

Mayor's Message — Kurt Ostler

Thank you to all those who attended and helped with all the different Highland Fling events this year.

Starting in July, the City began to charge the extra public safety fee increase for the Lone Peak public safety. I wanted to thank all residents again for supporting our police and fire departments with these fee increases and share a little about the Lone Peak Police department:

Lone Peak Police employs 26 full-time employees, one part-time, and four volunteers. Twenty-two of the full-time employees are full-time sworn officers. Two officers are School Resource Officers, one full-time at Lone Peak High School with the other splitting time between Junior High and Elementary schools. Lone Peak Police teach the NOVA program (Nurturing, Opportunities, Values, and Accountability) to 5th and 6th graders. This program has been a tremendous success, creating lasting relationships between students and the police department.

The average tenure of our sworn officers is 9.5 years of experience. In 2021, Lone Peak officers responded to 13,339 calls of service. The calls include anything from burglaries and thefts, to animal complaints, welfare checks, accidents, and domestic violence. Lone Peak officers must have a High School Diploma, Utah Peace Officers Standards and Training (POST Certificate for a Law Enforcement Officer), 480 hours of initial field training, and continued education with a minimum of 40 hours accrued annually. The annual required training focuses on mental health and other crisis intervention responses, arrest control, and de-escalation. Lone Peak Police starting wage is \$25.91 per hour.

For 2022, Lone Peak Public Safety District (Highland/Alpine) has been recognized as the number one safest city in Utah by safewise.com. When I asked the police chief why he thinks this is the case, Chief Gwilliam responded, "My thoughts are this is multi-pronged. I think the biggest contributing factor is the residents themselves. They do a great job taking care of and watching out for each other. Demographics and location also play a part in this as well. Overall, I believe it's the culture and pride that the residents have in their community." From my own interactions with our police department, I have developed nothing but respect and appreciation for our great officers.

Some residents have shared with us that they would like to see more traffic and speed enforcement—we have informed the department of your concerns. I can personally attest that Lone Peak Police is doing traffic enforcement, as I was personally pulled over by one of our great officers recently. No, I didn't say anything about myself being the Mayor; I merely smiled, and thanked them for keeping our City safe.

Financial Aid for Utility Bills

The Highland City Council recognizes that for a variety of reasons, sometimes residents struggle to pay their utility bills. To assist, the City has partnered with Mountainland Association of Governments (MAG) who administers the Home Energy Assistance Target Program (HEAT) program to provide assistance for those who qualify. If you need assistance with paying your utility bill, please call MAG at (801) 229-3855 or apply online at www.jobs.utah.gov/heat.



HIGHLAND CITY

CALENDAR

Sep 5: Labor Day

City Offices closed and garbage services delayed one day this week.

Sep 6: City Council Meeting*

7:00 PM, City Hall

Sep 10: Annual Firefighter Pancake Breakfast

7:00-10:00 AM, Highland Fire Station

Sep 15: Senior Citizen Appreciation Dinner

5:00PM, City Hall, Ages 55+

Sep 20: City Council Meeting*

7:00 PM, City Hall

Sep 27: Planning Commission*

7:00 PM, City Hall

*Agendas, Minutes, and Audio at <http://bit.ly/HC-agendas>. Meetings streamed on <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 Emergency: 801-420-2553

Waste Management (pick-up & can repairs): 888-496-8824

ONLINE

Report a concern, pay a bill, reserve pavilions, request alerts, etc. at: www.highlandcity.org

Check us out on Facebook and Twitter @HighlandCity



City 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>.

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The Council approved a new parking configuration for a portion of the Highland Town Plaza south of Wendy's. The new configuration will be phase 1 of the final configuration that will be striped fully once further development occurs on the building lot to the east of the parking lot.

City Council directed staff to begin working with homeowners in the Highland Hollows subdivision to come into compliance with the recently-adopted Encroachment Policy and Maintenance Agreement. Staff will shortly send out letters to those living in the subdivision whose property has encroached onto City property.

Council approved a project to improve the façade at the pavilion at Highland Glen Park. Through the years, rocks on the wall and columns of the pavilion have disappeared due to vandalism and natural wear and tear. This project will remodel the wall to restore as many rocks as possible while preserving the overall aesthetic of the pavilion.

