

Mayor's Message

There is a lot to look forward to in the coming year, including:

- The widening of 6800 W south of 9600 N (road to Costco)
- Starting the development of Mountain Ridge Park
- Several new restaurants including Costa Vida and Arby's near N. County Blvd and Canal Blvd, plus a couple of others west of Blue Lemon, and one near Meiers.



Will our city face challenges this year? Absolutely. Will some of the issues come out of left field? Almost certainly. Will our elected officials and staff be able to deal with them? Yes, with your help and support they can accomplish almost anything. However, some issues take time to resolve.

Our new Mayor, Kurt Ostler, and the City Council are people we can get behind. They will serve us well. We can help them by providing information and sharing our perspectives. Sending an email to council@highlandcity.org will reach the Mayor, Council, and City Administrator. However, it is often best to simply have a conversation. The City website has phone numbers for staff and elected officials. Call or arrange to meet with them.

Will mistakes be made during the year? Possibly, but consider this thought:

"Mistakes are the growing pains of wisdom, the assessments we pay on our stock of experience, the raw material of error to be transformed into higher living. Without them there would be no individual growth, no progress, no conquest."—William George Jordan, 1909

Now, let me share with you a few lessons I learned as mayor:

- **Assume good intent.** It leads to productive discussions, reduces tension, and more often than not, is the correct assumption.
- **City issues are usually more complex than we assume.** Be slow to judge.
- **Contention rarely, if ever, leads to positive outcomes.** Additionally, there are almost always negative side effects, such as damaged relationships, that can take years to resolve.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Mayor! I am a better person as a result. I have been blessed by your support, encouraging words, and uplifting notes. My best wishes to all in the coming years, as we work to build stronger families and improve our community.

Wreaths Across America Experience

On December 18, a Wreaths Across America Ceremony was held at the Highland City Cemetery in coordination with the Daughters of the American Revolution. Each branch of the military was separately acknowledged and honored with a wreath "in memory of those who served and are now serving."

Additionally, an eighth wreath was placed in honor of those from all branches who were Prisoners of War or Missing in Action. A final pledge was made: We shall not forget you. A new permanent *Never Forget Garden Marker* was dedicated to remember those who never returned to their families.

We invite you to visit these places of memorial and consider the sacrifices made to preserve our freedom and carry on the work of those who have gone before you. We hope that you will join us next December for the Wreaths Across America ceremony in Highland or another local cemetery, to honor and remember those whose gift to their nation—liberty—is one we enjoy every day.



CALENDAR

January 4: Mayor and City Council Swearing In, 7:00PM, City Hall

January 11: City Council Meeting*, 7:00PM, City Hall

January 18: City Council Meeting*, 7:00PM, City Hall

January 25: Planning Commission*, 7:00PM, City Hall

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

HOLIDAY CLOSURES

The City Offices will be closed on Monday, January 17 in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

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. on-line at: 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>.

December 7

Mayor Rod Mann presented his wife, Suzanne, with a certificate and pin for her individual years of service to the City and for supporting him in his role as Mayor.

Mayor Elect Kurt Ostler presented Mayor Mann with a recognition award and thanked him for his service to Highland City and its residents both as the Mayor and a City Council member.

Pressurized Irrigation staff gave an update on water storage status and conservation efforts. Overall, Highland residents used 17% less water this irrigation year in comparison to 2020. This is great news, but it's important to remember that conservation will still be important next year. The drought we are in is an historic drought and has been going on for decades. As such, it will take time to come out of it. Watch for additional information in Spring of 2022.

The Council adopted a change to the General Plan that discourages road connections from other municipalities that are not already planned for in Highland's master plans.

As a result of voters approving the Parks Tax, Council adopted the Parks Tax Ordinance. The special sales tax will take effect on April 1, 2022 and is expected to provide about \$150,000 in revenue annually that will go into a separate fund dedicated to park projects and equipment.

Council approved an amendment to a portion of the Site Plan for Highland Marketplace. The approved plan now has 8 buildings for office and retail space.

Snow Removal 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 and sand are used only at intersections and other problematic locations to provide traction. Check out <http://bit.ly/HC-snow> for more information on snow removal including plowing priority, street parking, clearing driveways, sidewalk clearing, contact information, and more.

Christmas Tree Drop-off

All Highland residents are invited to bring their live, un-flocked, 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 which will be hauled away by Waste Management. No other items may be disposed of and trees can only be brought during the timeframe outlined.

