

Mayor's Message — Kurt Ostler

This past year, the Utah State Legislature passed a law that requires the City to install secondary water meters on all homes by 2030. The state bill, H.B. 242, is in response to Utah's ongoing drought and to encourage water savings. When Saratoga Springs installed secondary meters in 2016, they saw a 27 percent drop in secondary water usage. Since 2018, Highland City has required all new homes to install a secondary water meter, approximately 250 homes. The cost for Highland City to install secondary meters on homes built before 2018 will be \$9.8 million dollars for 4,500 homes. The City has successfully obtained Federal Government and State of Utah grant money for \$7 million dollars. With \$2 million from the Bureau of Reclamation, WaterSMART grant, and \$5 million from the Division of Utah Water Resources, the remaining \$2.8 million coming from the Highland City Pressurized Irrigation Enterprise fund. Highland's average lot size is 0.6 acres, with about 0.3 acres irrigated by Highland's secondary water system. Highland City is expecting once the meters are installed, and residents become aware of their secondary water usage, the City will save about 3,750 acre-feet of secondary water annually.



Fiber Internet

As many residents have probably seen on social media or in local news, our neighboring cities, Lehi, Cedar Hills, and American Fork, are looking at or have already signed contracts to bring fiber internet to their cities. Based on Highland residents' responses from our annual city survey and questions asking specifically about fiber internet, it appears Highland residents also want a fiber internet option. Over the past several months, the Mayor and City Council have sought out and discussed the City's internet options with several fiber internet providers. In these discussions, the Mayor and City Council have wanted the free market to provide fiber internet throughout the City without a City commitment. However, based on discussions with several fiber internet providers, it seems to be a long shot at having them provide city-wide fiber unless the City gets involved. One of the top fiber providers in Utah County is UTOPIA fiber. To help evaluate fiber options, the Mayor and City Council will have UTOPIA do a presentation at the upcoming Tuesday, October 4th, 2022, City Council meeting

Mountain Ridge Park Fundraising

After years of waiting and saving, the park next to Mountain Ridge Jr. High is



finally being built! The first phase including a parking lot and street improvements, all-inclusive playground area, basketball and pickleball courts, and a baseball field is underway. A grand opening is expected in the early summer of 2023. The City is partnering with the Highland Foundation to fundraise to finish the remaining areas of the park. Watch for more information to come or visit <http://bit.ly/MtnRidgePk> to learn more and to find out how to donate.



HIGHLAND CITY CALENDAR

- Oct 3: Cemetery Clean-up**
- Oct 4: City Council Meeting***
7:00 PM, City Hall
- Oct 18: City Council Meeting***
7:00 PM, City Hall
- Oct 15: Pressurized Irrigation Shut-Off**
- Oct 24: Trick or Treat Street**
Details to be announced, Town Center Splash Pad
- Oct 25: Planning Commission***
7:00 PM, City Hall
- Nov 1: City Council Meeting***
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

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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>.

September 6

The Mayor and City Council discussed the phasing plans and revenue sources for the park next to Mountain Ridge Junior High. Council approved moving ahead with finishing the parking lot and street improvements, playground area, basketball and pickleball courts, a baseball field, and grass area south of the playground. The City is partnering with the Highland Foundation to fundraise to finish the remaining areas of the park. More information is on page 1.

The Council directed staff to create a monarch butterfly way station in Highland Glen Park by planting some milkweed as a part of a remediation project. Staff will begin working on the project shortly and expect to have it complete Spring of 2023.

Staff reported that UDOT is making plans to place a traffic signal at the intersection of Knight Avenue and North County Boulevard. The project is still in the design phase and next will go out to bid for a contractor.

September 20

The City Council approved the final Ridgeview Plats I, J, and the Park. The plats provide for 40 additional lots and a park south of Lone Peak High School.

City Council discussed a potential private-public partnership with Surf Soccer Club. Surf is proposing donating \$200,000 towards Mountain Ridge Park in exchange for being allowed exclusive use of competitive teams at the Lone Peak fields for the next 11 years. The Club would also maintain the fields during that time. Council asked staff to work with Surf to finalize details and bring back a formal agreement for their consideration.

The Site Plan for a new office building located at approximately 10806 N 5400 W was approved. The developer will now work with staff on their final plans before beginning construction.

City Council clarified a few items in relation to fireworks and fires. The firework restriction map was updated to include all City-owned parks and trails. In addition, Council clarified that homes in firework-restricted areas are also restricted from conducting an Open Burn to dispose of yard-type waste. Further, the only fires that are allowed in City parks are in equipment the City has put in and maintains such as BBQ grills and fire pits. Recreational fires for things such as roasting marshmallows are allowed on all privately-owned land assuming they meet safety criteria.

Credit & Debit Card Fees

On November 1, the City will begin accepting credit and debit card payments for a broader range of transactions including building permits and other fees. In anticipation of this change, the City Council approved a convenience fee that will cover the cost the City incurs when accepting card payments. The amount of the fee depends on the transaction, and will generally be 2.25% to 3% of the transaction amount. The City will continue to accept payments via other methods without a convenience fee, including checks and electronic payments authorized directly from a checking account. While many other businesses often increase their prices across the board to compensate for credit card processing charges, the Council felt the convenience fee is the fairest way to pay for the ability to provide this payment method. Please note that the new convenience fee will not apply to utility payments.

