

Mayor's Message and Flood Prep — Kurt Ostler

With heightened flooding concerns because of this year's heavy snowfalls, the City has been doing early planning and looking at potential areas that might experience flooding. On March 15, the City experienced an early flooding event in the Beacon Hills area. Because of the heavy rain melting the snow, one basement was flooded with the danger of several other homes flooding. The City kicked into action, with several of the City's different departments (Public Works, Parks Dept, and Fire Dept) responding, including the City calling out for help on social media and via the emergency text and email system to fill sandbags. About 50 to 60 individuals arrived within one hour, helping fill and carry sandbags. It was inspiring to see so many jumps into action so quickly. Thank you for the quick response from our City staff and those residents who responded!

Over the past few weeks, the City has compiled a list of potential flood areas, visited several neighborhoods, and met with residents. The City has held meetings with the five local stakes of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saint Stake Emergency Prep Specialists. We asked the local stake to come prepared to provide a list of flooding concerns within their stake, including a list of potential heavy equipment resources that could be mobilized to defend properties if needed.

Spring Flooding Preparation & Prevention

With potential flooding concerns, the City will hold a "**Community Flood Preparation Day**" on **Saturday, April 15, 2023, from 9:00 am until noon**. The City will have available free sand and sandbags. Concerned residents can fill sandbags and take them home to prepare their property for flooding. Residents who do not have immediate flooding concerns are also asked to come and fill sandbags to be used in areas around the City. Come help protect your neighbors! **Sandbag filling areas are 1) the parking lot on the northside by entry to American Fork Canyon (by city pressurized irrigation reservoir), and 2) Highland Glen parking lot, located on the west side entering off West Park Road.** The City will also have sand and sandbags in areas of heightened concern and select neighborhoods throughout April and May.

I encourage everyone to go to the city website, www.highlandcity.org, click "[City Notifications](#)," and sign up to receive email, text, and phone alerts. This will be the primary way the City will communicate locally in an emergency or call out for help in needed areas for sandbaggers. We can help protect our City's rivers, drainage areas, and homes from flooding if we all pull together as a City during this spring flood season. You can also visit the following link to use a FEMA resource that can help assess potential risk for your property: <https://msc.fema.gov/portal/home>

The City is committed to serving residents to the best of our ability; in this time of potential flooding we ask that residents are proactive in protecting themselves by using these available resources and taking precautionary measures. With your help we can keep Highland safe this spring.

Easter Egg Hunt

Join us for a day of activities on April 8th at 10:00am Heritage Park! Come enjoy an Easter Egg Hunt, cookie decorating, storytelling, and meeting the Easter Bunny.



HIGHLAND CITY

CALENDAR

April 8: Easter Egg Hunt
10:00am at Heritage Park

April 15: Community Flood Preparation Day
9:00am-12:00pm, see Mayor's Message for locations

April 18: City Council Meeting
7:00pm, Council Chambers at City Hall

April 25: 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

Sign up for email, text, and phone alerts from Highland City based on your interests at alerts.utahcounty.gov.

Check us out on Facebook and Twitter @HighlandCity

City Council Brief

In each 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>.

March 7

City Council approved a contract for the asphalt Trail Maintenance 2023 project.

March 21

City Council approved a road maintenance contract for several roads throughout Highland; Council also awarded a contract for roadway paving on 6800 West from 9600 North to 9673 North.

The Council approved the final plans for phase 1 of Mountain Ridge Park. Phase 1 including the parking lot, pickleball courts, playground, pavilion, and restrooms are expected to be complete by Fall of 2023.

Pressurized Irrigation

Spring Availability

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 the main water valve that allows water to enter your sprinkler system is 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 an area of focus.

Pressurized Irrigation Meters

The City will begin installation of pressurized irrigation meters as early as June 1, 2023. The initial phase will be in the northwest area of the City; ensuing phases will be developed for the balance of the City, and will be available on the website. Look for updates in May; a link will be provided for information ahead of installation.

Hiring Seasonal Employees

The Public Works Department is hiring seasonal employees for spring and summer! Visit <https://www.highlandcity.org/Jobs.aspx> to apply.

Highland City Spring Clean-Up

The annual Highland City Spring Clean-Up will take place May 5 & 6 from 8 am-5 pm at the parking lot at the mouth of American Fork Canyon. Proof of residency is required. Dumpsters will be available for disposal of metal, wood, and household waste. Info at www.utahcountygabage.org.

Burn Permits

The time period for open burns will be from March 30-May 30. There are no restrictions this year due to all the moisture we have received. All open burn applications need to be done **only** through the Utah Division of Air Quality. The fire department no longer requires a local permit to complete the application process. The link below is the best way to access the open burn permit application through the DEQ.

Once your application has been approved, contact dispatch at (801)851-2876 **before** burning and give them the permit number you have been issued. Please contact DEQ with further questions.

<https://air.utah.gov/OpenBurning/index.htm>

Upcoming City Budget

City Staff and Council continue working on preparing next year's City budget for Fiscal Year 2024 (FY24) which will start July 1, 2023 and run through June 30, 2024.