Planning Commission Openings

The Planning Commission is an advisory board, making recommendations to City Council, balancing public and private interests, overseeing land use and more. There are currently openings for a Commissioner and an alternate. Apply by January 20 by filling out the Volunteer Interest Form at <https://bit.ly/HC-PCapply>.

Email and Text Alerts

Want to know what's on the City Council agenda? Want to hear what's going on in the Library? Want to know what's happening around the City? Want to find out about City events? Sign up at Alerts.UtahCounty.gov. You can choose how to get notified and for just the things you care about. You can also sign up to receive alerts from other Utah County government organizations.

Pavilion and Facility Rentals

The park pavilion rental calendar opens on the first day of business of the new year (January 3, 2022) at 8 am. Please see the Facility Rental page on the city website for details. www.highlandcity.org/418.

Help in Hard Times

If you or someone you know is struggling with unemployment, paying utility bills, food insecurity, mental health issues, domestic violence, or similar problems, you are not alone. There is help available in our community. Dial 211 or visit <https://211utah.org/> to get connected to resources including education, job training, healthcare, and more. While the past year has felt isolating to many, there is a supportive community here for you and your family.

Emotional Resilience and Self-Reliance Seminar

Dr. Lynn Scoresby recently presented a local seminar on this topic that was recorded and is available to watch on the [City's YouTube channel](#). It teaches parents that emotional health is a vital part of social confidence, strong character, achievement, and resilience. Learn how to arm your children with the skills for self-reliance so they develop social confidence, overcome 21st-century challenges, and become successful adults.

YOUTH SPORTS & RECREATION PROGRAMS

OPEN TO HIGHLAND CITY RESIDENTS WITH NO ADDITIONAL FEES

VISIT CEDARHILLS.ORG/RECREATION TO FIND OUT MORE!



Classes Did you know that the Arts Council offers an adult choir, a children's choir, teen choir, adult bell choir, adult beginner water color class, advanced adult water color class, symphony orchestra, and a kids art class? If you are interested in participating, email hall.phoebe7@gmail.com for details. These classes are held in the Community Center.

New Board Members The Arts Council needs two new board members. You do not have to be an artist, just willing to participate in a monthly board meeting and help with a few events throughout the year. If you are interested in helping, please email hall.phoebe7@gmail.com. The Arts Council meets the first Wednesday of every month at 6:00 pm.

Fine Art Gallery The Arts Council is responsible for the fine art gallery at the City Building. If you are interested in having your art displayed for 4-6 months, please contact Phoebe at 972-439-2099. All art must be approved through the Arts Council.

Highland Choral Arts would like to thank all of our donors and those who attended and supported us at our Christmas Concert! We loved singing the beautiful music and hope your holiday joy was enlightened by your attendance! If you would like to join our choir, auditions will be held Tuesday, January 4. Please visit our website: highlandchoralarts.org to sign up.

Friends of the Library

"The new year stands before us like a chapter in a book, waiting to be written." The Friends of the Highland City Library are excited to welcome the year 2022 and write a new chapter in our service to the community and to the Highland City Library. We thank each of you who helped support our efforts last year, especially through participation in our book sales. We couldn't do it without each of you.

The Friends would like to announce our first giant used book sale of 2022. Please mark your calendars for **Saturday, February 5, 12-4 pm (early bird sale for Friends of the Library members only is 12-1), and Monday, February 7, 10-7 pm**. The sale will be held in the City Council room at the Highland City building.

Please come, browse, and buy! All monies support the library and you'll get some nice books for a nice price. You'll also help the Friends begin a new chapter of a new year of service to the Highland City Library.

Youth Council Corner

The Highland Youth City Council kicks off the new year with the swearing-in ceremony for the new council on January 6. We look forward to serving and working in the City! We are also looking for a volunteer advisor (adult). If you are interested in mentoring this group as we give back to the community, email events@highlandcity.org. Attendance at monthly meetings, helping at city events and the Highland Fling, as well as other duties would be required. The advisor would need to pass a background check.



Beautification Committee

The Beautification Committee would like to thank all those who volunteered during 2021. We look forward to 2022. Please consider volunteering in our community. Start planning your spring planting and gardens now and take part in our Yard of the Month recognition or Backyard Garden Tours in August! If you are interested in volunteering on the Beautification Committee, please contact Cary at wisecaryi@gmail.com.

Highland Historical Society

Unlike many of Utah's older cities, Highland was settled by people who gathered here by choice, rather than by assignment. The culture and ideas that brought Highland together were unique and our Historical Society has done extensive work to preserve this legacy in a way others can access it and learn from it.