August 16

Council and staff discussed the anticipated costs for Mountain Ridge Park as well as potential revenue sources. Staff is currently seeking a bid on the areas of the park outside of phase 1. Those bids will come back to Council in September for final approval and direction from the Council dependent on funding.

Staff gave Council an update on the Pressurized Irrigation (PI) metering project. Due to a state law passed this legislative session, every entity providing PI water is required to install meters on systems. The City has received \$5 million in state grant funding and \$2 million in federal grant funds to complete this project. The remaining nearly \$3 million in estimated costs will come from City funds which have been calculated in the recent utility rate analysis. Meter installation is expected to begin in 2023 and take three years to install the approximate 4,500 meters throughout the City. Additional information on the project will be forthcoming.

City Council discussed the possibility of the City pursuing options to provide fiber internet in Highland. Council decided to invite UTOPIA back to give a presentation on their model and what the program would look like in Highland City.

Water Conservation

What does water conservation look like at your home?

Inside:

- Water efficient fixtures on the interior of the house. All fixtures are checked routinely and repaired as necessary to ensure there are no leaks or continuous water discharge.
- Older fixtures are replaced when their service life is met. They are replaced with water-efficient fixtures.

Outside:

- Green and healthy lawn, trees, and landscape. The landscape is cared for by watering plants, appropriate fertilization, aeration, proper planting locations for trees, shrubs, flowers, and grass to match use and exposure conditions.
- Properly-repaired and functioning sprinkler system. This sprinkler system efficiently waters the landscape with minimal wasted water.
- A sprinkler system that is managed by a smart controller capable of stopping water schedules when recent storms have deposited sufficient water. Watering times are set to water in the most efficient time of day for your soil conditions, sun and wind exposures.
- The sprinkler system is assessed regularly to make sure that all is functioning properly.

How to know if I am being efficient?

Free water audits by trained professionals, landscape design training, and funding assistance programs for potential water-wise improvements, are all available at the links indicated below:

<https://localscapes.com/>

<https://utahwatersavers.com/>

<https://slowtheflow.org/>

Cemetery Clean-Up

Highland City seeks to offer the families and friends of loved ones resting in the cemetery a clean and peaceful environment. On Monday, October 3, 2022, the cemetery will be cleared of ALL grave decorations, real or artificial, including trinkets, ornaments, etc. Items which appear to be of a permanent nature will be placed in a Conex container located on the southeast corner of the cemetery. Owners may claim these items by appointment only. 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 appointments or questions, please call (801)772-4505.

Cemetery cleanups are held on the 1st Monday in March, the 2nd Monday in June, the 1st Monday in October, and the 1st Monday in December.



Holiday Craft Fair

Nov 11-12, Community Center. To purchase a booth (\$50), call Shauna at (801)891-7183

New Classes

Beginning Crochet Class
September 22, 7-8 PM. \$8/person

Advanced Crochet - Amigurumi project
September 22, 8-9 PM \$8/person
(Must be comfortable doing a single crochet stitch)
Supplies needed: 3.5 (E) crochet hook, small scissors, yarn of choice

To sign up call/text Shauna 801-891-7183.

Friends of Art

Beginning September 1, Friends of Art will be held the first Thursday of each month at the Community Center 10 AM-12 PM. We will have guest speakers and a light lunch. For more info contact Shauna at 801-891-7183

Timpanogos Ringers (Highland Bell Choir)

Rehearsals begin September 7 at the Community Center from 7-9 PM. There is a \$100 participation fee to cover the cost of music and equipment.

There is a new choir for kids ages 10+ who want to ring bells! Wednesday nights beginning September 14 from 5-6 PM at the Community Center. The fee is \$150 per child. Spots are limited. Sign up here:
<https://forms.gle/7VuLNiDWGndQNjLq7>

For more information regarding Timpanogos Ringers, contact Paige Erickson at 801-830-0927 or paige@ericksonfamily.com.

Highland Children's Choir

Now enrolling for Fall season—ages 5-19. Spots are filled in the order that registrations are received. Register at highlandchildrenschoir.com

December 3 Highland Choral Arts Christmas Concert.

