

Mayor's Message — Mayor Kurt Ostler

I wanted to thank everyone who showed up to the City Budget Open Houses, sent e-mails, or placed phone calls to discuss the City Budget. The City Council voted to increase the public safety fee from \$11.50 to \$15.25 per month. In addition, the City will be increasing police officers' starting wages from \$21.90 to \$25.91 per hour to stay competitive with our neighboring police departments. This increase also allows for changes in our staffing model for the Lone Peak Fire department from five full-time and three part-time to six full-time and two part-time. The Fire Department has struggled to find consistent part-time firefighters over the past several years. All of the City's utility rates will also be increasing, mainly based on the cost the City is experiencing with inflation on current and future projects.



[Safewise.com](https://safewise.com) has recognized the Lone Peak Public Safety District comprising Highland City and Alpine City as the #1 safest City in Utah for 2022.

Highland Pressurized Irrigation water watch: As of June 2022, Highland residents are using 17% less pressurized water than in 2021 and 26% less compared to 2020. American Fork River flows are slightly higher than last year. Towards the end of June, the City will be starting to augment pressurized water from City wells and Provo River, coming from the City's water storage in Deer Creek. In 2021 the City only received 60% allocation from Deer Creek, and the City assumes we will be at 60% allocation again this year. With continued conservation, the surface water and well water should be sufficient for 2022. Thank you for conserving water. It is working!

This past month, the City has had several church groups, families, and individuals help clean up the City Cemetery and trail areas and plant trees on City property. To all those who have helped, THANK YOU! "Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in." — *Author Unknown*

Resident Survey Results

For the past seven years, Highland City has conducted an annual resident survey. Below are some of the summary results of the 2022 survey. For more results, please visit <https://www.hIGHLANDCITY.ORG/435/Resident-Survey>.

- 1,129 individuals responded to the survey which is about 24% of Highland households.
- There was significant decrease in the rate of satisfaction in comparison from last year for both maintenance of natural open space vegetation (-9%) as well as trail quality (-6%). In response to concerns regarding trail and open space maintenance, Council has recently increased funding for parks maintenance workers and is working on a trail maintenance plan for our City.
- Over 80% of respondents rated general, library, and public works staff as good or excellent and over 70% rated Elected Officials as doing good or excellent.
- Respondents ranked the following as top priorities for the City over the next two years: improving roads (49%), adding additional internet options (32%), improving existing parks and trails (31%), water conservation (26%), economic development (25%), addressing open space issues (23%), and developing new parks (22%).



HIGHLAND CITY

CALENDAR

July 4: Independence Day. City offices will be closed and garbage services will be delayed one day that week.

July 5: City Council Meeting*, 7:00PM, City Hall

July 19: City Council Meeting*, 7:00PM, City Hall

July 26: Planning Commission*, 7:00PM, City Hall

Aug 1-6: Highland Fling

Aug 2: City Council Meeting*, 7:00PM, 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, sign up for alerts, etc. on-line at: www.hIGHLANDCITY.ORG

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City Budget & Fee Increases

As has been discussed for the past few months, Highland City has had to budget for significant inflationary cost increases in the City Budget that begins July 1. These increases are focused in our utility and public safety departments.

On June 21, City Council voted to increase fees for public safety, garbage and recycling, culinary water, storm drain, sewer, and pressurized irrigation (PI) to fund the increases. Below you can see a summary of the changes and the impact residents can expect to see on their monthly utility bill. Please note, this list only includes the base rates and does not include usage or lot size rates for water, sewer, and PI. These rates will go into effect July 1 and residents will see them on the bill included in this newsletter.

