

## Mayor's Message — Kurt Ostler

Thank you for all the hard work of our City's snowplow drivers and parks department in clearing city roads and sidewalks over the past several months. For the big storm on Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, Highland City's six snowplow drivers started at 3:30 am to plow all the roads in the city. With blowing snow, a job that usually takes 5 to 7 hours to plow all the city roads ended up being a 14-hour day.



Over the past several months, different issues have been brought before the mayor and city council. Several residents have come to city council meetings or sent e-mails with concerns about speed, traffic, and businesses operating in residential zones.

To address the traffic issues, the city has engaged a traffic engineering company to develop a "Traffic Tool Box" to help the city council determine correct speeds on Highland Roads and different traffic calming options.

About home-based businesses, the city has been working with several home-based business owners who have outgrown the intent of the Highland residential business code. The City Council has been working with the home-based business owners who need to relocate from their homes to find a more retail or commercial/warehouse location.

The construction of Mountain Ridge Park has started, and residents will start to see the park come together over the following months.

## Upcoming City Budget

City Staff are hard at work preparing next year's City budget for Fiscal Year 2024 (FY24) which will start July 1, 2023 and run through June 30, 2024.

The top budget priorities the Council has set for next year include: eliminating the Open Space Fee, construction of the Parks Maintenance Building, updating the General Plan, and adding extra funding for the maintenance of the soon to be constructed Mountain Ridge Park. (See last month's newsletter for a detailed discussion on the Open Space Fee.)

As was discussed last month, there is also currently a court case pending in the Utah Supreme Court whose outcome could have implications on Highland's Road Fee and Public Safety Fee. The City continues watching for the outcome of this case to see how this might impact our City budget.

The public is welcomed and encouraged to get involved in the budget process. The January 5 Budget Work Session is available to view at <http://bit.ly/HC-youtube>. Staff plans to present a draft of the preliminary budget to City Council on Thursday, March 30 at 6:00PM. Residents can also visit <http://bit.ly/HC-Council> to find contact information for the Mayor and City Council.



## CALENDAR

**Mar 6: Cemetery Cleanup**

**Mar 7: City Council Meeting**  
7:00pm, Council Chambers at City Hall

**Mar 21: City Council Meeting**  
7:00pm, Council Chambers at City Hall

**Mar 28: Planning Commission Meeting**  
7:00pm, Council Chambers at 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](http://www.highlandcity.org)

Sign up for email, text, and phone alerts from Highland City based on your interests at [alerts.utahcounty.gov](http://alerts.utahcounty.gov).

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>.

### February 7

The City Council voted to allow Alpine Food Storage to continue operation at their current location until June 30. The owners are in the process of moving their business to a commercial facility in American Fork and plan to be moved prior to the deadline.

The Council approved a contract with Hydro Vac for the installation of Pressurized Irrigation (PI) meters throughout the City this summer. The meter installations are state mandated and the City has received approximately \$7 million in grant money to help with the project. Watch for more information coming on this project shortly.

Council directed staff to continue working on plans for a new parks maintenance building to be constructed north of the community center. Plans and bids will be brought back to Council at a future time for final approval.

### February 21

City Council met with the company who is developing the City's Traffic Calming Toolbox. This tool will establish a process for the City to address resident concerns of pedestrian safety, speeding issues, and the like.

City Council approved an agreement with a donor who is contributing \$500,000 towards the all-abilities playground at Mountain Ridge Park. Construction on the park is ongoing and plans are for phase 1 of the park to open this summer.

## 2023 Elections

Consider Serving your Community by running for office! Highland City will have three City Council seats open this election. Each seat is a 4-year term that will begin January 1, 2024.

The candidate filing period is June 1-2 and June 5-7. Those wishing to run for office must file a Declaration of Candidacy in person with the City Recorder at 5400 West Civic Center Drive, Highland, UT between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm Monday through Friday. Candidates must also pay a \$35 filing fee.

Candidates must be a registered voter and have been a resident of Highland for at least 12 consecutive months immediately before the election. Watch for additional information in upcoming newsletters.

## Cemetery Cleanup

Highland City seeks to offer a clean, beautiful, and peaceful environment for those visiting their loved ones resting in the cemetery. Please help us with this goal by keeping your site clean.

On Monday, March 6th, the cemetery will be cleared of ALL grave decorations, real or artificial, including trinkets, ornaments, lamps, shepherd hooks, etc. Items which appear to be of a more 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 by calling (801) 772-4505. 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 questions, please call (801) 772-4505.

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



## Pressurized Irrigation

Pressurized irrigation water will be ready for use by April 15. As the process to bring the system online takes 7-10 days, Public Works will begin recharging the system around April 1. Please make sure your stop and waste valves are shut off while the system is being loaded. If valves are not shut off, flooding may occur. Once the system is fully operational on April 15, individual sprinkling systems can then be loaded by residents.

While we have experienced a robust snowpack this past winter season, conservation of this vital resource should always be in the forefront of our mind seeing as we don't know what future years will look like in regard to water availability. As you look at the landscaping in your yard, we encourage you to choose drought tolerant plants and consider the use of attractive xeriscape alternatives.

Water conservation is critical, especially because past studies have shown that Highland residents use almost double the amount of water necessary for outdoor watering. Thank you for helping us conserve water!