Cemetery Clean-Up

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. 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.

Pressurized Irrigation Shut-Off

On October 15, pressurized irrigation (PI) systems will be drained and winterized. While you may see water in the system after the 15, water pressure will diminish rapidly as ponds are drawn down. Winterize your system to prevent damage caused by frozen water left in pipes, sprinklers, filters, and valves. Close your main valve, located in a box installed as part of your sprinkling system. This will also help to protect your system from pressure fluctuations experienced when the system is charged in April. For questions, contact Public Works at (801)772-4515.

Water Conservation

How much water does your lawn need now that fall is here and temperatures are cooling? Did you know that the State of Utah has a resource to help you? The State of Utah provides a weekly guide that provides a recommendation for how many days a week to water and how long to water. The website is updated weekly for the weather conditions and season of the year. <https://conservewater.utah.gov/weekly-lawn-watering-guide/>



HIGHLAND QUILTERS
will be meeting at the Highland City Community Center on the fourth Thursday of each month from 9:30-11:30 am starting October 27th. We will kick off our new beginning with a Trunk Show from a local quilt group, The Grateful Thread. Contact Carol at cwhadlock@gmail.com.

CROCHET CLASSES

Thursday, October 6; Beginners- 7-8 pm; Advanced- 8-9 pm; CALL Shauna at 385-427-9337

Highland Holiday Craft Fair

2-Day Event !! 10am—4pm
Friday 11/11 and Saturday 11/12
Highland City Community Center

Crafts Food Music Door Prizes

Shauna 385-427-9337
Or Linda 717-368-6924
\$50/booth. Call today to reserve your spot.

ARTS HIGHLAND CITY ARTS COUNCIL

Caregiver Conference

The 17th Annual Caregiver Conference: Unlocking a New Perspective is Nov 4 & 5 from 9 AM - 4 PM at doTERRA (389 S 1300 W). A virtual option is available. This free conference sponsored by Mountainland Association of Governments will help caregivers discover new skills, techniques and ideas. The conference is free, but registration is required. Call (801)229-3804 or visit mountainland.org/cg.

City Events

We had so much fun celebrating our Senior Citizens here in Highland last month! Thanks so much for all of those who came out for dinner. Our next event is the Trick-or-Treat Street on Monday, October 24. More details will be announced soon, but mark your calendars now; you won't want to miss it!

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.

Utah State Flag Redesign

Entries have come in from throughout Utah for the "More Than a Flag" redesign initiative. Now, it's time to give your input on the entries! The flag designs can be viewed until October 5th on the website Flag.Utah.gov.

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 and click on the blue "Report a Concern" button. You can also always call us at 801-756-5751.

Friends of the Library

The book sale held by the Friends of the Highland City Library during the Highland Fling was a great success! The remaining books that didn't find homes went to the English as a Second Language Center in Provo and the Rotary Club. The Rotary Club will use these books to create several small libraries on Navajo reservations.

On September 8 we were delighted to see Highland City Library's very own Donna Cardon and Rebecca Rellaford on Fox 13 News Utah. As part of World Literacy Day, they talked about how reading books can help us understand how people communicated in the past such as with pictographs and petroglyphs. They also showed a pictograph craft that children can make. View the program at <https://youtu.be/OTHMX1mZxDw> (beginning at minute 21:20).

YOUTH SPORTS & RECREATION PROGRAMS

OPEN TO HIGHLAND CITY RESIDENTS WITH NO ADDITIONAL FEES

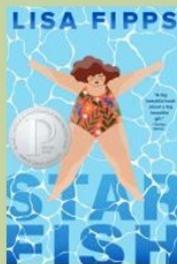
VISIT CEDARHILLS.ORG/RECREATION TO FIND OUT MORE!

HIGHLAND LIBRARY HIGHLIGHTS

OCTOBER 2022



Have You Read This?



Bullies can be difficult to face; whether at school or at home. How can bullies be confronted? In this novel in verse, a girl who is bullied about her weight learns how to stand up for herself.

“Really, he thought, if you couldn’t trust a poet to offer sensible advice, who could you trust?”

~
Neil Gaiman,
The Graveyard Book

WELCOME

Hours:

Monday-Thursday 10AM-8PM

Friday 10AM-4PM

Saturday 12PM-4PM

Closed Sunday



Adopt a Book! Ends Oct 31

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*

Oct 8 @ 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

Oct 1, 15, & 29 @ 1 pm
Ages 12-18

*Highland City Library card required

Paint with the Director

Oct 8 @ 1PM

Teens and Adults

Registration Required

Come learn to oil paint with our Director Donna Cardon!

Fabulous Fibers

Oct 21 @ 4 PM

Ages 5+ (Children 10 and under must be accompanied by an adult)

Registration Required

Come celebrate National Chemistry Week with the UVU Chemistry Club!