Fee	Current Rate	New Rate	Difference
Public Safety	\$11.50	\$15.25	\$3.75
First Garbage Can	\$9.61	\$10.75	\$1.14
Second Garbage Can	\$6.76	\$7.49	\$0.73
Recycling	\$6.27	\$7.18	\$0.91
Water Base	\$15.91	\$23.07	\$7.16
Storm Drain	\$6.97	\$9.76	\$2.79
Sewer Base	\$5.11	\$7.15	\$2.04
PI	\$20.12	\$24.14	\$4.02
Total	\$82.25	\$104.79	\$22.54

The Mayor and City Council understands that City budgets are funded by our residents who are experiencing inflation in their own family budgets and as such have worked hard to minimize the impact to residents. The approved budget maintains the level of service in our core services without taking on additional debt, keeps the City fiscally sustainable, keeps each utility fund self-sufficient, and ensures that the City isn't spending one-time monies on on-going expenses.

For more information including a description of the need behind the increases, other options the City discussed, and the approved budget, visit <https://bit.ly/HC-FY23-Budget>. You can also see presentations and videos from City budget meetings.

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>.

June 7

City Council approved a property disposal and construction of a fence that will allow the City to construct trail access to the Hogs Hollow trail system north of Angels Gate on Draper City property. Final documents are being process after which the City will work with local mountain biking teams to create the trail access.

City Council asked staff to better define the exit clause in the contract for the potential public/private partnership agreement proposed by Utah Surf Athletic Club (Surf). The basics of the agreement are that Surf would construct and maintain two full sized fields at Mountain Ridge Park. In exchange, Surf would be able to use the fields free of charge during specified times for a period of 11 years with options to extend the contract. The final proposed agreement will be brought back to Council for their review and final decision.

City Council approved a bid for the reconstruction for the southern parts of Timberline Drive and Wildflower Lane in the Twin Bridges area. Staff is working with the contractor to finalize plans and construction is expected to be completed by this fall.

June 21

City Council approved the Final Plats for Ridgeview Phases F and G. The two plats have 99 townhomes and cottage lots and 57 carriage lots, respectively. The developer will work with City staff on the final engineering plans before beginning construction on those phases.

The City Council approved the upcoming budget including the certified tax rate, utility rates, and increased public safety fee. More on this on the column to the left.

City Council approved a contract to repair portions of the Highland Glen Trail system that have not yet been improved. This project will correct the uneven surfaces and increase safety by eliminating tripping hazards. In addition, the overgrowth will be removed to widen the trailway and allow for better access.

City Council and staff discussed the current City Code related to attached accessory buildings. Council directed staff to draft amendments to the code to require the accessory buildings to be similar in nature to the original home. Staff will draft the code revisions and bring them back to the Planning Commission and City Council for review and approval.

YOUTH SPORTS & RECREATION PROGRAMS

OPEN TO HIGHLAND CITY RESIDENTS WITH NO ADDITIONAL FEES

VISIT CEDARHILLS.ORG/RECREATION TO FIND OUT MORE!

WHAT'S HAPPENING

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Highland Children's Choir

Register for Fall season at
highlandchildrenschoir.com.

Highland Fling Fine Art Show

Register at the Highland City
Community Center



(All art must be framed or mounted and ready to hang)

Timpanogos Ringers

The Timpanogos Ringers had a wonderful Spring concert with special guests-Highland Elementary Chime Choir. We are grateful to all who attended or helped in any way. The choir is now open to book for the Christmas season events! In addition, if you are interested in playing handbells, please reach out for more information. Contact: Paige.Erick@gmail.com

Beautification Committee

The Beautification Committee would like to recognize Steve and Chriss Goering's yard this month as the Yard of the Month for July. Please let them know that you appreciate all of the work that they put into making their yard beautiful. You can see this beautiful yard at 11293 N. Sampson Dr. The Yard of the month winner receives a \$25 Ace Hardware gift card and 2 bags of Oakdell Egg Farm Compost, courtesy of Oakdell Egg Farms.

Submit a nomination: wisecaryj@gmail.com.

Youth Council Corner



The Highland Youth City Council has been working to prepare for the Highland Fling coming up next month. They are sponsoring the Youth Movie night which will take place on Friday, August 5. There will be treats, games, and a movie under the stars. You won't want to miss the showing of the classic movie Megamind so spread the word to all youth ages 12-18 and bring a blanket to enjoy the show.

