



HIGHLAND CITY

Mayor's Message — Mayor Kurt Ostler

As we start to see all the flowers bloom and the grass green up, it brings about dreams of Utah's beautiful spring and summertime along with concerns to do our part in water conservation after a below-average snowfall. Highland's pressurized irrigation system comes from the American Fork Canyon River early in the season and from Deer Creek Reservoir in late summer. Both of these resources are way below their averages. To help with this conservation effort, Central Utah Water (cuwcd.com) has several programs including:

- \$75 Smart Controller rebate
- Flip Your Strip rebate of up to \$1.25 per sq ft
- Toilet Replacement – up to \$100 rebate
- Rebates for installing or updating landscaping using xeriscape

After almost 15 years of planning, the City will be starting Phase 1 of Mountain Ridge Park, located by Mountain Ridge Jr. High. The park will be 17-acres with an all abilities playground, walking paths, restrooms, pavilions, 2 multi-use grass fields, 1 baseball/softball field, and 8 pickleball courts. Construction will begin this spring by piping the ditch, putting in a sidewalk, and creating a parking lot. Afterwards, construction on the playground will commence. The park's funding will be from the sale of the remainder of Spring Creek park property and other parcels of land, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Federal COVID money given to cities), City enterprise funds for relevant costs, City general fund, and generous donors. To help finish the different phases, the City is still looking for other donors. To see park plans, submit your feedback on playground designs, or if you know of any company, family foundations, or individuals interested in donating, please see <http://bit.ly/MtnRidgePk>.

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>.

March 29

City Council approved several contracts for the 2022 road maintenance and reconstruction projects and as well as sewer capital projects. You can see a map of the 2022 road projects at <http://bit.ly/HC-road>.

Council discussed the current field rental policy and process. Council directed staff to look into a software upgrade, review existing MOU's with outside organizations, and review rental fees to see if increases are warranted.

Council continued discussing how to handle encroachment onto City property. They directed staff to send a letter to all Highland homes concerning encroachment and asking them to check their property lines and not build on City property.

April 19

City Council approved a plan for the intersection of North County Boulevard and Timpanogos Highway to improve the safety by realigning the lanes and adding shoulders to allow for safe driveway exits and bicycle lanes. The plan will be submitted to Mountainland Association of Governments for their funding consideration.

City Open House

The annual Highland City Open House is scheduled for Thursday, May 5 from 5:00—8:00 PM at City Hall. This is the perfect opportunity to get to know your City: meet and talk with Elected Officials; get information on the City's budget including planned fee increases and 2022 road and utility projects; see and give feedback on the top designs for Mountain Ridge Park playground; and enjoy interactive activities for kids.

CALENDAR

May 3: City Council Meeting*, 7:00PM, City Hall

May 5: City Open House 5:00 PM-8:00 PM, City Hall

May 6&7 Spring Clean-up 8:00 AM-5:00 PM, parking lot at mouth of American Fork Canyon

May 7: Tree Sale 8:00 AM- 12:00 PM

May 17: City Council Meeting*, 7:00PM, City Hall

May 24: Planning Commission*, 7:00PM, City Hall

May 30: Memorial Day. City offices will be closed and garbage services will be delayed one day that week.

June 2: Budget & Fee Information Session*, 7:00 PM, City Hall

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

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

Sign up for email, text, and phone alerts from Highland City based on your interests at alerts.utahcounty.gov.

City Budget & Fee Increases

As was discussed in last month's newsletter, Highland City is seeing significant cost increases due to inflation, especially in capital projects and maintenance costs of our utility departments as well as wage pressures with public safety. As a result of these inflationary pressures, the City needs to raise additional revenue to stay sustainable.

Per direction from City Council, a thorough analysis of the City's utility funds including culinary water, sewer, storm drain, and pressurized irrigation is being undertaken. This study will account for all of the costs of maintenance and reconstruction projects undertaken by the City each year to keep our pipes, pumps, wells, etc. running properly. Results of this study and the resulting impact to residents' bills are scheduled to be discussed in the May 17 Council meeting. As a note, utility rates do not pay for costs related to new building. Those costs are born by developers through impact fees which the City Council also increased recently.

The City's contracts and costs related to garbage services with Waste Management and North Point Transfer Station are also directly impacted by inflation. Initial estimates show that rates to residents may need to be increased by approximately \$5 per month (depending on the number of cans each home has) to keep up with the costs of garbage hauling and dumping.

