

Mayor's Message — Kurt Ostler

As 2022 comes to a close and we look forward to the new year of 2023, I would like to highlight some items that took place this year and areas of focus for 2023.

The City Council and Mayor worked with several neighborhoods and residents on various issues to improve the Highland we know and love. Here are some of the items the City worked on in 2022.

- Increased the public safety fee to raise wages for our police and fire departments
- Hired a new City Administrator
- Issued 166 new residential home-building permits
- Established a new encroachment policy on city property
- Approved a new retail site plan for Highland Marketplace
- Added 5 new commercial buildings including Costa Vida, Arby's & Jurassic Taco
- Started the first phase of our new 17-acre Mountain Ridge Park
- Rebuilt the pavilion walls and trail at Highland Glen Park
- Acquired new property and built a trail up in Beacon Hills trailhead area to work around property owner fencing off existing Hog Hollow Trail; rebuilt a portion of Dry Creek Trail
- Rebuilt the 6800 West road going to American Fork Costco and Walmart
- Finished the connection road between 6000 West to 6800 West on Canal Blvd
- Put in a new access road to 5600 West from the Meier's Meats commercial area
- Worked with UDOT to install a new traffic light at 5600 West and SR-92
- The city obtained \$7 million in grants to help with the city's pressurized meter install and a \$1 million grant for the new well house building and re-drilled a culinary well from 600 ft. down to 1200 ft.
- Removed Steven Lane sewer pump station and redid portions of the Dry Creek and Country Club sewer line
- Purchased a new snow plow truck and cemetery skid steer

Most importantly, the City did not take on any new bond debt, and all existing bonds should be paid off by 2027!

Planned for 2023:

- Finish phase 1 of Mountain Ridge Park and fundraise for other phases
- Evaluate city-wide fiber internet options
- Update City General Plan
- Evaluate the removal of the Highland Open Space fee
- Traffic Calming plan for city streets
- Review public safety and road fees, evaluate changing from utility fees to city property tax
- Establish an area for Monarch butterflies
- In November 2023, elections for 3 city council seats

Most of all, at this time of year I want to recognize city staff and our fire and police for their hard work. I want to thank the residents for your support as we all try to make Highland the best place to live. I wish everyone a prosperous and safe Happy New Year.



CALENDAR

Jan 2: City Offices Closed

Jan 3: City Council Meeting
7:00pm, Council Chambers at City Hall

Dec 27-January 10: Live Christmas Tree Drop-off
Dumpsters at empty lot east of Police Station.

Jan 17: City Council Meeting

Jan 24: Planning Commission Meeting 7:00pm, City Council Chambers at City Hall

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

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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>.

December 6

The City Council voted to increase garbage rates beginning January 1. See the article to the right for more details.

City Council approved a new development agreement for the Highland Marketplace development northwest of the CVS. The new layout is expected to have 7 or 8 buildings including office, fitness, a drive-through and some retail with an outdoor gathering area.

Council and staff discussed the traffic concerns being experienced at the new Costa Vida and Arby's area. Staff will add additional signage to better direct traffic flow. If things do not improve, other options will be initiated.

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.

Please be aware that as outlined in City Ordinance 10.08.050, it is unlawful to park on the street between the hours of 12am and 8am, or during snow. If vehicles are present on the street, that street will unfortunately have to be skipped as it will impede snowplows from accessing it.

We want to serve you to the best of our ability; please help us make that possible. If your street has been skipped, please use the on-call number to contact us: 801-420-2553. We look forward to a safe winter for all of Highland's residents!

Garbage Rate Update

Starting January 1, Highland City's garbage disposal partner, North Pointe Special Service District, is going to increase fees for Highland City largely due to fuel and hauling cost increases. The City's garbage fees are set up to only pay for the cost of service and not to "make money" on garbage services. As such, any price increase the City sees needs to be passed along to users, otherwise the City would be subsidizing the cost of providing garbage services.

As a result, on December 6 the City Council voted to increase garbage rates starting in January 1. The cost for each type of garbage can will increase by \$0.23 per month. If your home has two garbage cans, you would see an increase of \$0.46 per month. Garbage can rates will be discussed again in June when the City receives a new annual hauling rate from Waste Management.

Christmas Tree Disposal

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 to be hauled away by Waste Management. No other items may be disposed of and trees can only be brought during the timeframe outlined.