Timpanogos Symphony Orchestra

September 23 & 24, 7:30 PM, Timberline Middle School - Timpanogos Symphony Orchestra presents *Kudos to Our Own*, a night of concertos featuring soloists from within the symphony's ranks.

TSO Memberships are now available for purchase—more information, visit thetso.org

YOUTH SPORTS & RECREATION PROGRAMS

OPEN TO HIGHLAND CITY RESIDENTS WITH NO ADDITIONAL FEES

VISIT CEDARHILLS.ORG/RECREATION TO FIND OUT MORE!

Youth Council Corner

Applications for the 2023 Youth City Council open in September. Applicants must be in 9th-12th grade. This is a great place to learn about and experience community service, events, and government!

Find the application at:
http://bit.ly/HC-Youth_Council



Events

Annual Firefighter Pancake Breakfast

Sep 10, 7-10 AM, Highland Fire Station. All proceeds go to Lone Peak Fire Association to support firefighters in need and our local firefighters.

Senior Citizen Appreciation Dinner (Ages 55+)

Sep 15, 5-7 PM, City Hall. RSVP to reserve your dinner by calling (801)772-4507, emailing events@highlandcity.org, or coming in-person to City Hall.

Highland Fling 2023

We're already starting to prepare for next year's Fling! If you're interested in being a volunteer, please reach out to the events department at events@highlandcity.org.

Beautification Committee

The Beautification Committee recognizes Betty and Kimball Wirig's yard as September's Yard of the Month—4983 Old Oak Ln, Highland. This month's winners received a \$25 Ace Hardware gift card and two bags of Oakdell Egg Farm Compost. Please be on the lookout for nominations for Spooktacular October's Yard of the Month. Please submit your nominations to Cary Wise at wisecaryj@gmail.com.

Historical Society

Visit Highland Historical Society's website to learn more about this great City's past: <https://bit.ly/HC-history>. To tour the museum, contact Charlie Greenland at 801-766-6624 or 801-913-5200.

Friends of the Library

We would like to thank all those who contributed to the great success of the Used-Book Sale August 6! Despite the weather, the sale was a huge success.

The "Adopt a Book Drive," sponsored by the Highland City Library Foundation, begins September 6. The goal is to add 1,000 new picture books to the library. Citizens can choose a book from an Amazon registry and use the "gift" option to donate it to the library in the name of someone whose memory the book is given.

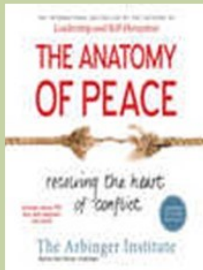
Learn more: www.HighlandCityLibrary.org.

HIGHLAND LIBRARY HIGHLIGHTS

SEPTEMBER 2022



Have You Read This?



How do we resolve conflict?
Where does it come from?
Those who are concerned
about conflict resolution may
enjoy this book from the world
renowned Arbinger Institute.

"Education never
ends, Watson. It
is a series of
lessons, with the
greatest for the
last." ~
Sir Arthur Conan Doyle,
His Last Bow

WELCOME

Hours:

Monday-Thursday 10AM-8PM

Friday 10AM-4PM

Saturday 12PM-4PM

Closed Sunday



Adopt a Book!

Beginning Sept 6

Help the library collect new books for our
picture book section! Select, purchase, and
donate a book from our Amazon Wishlist!
See website for more details.

Storytime*

Tues, Weds, Thurs

@ 11 am

Ages 3-5 and parents

Grandparent Storytime*

Sept 12 @ 11 am

Ages 0-5 and Grandparents

Book Babies

Fri @ 11am

Ages 0-2 and parents

Teen Writers Group*

Thurs @ 4 pm

Ages 12-18

Teen Corps

Sept 3 & 17 @ 1 pm

Ages 12-18

*Highland City Library card required

Carved in Stone

Sept. 10 @ 1PM

Ages 5+ (Children 10 and under must be ac-
companied by an adult)

Registration Required

Come learn about different types of art and writing made in
stone!

Sewing Class

Sept. 20 @ 4 PM

Ages 5+ (Children 10 and under must be ac-
companied by an adult)

Registration Required

Come learn to cross-stich with Lori Volmar!

www.highlandcitylibrary.org