Highland Fling: August 1-6, 2022

We're a month away from the Highland Fling! Be sure to keep your eye out for the Highland Fling magazine coming to houses mid-July with all of the details for this years' events. Details are also available at www.HighlandCityFling.com.

We are having several of our traditional events such as the Horseshoe Tournament, Baby Celebration, Disc Golf Tournament, and Grand Parade. But we also have many new events and attractions like our first ever Off Highway Vehicle show!

We're always looking for volunteers to come and help so if there's an event that catches your eye please reach out to events@highlandcity.org. We hope to see you at the Fling!

Historical Society

The Highland Historical Society has a large amount of information about early Highland on their website at: <https://bit.ly/HC-history>. We invite you to go there and read about what made Highland what it is today. The museum will be open on Saturday of the Fling after the parade. Come and visit! The museum is always available for visits, just call Charlie at 801-913-5200.

Friends of the Library

It's time to build up your own library with books from the Friends of the Highland City Library Book Sale, which will be held during the Fling on Saturday, August 6 on the lawn of the City Arts Building, directly across from Heritage Park. The sale will be open from 9:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. You can also bring your summer reading prize coupon to the sale to collect your free book.

Next time you're at the library, take a peek in the children's reading nook, which has been turned into an under-the-sea grotto for this summer's theme, "Oceans of Possibilities." It was painted by our very own library director, Donna Cardon.

HIGHLAND LIBRARY HIGHLIGHTS

JULY 2022



Have You Read This?



Fans of fairytale retellings will be excited to read this book. *Gilded* combines romance, folklore, and fantasy in a dark retelling of Rumpelstiltskin.

"My soul is full of longing
For the secret of the sea,
And the heart of the great ocean
Sends a thrilling pulse through me."
- Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, *The Secret of the Sea*

WELCOME

Hours:

Monday-Thursday 10AM-8PM

Friday 10AM-4PM

Saturday 12PM-4PM

Closed Sunday

Closed July 4th



Summer Reading Prizes

July 25-August 6 | For All Ages

Last chance to come pick up your summer reading prize! Kids will earn a brand-new book! Adults and Teens will get a voucher for a free book from the Friends of the Library Book Sale!

Day at the Beach

All Ages | 4pm-7pm | Highland City Splash Pad

Join us for a Beach Party! Games, Food Trucks, a Dunk Tank, and more!

Sunshine Stories*

Wednesdays @ 10am
Ages 0-5 NE lawn

Sea Crafts*

Wednesdays @ 10am
Ages 6-11 NW lawn

Teen Writers Group*

Thursdays @ 4pm
Ages 12-18

Teen Corps*

Every other Saturday
starting June 11 @ 1pm
Ages 12-17

Friends Across the Ocean

Come write to the adults, teens, and kids at our sister library in Guatemala!

*Highland City Library Card Required

Sunken Sea Treasures*

July 16 @ 1pm

For Kids and Teens.

Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult, one adult per child.

Learn about things you can find deep in the ocean. Try your hand at finding some ocean treasures. Registration Required.

Sewing Class*

July 11th @ 10:30am

For Kids and Teens:

Children 10 and under must be accompanied by an adult, one adult per child.

Come learn to sew an ocean themed cross stitch with Lori Volmar! Supplies are limited. Registration required.

Recycled Fish Contest*

For All Ages

Recycle materials to make and decorate your own fish! Submit your creation by July 30. Prizes will be awarded the first week of August.

Seashore in a Jar*

For All Ages

Come guess how many seashore items are in our jar! Correct guesses win a prize! Prizes awarded the first week in August!

Water Conservation

Cooler spring weather combined with additional rainfall has been beneficial, however over 80% of Utah including the Highland area is still in extreme drought. The good news is Highland residents have heard our conservation cries and heeded the call. To date there has been 17% less water usage than last year and 26% less than 2020. Please keep up the good work! The drought will ultimately restrict the allocation of water we'll receive from our sources with Provo River Water which is where we get much of our water in the later part of the summer. So, even as temperatures rise, please continue to water appropriate to the weather conditions. If a summer storm comes through or temperatures drop, turn off your clocks for a watering day or two. When you do water, remember to follow the following water schedule: even numbered street addresses: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday and odd numbered street address: Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. Watering hours are from 6:00 p.m. on the assigned day to 10:00 a.m. the following day.