Highland City Now Hiring

Would you like to play a part in developing our community and join Highland City's Executive Team?

We are hiring an Assistant City Administrator to lead community development efforts. We're seeking an individual who is dynamic, skillful, and group-focused.

Duties will include administrative responsibilities, serving as senior leadership, and carrying out various management operations. If you have experience in local government and want to have a positive impact on our community, consider applying!

For more information and to apply, visit www.HighlandCity.org/jobs.aspx



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Contact

Website:
highlandcityarts.info

Arts Council Chair,
Shauna Larson:
385-427-9337

The Timpanogos Ringers had a fabulous season and finished up with some great concerts! Thanks to everyone who attended. They will be starting their new season this month. If you or your kids (ages 10 and up) are interested in joining, please contact Paige Erickson at super.Paige.Erick@gmail.com. Classes are Wednesday afternoons.

Highland Choral Arts is looking forward to its Spring 2023 season. For anyone interested in joining the choir, auditions will be held January 17th at the Highland Community Center. For more information, please visit highlandchoralarts.org.

Highland Youth Theater's is putting on a production of Shakespeare's "As You Like It". Auditions are Thursday, January 5, 2023 at 4:00 PM at the Highland City Community Center. Bring any Shakespeare monologue. Performances are at the end of March. Tuition is \$95 for the entire experience. If you have any questions, please contact Ellen Burns at 801-763-8528.



Crochet Class will meet Wednesday, January 11 - beginning and intermediate (Amigurumi). \$10 - bring a 3.5 crochet hook and the rest of the materials will be provided. Contact Shauna at 385-427-9337 to sign up.

Highland Quilters will be meeting January 26 at 9:30 AM at the Highland City Community Center. Contact Carol Hadlock at cwhadlock@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.

Want to learn about the early history of Highland? Weekly program at the Library beginning this month!

Friends of the Library

"The only thing that you absolutely have to know," wrote Albert Einstein, "is the location of the library." The Friends of the Highland City Library love the location, staff, programs, and stacks of books found in our friendly library. We've also discovered that when we're away from home, exploring new libraries is good way to get to know an area. We've found informative bulletin boards, tips about community activities, bargain book sales, new books, and friendly advice from librarians. Try visiting libraries on your next traveling adventure.

While you're at home, you can join our Facebook page. This group page includes information for our book sales and all events that the Friends of the Library participate in, like parades and our newsletter articles. The address to go to is Friends of the Highland City Library facebook.com. Or search the name "Friends of the Highland City Library".

UTA Five-Year Service Plan

The Utah Transit Authority is Planning for the Future Transit Service in Utah by developing a Five-Year Service Plan. Our region is growing rapidly. Where and how we grow has impacts on the entire transportation network. This vision for the path ahead works to address these impacts through improvements to the transit system. The Five-Year Service Plan reflects UTA's intended service based on the best information available.

To learn more about the Five-Year Service Plan and to submit your comments by January 23, visit rideuta.com/FYSP

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.



HIGHLAND CITY LIBRARY



January 2023

Closed Jan 16

Books Babies*
F @ 11AM - Ages 0-2

Storytime*
T,W,TH @ 11AM - Ages 0-5

Grandparents Storytime*
Jan 9 @ 11AM - Ages 0-5

Teen Writers Group*
TH @ 4PM - Ages 12+

Teen Corps
Jan 14&28 @ 1PM - Ages 12+

*Highland City Library Card Required

Highland History Lecture
Jan 11 @ 6PM

Learn about a little piece of local Highland History! Charlie Greenland will share Highland's past from Pre-History through the Pioneers.

HOURS:
M-TH: 10AM-8PM
F: 10AM-4PM
SAT: 12PM-4PM
Closed SUNDAY

Draw with the Director Teens and Adults Jan 21 @ 1PM

Think you can't draw a person? With this technique anyone can. Let Library Director Donna teach you how. Registration required.

Winter Reading Kickoff -For Families Jan 9 @ 4:30 PM

Come see a live animal show from the Hutchings Museum! See the animals up close and learn about their habitats and adaptations! Also recognition of Adopt a Book donors.

Paws to Read - For All Ages Jan 3-Feb 28

Reading is perfect for a cold winter's day. Have fun this winter with a reading incentive program! Complete challenges to earn prizes. Sign up is easy, just ask a librarian!

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