Other surrounding cities have been dramatically increasing the wages of their police officers and fire fighters which has put pressure on our City to also increase wages so we can retain our quality employees and recruit new individuals as needed. City Council wants to pay the brave men and women who protect our City and come to our aid when needed what they deserve. But to do so, will require an increase to the public safety fee of up to \$10 per month.

City Council understands that City budgets are funded by our residents who are experiencing inflation in their own family budgets as well. As such, the City is working hard to find all cost savings it can in the existing budget to keep the necessary fee increases to residents as low as possible. We would encourage residents to watch upcoming Council agendas to get informed about the budget. You can also come to the Budget & Fee Information Session on Thursday, June 2 at 7:00PM at City Hall to get more information and talk to your Elected Officials. This meeting will also be broadcast on the City's YouTube channel <http://bit.ly/HC-youtube>.

Fling Volunteers Needed

The Highland Fling is coming this August and volunteers are needed! If you are interested in opportunities to help out at the Fling, please email events@highlandcity.org.

Water Conservation

During the summer of 2021, the City asked residents to reduce outdoor watering and residents responded with a 17% reduction compared to 2020. Thank you!

Unfortunately, the drought has not lifted and as such, we need all Highland residents to stay conservation minded. Utah has been in drought 8 of the last 10 years, and this year's snowpack is 35% below normal for our area. Last year, a large amount of our reservoir water was used up, leaving less reservoir water for use this irrigation season. As such, we are asking Highland residents to only water as needed. Enjoy the cooler spring temperatures and save water for when we'll really need it during the heat of the summer.

We have already seen residents conserve this season and use PI minimally. Please keep up your efforts! The City is not currently implementing any restrictions in addition to our normal watering schedule: even numbered street addresses: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday and odd numbered street address: Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. Watering hours from 6:00 p.m. on the assigned day to 10:00 a.m. the following day. There is currently no need to water lawns three days per week, but when your lawn does need water, make sure you're watering on your assigned day.

Visit conservewater.utah.gov and on Facebook [@conservewaterutah](https://www.facebook.com/conservewaterutah) for excellent conservation resources including how to do your own water check on your sprinkler system, rebate programs for taking water conservation steps, waterwise landscaping, and how to "flip your strip" from grass to a water-wise strip.

Highland City Spring Clean-Up

The annual Highland City Spring Clean-Up will take place at the parking lot at the mouth of the American Fork Canyon on Friday, May 6 from 9AM-5PM and & Saturday, May 7 from 8AM-5PM. A front-end loader will be there to move heavy items from the ground into the dumpster. Please bring proof of residency.

Dumpsters will be available to dispose of metal, wood, and most household waste. Due to increasing restrictions on landfill restrictions and the need to not fill up the cans too quickly or with too heavy of items, the following items will not be accepted: refrigerators, stoves, washers, dryers, microwaves, televisions, computer monitors, mattresses, tires, batteries, paint in its liquid form, flammables, green waste, rocks, concrete, asphalt, and dirt.

Restricted items should be taken directly to North Point Solid Waste Transfer Station as it is set up to handle them appropriately. More info at www.utahcountygarbage.org



Highland Adult Choral

Spring Concert "Keep Singing" is set for May 6 at 7:00 PM at Timberline Middle School. For tickets, visit highlandchoralarts.org.

Highland Children's Choir Spring Concert set for May 21 6:00 PM at Timberline Middle School.

Highland Fling Fine Art Show will be August 5 & 6. There are categories from pre-school through adults. Entry costs are \$5 through high school and \$10 for adults. Limited to 3 entries. Start working on your entries now and save the date for the Artists' Reception on August 4.

Timpanogos Ringers Bell Choir spring concert is set for May 18 at 7:00PM at the Town Hub Theatre in American Fork. Tickets are \$5 per person or \$20 for a family pass. Visit timpanogosringers.org for tickets.

Timpanogos Symphony Orchestra perform Brahms Symphoy No. 2, May 13 and 14 at 7:30 PM at Timberline Middle School. Tickets at TheTSO.org.

Highland City Arts Council Presents



WALD DAVIS
Matilda
THE MUSICAL JR.

Auditions!