Follow [@conservewaterutah](https://www.facebook.com/conservewaterutah) on Facebook or visit [conservewater.utah.gov](https://www.conservewater.utah.gov) to get a weekly watering schedule to know how many irrigations your landscape needs that week. You can also find other conservation information 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.

Pressurized Irrigation Metering

In the 2022 legislative session, a law was passed requiring all pressurized irrigation (PI) connections to be metered by 2030. Highland City has been planning on metering PI connections for some time and has applied for state and federal grants and received some funding from those grants to help with the costs. The remaining costs will come from the PI Fund. Meters are already being installed in new developments and the City will shortly begin the process of installing meters in existing homes. 300 meters have been ordered for the first set of installations in the Twin Bridges, Viewpoint, and Hidden Oaks areas. The City hopes meters will be delivered in the fall and afterwards installation will occur. Additional communication with the impacted neighborhoods will occur prior to installation. Metering the entire City is expected to take 3-4 years depending on the supply of meters and ability to hire contractors to install.

In preparation for the meter installation project, residents will soon see City employees throughout neighborhoods documenting the status of the PI box on properties. Employees will be in a City marked vehicle and be wearing clothing with the City logo. They will use an iPad to take pictures of the PI box and go through a documentation checklist. Almost all boxes are in front yards near the street. In the rare occurrence a box is in

the rear yard, an employee will contact the homeowner and receive permission to enter their backyard.

PI meters are expected to ultimately save water as residents will be more aware of how much water they are using and cut back as appropriate. Meters will be read by radio towers which will be able to provide near instant information on water use. The structure of rates is still being discussed and will ultimately be finalized by City Council when meters are installed throughout the City.

Fireworks Restrictions

For the month of July, state law allows fireworks to be shot from July 2-July 5 and July 22-July 25 from 11:00AM - 11:00PM except on July 4 and July 24 where the hours extend to midnight.

Due to the fire danger, fireworks are prohibited in certain areas of Highland including: Beacon Hills Subdivision; Bull River Subdivision, drainage areas, and surrounding property; Chambery Fields Subdivision; Country French Subdivision; Dry Creek Highland Subdivision and drainage areas; Hidden Oaks Subdivision; Highland Glen Park; Highland Hills Subdivision; Highland Hollow Subdivision and drainage areas; Highland Oaks Subdivision; Hollow Acres Subdivision; homes abutting Highland Hollow and drainage area in the Highland Hollow and Canterbury North subdivision; Hunter Ridge Subdivision; Lone Peak High School; Meadow Lane; Mercer Hollow Subdivision; Mitchell Hollow Park and drainage areas; Mountain Ridge Park; Mouth of American Fork Canyon; Oak Ridge subdivision; Pheasant Hollow Park; Ridgeview Subdivision and state owned property south of development; Skye Estates Subdivision; Sterling Pointe Subdivision; Sunset Mountain Properties; The Hollow Subdivision and drainage areas; Town Center Splash Pad; View Pointe Subdivision; west side of 10150 North; and Westfield Cove Subdivision. A map of these restrictions is available at <http://bit.ly/HC-FireDept>.

In addition to Highland City's bans, fireworks are never allowed on US Forest Service (including American Fork Canyon), BLM, or National Park land. See a map of statewide firework restrictions at [UtahFireInfo.gov](https://utahfireinfo.gov).

Social Security Scams

New reports have been made of individuals using pictures of real law enforcement credentials and badges to legitimize their cause and scam people out of their money. For more information visit, [Federal Law Enforcement Agencies Warn of Impersonation Scam Involving Credentials and Badges \(ssa.gov\)](https://www.federallawenforcementagencies.gov/warn-of-impersonation-scams-involving-credentials-and-badges)