority is to clear the road and create a safe travel way, it is not an option to raise the plow blade at every drive approach. We ask for your understanding and cooperation. Clearing a 10-foot area of the oncoming lane shoulder may help.

## Sidewalk Clearing

Property owners should clear their sidewalks within 24 hours of a snowstorm. This helps ensure children can make it to school safely and keeps other pedestrians stay safe as well. Remember to push the snow onto your own property. Putting snow into the streets can make the road more dangerous for automobiles and snowplows. After the snow has been removed from the streets, Public Works employees will work to remove any snow from the walking trails and school sidewalk routes.

## 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 the Highland City website. Visit [www.HighlandCity.org](http://www.HighlandCity.org) and click on the green "[Report a Concern](#)" button. You can also always call us at 801-756-5751.

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