The court case we've previously mentioned in newsletters that had implications for Highland's fees has been decided. The ruling does allow for cities to charge reasonable fees for services provided to residents. As such, Highland City plans to continue forward with both our Road and Public Safety fees. However, Council has prioritized the elimination of the Open Space Fee.

Other priorities Council is considering for the budget include: construction of the Parks Maintenance Building, updating the General Plan, replacing aging snowplows, and adding extra funding for the maintenance of the soon to be constructed Mountain Ridge Park.

The public is welcomed and encouraged to learn more and get involved in the budget process. The January 5 Budget Work Session is available to view at <http://bit.ly/HC-youtube>. Staff will present the Mayor's draft budget to Council on Thursday, March 30 at 7:00PM and have a follow-up Budget Work Session on Monday, April 24 at 7:00PM. Residents can also visit <http://bit.ly/HC-Council> to find contact information for the Mayor and City Council and see previous months' newsletters for a more information.

Youth Fishing Program

Registration is now open for our "Hooked on Fishing" program! Classes will be held Thursdays in April and May from 5:30pm to 7:00pm at Highland Glen Park. Cost is \$30 for residents and \$35 for nonresidents.

Please visit <https://www.highlandcity.org/168/Youth-Fishing> for more information and to sign up.

HIGHLAND CITY ARTS ARTS COUNCIL

Contact
Website:
highlandcityarts.info

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

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.

Easter Egg Hunt Join us Saturday, April 8 at Heritage Park beginning at 10:00am for an Easter Egg Hunt, storytelling, cookie decorating, and to meet the Easter Bunny!

Highland Quilters Join us Thursday April 27 from 9:00am-3:00pm for an all day sew at the Highland City Community Center. Janell Anderson will be educating us on color theory. All are invited to attend! Contact Carol Hadlock at cwhadlock@gmail.com for more info.

The Timpanogos Ringers have a busy spring planned; we invite you to three events! April 21 they will be playing at the Tulip Festival at Thanksgiving Point at 3:00pm. May 2nd they will have a concert at the Pleasant Grove Library, and another concert May 17 at the Highland Arts Center.

Highland Children's Choir will have their Spring concert on Saturday, May 6 at 5:00pm at Mt. Ridge Junior High. Admission is \$5.00. Join us!

Highland Choral Arts will also be having their Spring concert on Saturday, May 6. Join us at 7:30pm at Mt. Ridge Junior High.

Highland Youth Theater will hold auditions for "Newsies" at the Highland City Community Center on May 23 from 4:00-6:00pm. Callbacks will be May 25 from 4:00-6:00pm, with performances June 29 and 30. Call Jordana Proctor at (385)309-7204 with questions.

Highland Fling Art Show will be August 5 and 6! Our theme this year is "Our Little Slice of Paradise"! Join us at the Highland City Community Center.

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 this month. 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 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 wisecaryj@gmail.com

Historical Society

Please join us this month on Wednesday, April 12 at 6:00pm in the City Council Chambers to learn more about the early history of Highland.

Flag Retiring Ceremony

American Legion Post 49 will be holding their Annual Flag Retirement Event on April 19 at 7:00pm. Combined with American Fork Police, Fire, and healthcare workers, this event is open to the public and free of charge. Join them in honoring those who gave their life serving our country in the past year. This patriotic and family-friendly event will take place at the Quail Cove Amphitheater located at 850 East 700 North in American Fork.

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 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.



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KARATE
T'BALL
COACH PITCH

JR. JAZZ
FLAG FOOTBALL
SKI BUS
GOLF CAMPS

YOUTH SPORTS & RECREATION PROGRAMS

OPEN TO HIGHLAND CITY RESIDENTS WITH NO ADDITIONAL FEES

VISIT CEDARHILLS.ORG/RECREATION TO FIND OUT MORE!



Books Babies*

F @ 11AM - Ages 0-2

Storytime*

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

Grandparents Storytime*

April 10 @ 11AM - Ages 0-5

Tween Writers Group

T @ 4PM - Ages 9-11

Teen Writers Group

TH @ 4PM - Ages 12+

Teen Corps

April 1, 15, 29 @ 1PM - Ages 12+

*Highland City Library Card Required

Easter Egg Hunt and Storytelling

April 8 @ 10AM

Join us for a special storytime at Heritage Park before the City Easter Egg Hunt!

Spring Scavenger Hunt

April 1-15

Come find the Spring shapes hidden in the library!

Poetry Contest - All Ages

Enter our poetry contest! Fill out the submission form on the Library's website by April 30th. Winners will receive a prize!

Paint with the Director - Teens and Adults

April 22 @ 1PM

Let Donna teach you how to paint a springtime scene featuring our very own AF Canyon!

No Library programs in May.

HOURS:

M-TH: 10AM-8PM

F: 10AM-4PM

SAT: 12PM-4PM

Closed SUNDAY

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