**Contact**  
Website:  
[highlandcityarts.info](http://highlandcityarts.info)

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

**Friends of Art** Join us Thursday, March 2nd from 10:00am to 12:00pm at the Highland City Community Center. This month's class will be by Cindy Bechtold on collages! All are welcome.

**Highland Choral Arts** Spring Concert—Please note a new time and place! May 6th @ 7:30pm. Join us at Mountain Ridge Jr. High. Don't miss this amazing event!

**Easter Activity** Join us Saturday, April 8th at Heritage Park beginning at 10:00am for an Easter Egg Hunt, Storytelling, and to meet the Easter Bunny!

**Youth Shakespeare Production** Come see the show "As You Like It" on Saturday, March 25th @ 2:00pm and at 7:00pm at the Highland City Community Center. FREE admission.

**Highland Quilters** Thursday, March 23rd from 9:00am to 3:00pm at the Highland City Community Center. Join us for an All-day-sew featuring a quilt made of charm packs (or you can sew your own)! Everyone welcome.

**After School Art Club** Mondays from 4:00pm—5:15pm, this program is for ages 8-12 and is downstairs at the Highland City Community Center. Registration is required; call Linda Littlefield at (717)368-6924.

## Beautification Committee

It will be spring before we know it! Be on the lookout for a yard to nominate for the Yard of the Month Award starting in April. It is a great way to reward everyone's hard work and dedication to gardening. It also helps to make our community beautiful.

We are currently looking for Backyards to be featured in this year's Backyard Tours, in conjunction with the Highland Fling. The Fling will be held July 29<sup>th</sup> through Aug 5, 2023. If you are interested, please let Cary know. It is a great way to share gardening ideas with other gardeners. Please send nominations to [wisecary@gmail.com](mailto:wisecary@gmail.com)



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KARATE  
TBALL  
COACH PITCH

JR. JAZZ  
FLAG FOOTBALL  
Ski Bus  
GOLF CAMPS

## Friends of the Library

Thanks to everyone who donated books to our GIANT book sale in February. Each donation has begun a journey that will help libraries. Some books find their way to the shelves of the Highland City Library where they can be read by you, citizens of our local communities. Other books are sold online or at our book sales. There are two large sales each year and a continuing sale in the library. You can always find a good paperback for fifty cents.

Money earned from selling books all goes to support library programs. For example, the prizes you received for the Summer Reading Program were probably purchased by the Friends, as were the gifts for the Library Patrons of the Year. No book is left unused. Any boxes of books we still have from the book sales find new homes in assisted living centers, the ESL Center in Provo, the Utah State Prison, and libraries in the Navajo Reservation, Guatemala, the Philippines, and Africa. Books you donate ultimately encourage readers. Many thanks.

## Historical Society

Join us this month on Wednesday, March 8th at 6:00pm in the City Council Chambers to learn more about some of the early settlers of Highland!

## Property Lines and Permits

With Spring upon us, many residents are planning on installing fences, adding a patio or pool, improving their landscape, and more. Before you begin any of these projects, remember to confirm your property lines and check to see whether you need a permit for the work.

[Utah County Parcel Maps](#) is a great online resource that anyone can use to reference property boundaries. Checking your property lines ensures work only occurs on property you own rather than someone else's including the City's. You can see information on Building Permits at <https://bit.ly/HC-Building> or feel free to give us a call at 801-756-5751.

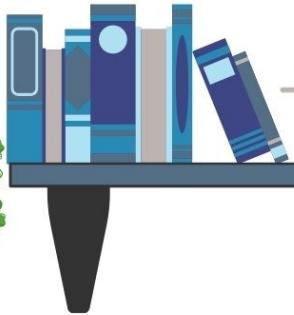
## Report a Concern

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](http://www.HighlandCity.org) and click on the blue "Report a Concern" button. You can also always call us at 801-756-5751.

## YOUTH SPORTS & RECREATION PROGRAMS

OPEN TO HIGHLAND CITY RESIDENTS WITH NO ADDITIONAL FEES

VISIT [CEDARHILLS.ORG/RECREATION](http://CEDARHILLS.ORG/RECREATION) TO FIND OUT MORE!



## HIGHLAND CITY LIBRARY

March 2023



### Books Babies\*

F @ 11AM - Ages 0-2

### Storytime\*

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

### Grandparents Storytime\*

March 13 @ 11AM - Ages 0-5

### Tween Writers Group

T @ 4PM - Ages 9-11

### Teen Writers Group\*

TH @ 4PM - Ages 12+

### Teen Corps

March 11 @ 1PM - Ages 12+

\*Highland City Library Card Required

### Highland History Lecture

March 8 @ 6PM

Come listen to Charles Greenland recount the fascinating stories of Highland's founding residents.

### HOURS:

M-TH: 10AM-8PM

F: 10AM-4PM

SAT: 12PM-4PM

Closed SUNDAY

### Plant Propagation Station Starting March 1

Community plant and seed exchange. Take one & leave one!

### Larry the Leprechaun March 1-17

Come find Larry in the Library!

Find where he is hiding and earn a surprise!

### Fairytales Ball - For Families

March 25 @ 11AM-12 PM & 2PM-3PM

Join us for the story of Sleeping Beauty! Celebrate Princess Rose's 16th Birthday by playing games, making a craft, and helping the Prince to break the Evil Fairy's Curse! Fairytale dress is encouraged.

Registration required.

### CONTACT US:

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