May 24, 4-6 pm at the Highland Community Center

Callbacks will be May 25 from 4-6 pm

Cast List posted May 26

Rehearsals: May 31-June 30

Monday-Friday 9:30-11:30 am

Show Dates: June 29-30

Ages 8-18. Tuition: \$145. 30% Sibling Discount

Audition not required to participate

Questions?: Jordana 385.309.7204

Landscaping Materials and Stormwater Runoff

Spring is here! As you prepare your landscaping for the season, please keep all landscaping materials including leaves, dirt, mud, soil, rocks, etc. out of the street, sidewalk, gutters, etc. ([Municipal Code 12.04.060\(D\)](http://Municipal Code 12.04.060(D)))

This will help protect those areas as well as prevent pollution getting into our storm drain system and keep our water clean. Remember, "Only rain in the drain!".

Hiring Seasonal Parks Crews

Highland City has multiple openings for Seasonal Parks Maintenance Workers. Work schedule is Monday-Thursday. Never work nights or weekends! Scheduling is flexible around summer plans, full and part-time positions are available. Bring a friend along and earn extra bonuses! [https://www.highlandcity.org/Jobs.aspx](http://www.highlandcity.org/Jobs.aspx)

Mountain Ridge Playground Feedback Survey

City Council has selected two companies to submit final designs for the Mountain Ridge Park playground and we want your feedback! Visit <http://bit.ly/MtnRidgePk> to see the designs and give your input. The webpage also includes information on donation opportunities for the park through the Highland Foundation.

Beautification Committee

The Beatification Committee would like to recognize Todd and Linda Christensen's yard (5814 W. Victoria Lane) this month as the Yard of the Month. They have a lot of spring color in their beautiful yard and have included flower beds with drip irrigation instead of just turf. Please let them know that you appreciate all of their hard work. The Yard of the month winners receives a \$25 Ace Hardware gift card and 2 bags of Oakdell Egg Farm Compost, courtesy of Oakdell Egg Farms. Please send nominations to wisecaryj@gmail.com

We are also looking for Backyards to be featured in this years Backyard tours, in conjunction with the Highland Fling held August 1-6. If interested, please contact Cary.

Friends of the Library

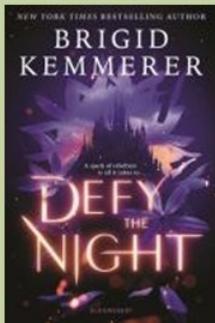
Everyone loves a parade, and this summer the Friends of the Highland City Library will participate in parades in three of the communities the library serves: Cedar Hills on June 11, Highland Fling on August 6, and Alpine on August 13. Please join us in any of these parades as we celebrate our love of books and make the public more aware of all the library has to offer. You'll receive a T-shirt at the beginning and a cold treat at the end of the parade. To reserve your spot and T-shirt, contact the Friends at highlandcitylibraryfriends@gmail.com.

HIGHLAND LIBRARY HIGHLIGHTS

MAY 2022



Have You Read This?



Robin Hood with a twist. Instead of robbing the rich of their money, Tessa steals the wealthy's Moonflower petals that are the only cure for a devastating plague ...

"Shall I compare thee to a summer's day? Thou art more lovely and temperate: Tough winds do shake the darling buds of May, And Summer's lease hath all too short a date." ~ William Shakespeare, "Sonnet 18"

WELCOME



Hours

Monday-Thursday 10AM-8PM



Friday 10AM-4PM



Saturday 12PM-4PM

Closed Sunday

Bitcoin Basics May 18 @6:30PM

Get an introduction into Bitcoin and Cryptocurrency basics. Registration preferred, but not required. Views and information offered to participants during this class are the responsibility of the presenter alone, and do not represent an endorsement by the Highland City, Highland City Library nor their employees. Highland City is not liable for any adverse consequences that might arise from application of information presented in this class.

*Grandparents Story Time
May 16 @ 10:30AM for
Toddlers, Preschoolers and
Grandparents.

* Highland City Library
Card Required

Craft Kits

Pick up craft kits to do at home! Available as long as supplies last.

We will be taking a break from our regular weekly programs. Watch for Summer programs starting in June!

Oceans of Possibilities for Learning! Summer Reading and Learning Kickoff*

May 23-28

There's an Ocean of Possibilities at the library this summer! Come in and pick up your summer reading charts and spin our wheel of fun for a prize!

Magic Show with Mont Dutson May 23 @6:30PM

Kick off Summer Reading and Learning with a magic show with Mont Dutson from the Salt Lake School of Magic.

Registration preferred, but not required.

www.highlandcitylibrary.org