Have you ever wondered who used to live where your home is now? Do you have ancestors that lived here, too? You can find maps, family histories, city history, and more on our website at www.highlandcity.org/479/Highland-History. We appreciate the hard work of the Society president, Charles Greenland, and all who have contributed information to the collection as well as the artifacts housed in the museum at the Community Center.

Volunteer with Highland Events

As we look forward to the new year, we are already planning upcoming events including the 2022 Highland Fling August 1-7. These events unify the community and are a wonderful way to meet new people and get involved. Volunteers are crucial to their success! If you are interested in volunteering or helping to plan these great community events, please email us at events@highlandcity.org. Please include specifics about events you are interested in and skills you would like to share. The Fling includes a parade, community dinner, service project, vendor fair, live entertainment, sports tournaments and more. We look forward with hope to a healthy and happy new year!

HIGHLAND LIBRARY HIGHLIGHTS

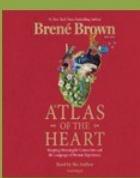
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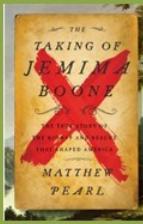
WHAT'S NEW



Wish You Were Here by Jodi Picoult. A powerful story of resilience and the triumph of the human spirit.



Atlas of the Heart: Mapping Meaningful Connection and the Language of Human Experience by Brené Brown.

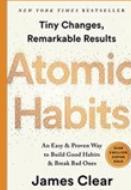


The Taking of Jemima Boone: Colonial Settlers, Tribal Nations, and the Kidnap That Shaped America by Matthew Pearl.

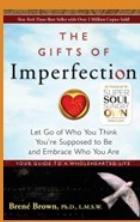
FEATURED BOOKS

Favorite Books for a New Start

Atomic Habits by James Clear. Improve your life by adopting small, do-able habits.



The Gifts of Imperfection by Brené Brown. Ten guideposts help the reader let go of shame and live whole heartedly.



Factfulness by Hans Rosling. Learn to take a more positive and fact-based view of the world.



WELCOME

Hours

Monday-Thursday 10AM-8PM

Friday 10AM-4PM

Saturday 12PM-4PM

Closed Sunday and January 17

Open 24 hours www.hIGHLANDCITYLIBRARY.ORG



RESOURCE OF THE MONTH

Looking to update your Will? The Legal Information Reference Center on our website is an excellent resource for this with other legal forms and information. With your library card, you can download the forms to fill out and Highland City has two notaries public. Other popular legal forms such as rental agreements, living trusts, patents, etc. are just a click away!



HIGHLAND CITY LIBRARY PROGRAMS

Hats Off to Winter Reading

January 3-February 28

Get ready for the annual Highland City Library winter reading challenge. Pick up a reading punch card and make a punch each day you read. Return the filled card and get a prize. Repeat! Punch cards will be available beginning January 3. All ages are invited to participate. Highland City Library card holders only.



Love our Library Book Sale

Friends of The Library will be having their used book sale. February 5th @ 12-4 PM (early bird 12-1 PM for members of Friends). February 7th @ 10-7 PM (no early bird). Lots of great books for sale!



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

Jan 10th @ 10:30AM for Toddlers, Preschoolers and Grandparents.

Parent Child Book Club

January 19th @ 6:30 pm. *Goose Girl* by Shannon Hale.

*Highland City Library card required

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2022

Recycling Calendar



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Recycle (Clean & Dry):



Paper



Aluminum & Steel Cans



Plastic Bottles, Jugs & Jars



Cardboard & Boxboard

Do NOT Recycle:*

- Plastic bags, wrap, film (return bags to store)
- Glass
- Food, liquids
- Yard waste, wood
- Shredded paper
- Electronics
- Clothes, bedding, carpet
- Medical/hazardous waste
- Foam cups, take-out containers, packing material

* Items are not limited to those above.

Service Day Guidelines

- On your service day, place your recycling and trash carts at the curb by 7 a.m. with wheels facing the curb.
- Please ensure all material fits in your carts with the lid closed.
- Do not bag your recyclables.

Service Holidays

Memorial Day	Monday, May 30
Independence Day	Monday, July 4
Labor Day	Monday, Sept. 5
Christmas Day (Observed)	Monday, Dec. 26

Holidays noted with a square may affect your collection service. If your service day falls on or after a holiday, your service will be delayed by one day. Regular service resumes the following week.

QUESTIONS? Please call (888) 496-8824.