

Mayor's Message and Flood Prep — Kurt Ostler

I want to thank all the volunteers who came out for the Highland City Community Flood Preparation Day on April 15. We had around 250 volunteers come out and help fill sandbags. As we move into May, I want to remind everyone about the danger of fast-moving water in rivers, creeks, and ditches. Please share with your children to stay out of these fast-moving waterways. In a normal year, we have seen the American Fork River running at 150 to 200 cubic feet per second, and we could see 4 to 5 times that amount this year. There is also great worry about the Dry Creek area in Highland, and we ask all property owners to assess their property for any possible flooding concerns and to please keep all storm drains in roadways cleared.



Several residents commented to me as they saw the new Mountain Ridge Park starting to take shape. When you drive by, you will notice the new playground coming together, the pickleball and basketball courts cement being poured, and fences starting to be installed. As a City, we wanted to thank all the generous donors for their kind donations towards the new park. The City still needs other donations to help finish the park. Please go to bit.ly/MtnRidgePk, or feel free to reach out to the Mayor or any City Council Member.

Highland City Open House

The annual Highland City Open House is back May 10 from 5:00-8:00 at City Hall. Come meet your Elected Officials and learn about flooding preparation, the Budget, the PI meter project, Municipal Elections, Mountain Ridge park, and much more.

We will have interactive activities for kids to enjoy, including having City Public Works, Fire and Police equipment on display. See you there!

Upcoming City Budget & Community Budget Presentation

As we've discussed in recent newsletters, the City Council and staff have been 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.

On Tuesday, May 2, Council will consider the Tentative Budget which will include construction of the Parks Maintenance building, an update to the General Plan, replacement of a snowplow, funding ongoing maintenance for Mountain Ridge Park, and replacing carpet in the Library. In addition, Council has indicated their intent to eliminate the Open Space Fee in this budget.

The public is welcomed and encouraged to learn more and get involved in the budget process. Budget Work Sessions are available to view at <http://bit.ly/HC-youtube>. Council will consider the Tentative Budget at the Council Meeting on May 2. Additionally, Staff will present an overview of the Budget to residents on Wednesday, May 17 at 7:00PM at City Hall.

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 more information.



CALENDAR

May 2 & 16: City Council
7:00pm, City Hall

May 5 & 6: City Clean Up
8:00am-5:00pm at the mouth of American Fork Canyon

May 10: City Open House
5:00-8:00pm, City Hall

May 17: Community Budget Presentation
7:00pm, City Hall

May 23: Planning Commission
7:00pm, 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.

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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>.

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City Council approved a contract to make repairs along 6800 West and north of 9600 North. Now 6800 West will be a nice and smooth road all along. Thank you for your patience on this and other public works projects that keep our City the wonderful place it is.

Spring Stormwater Reminder

Spring is here! Please continue to keep all leaves and other debris out of sidewalks, gutters, park strips, driveways, and the road. This will help prevent pollution from getting into our storm drain system.

We would also like to remind residents that according to Municipal Code 12.04.060(D) it is unlawful for any developer, landscaper, contractor, property owner, or any person owning, occupying or having control of any premises to place, or permit to be placed upon or in the sidewalk, gutter, or any part of the street or right-of-way any dirt, mud, soil, rocks, or any landscaping material.

As you prepare your landscaping for the season, please keep all materials out of the street, sidewalk, gutters, etc. Please help us protect these areas and keep our water clean. Remember, only rain in the drain!

Pressurized Irrigation Meters

The start of the PI Meter installation project is quickly approaching. The project will commence in the northwest area of the City. Residents in that area should plan spring landscape maintenance to ensure that the existing PI service boxes are easily accessible and free from bushes or other vegetation that obstructs access to the box.

The contractor will generally require access to the existing service box, the area surrounding the box, and the area extending from the box to the street. The City advises that residents trim bushes, tree limbs, and other vegetation in a manner that allows for crews access to remove the box and install the meter without unwanted damage to adjacent plants.

Residents will receive a door hanging flyer prior to the meter installation that indicates construction dates and provides more instruction. Watch for additional information to be available soon on the City website.

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>

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.

MAG Senior Health Challenge

Challenge yourself to improve your health! Anyone age 50+ can complete personal health goals each week in the month of June. Participants who achieve their goals will be entered into a drawing to win prizes. We will have FREE events such as group hikes, yoga classes, activities at local Rec Centers, pickleball at Sunpro, and more!

Sign up for free by June 1 at magutah.org/health. Call 801-229-3821 for more information.

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.

Highland Children's Choir Registration for the 2023-2024 season will open May 15. Spots are reserved on a first-come, first-serve basis; for more information go to highlandchildrenschoir.com. Come sing with us!

Also, please join us for our Spring Concert May 6 at 5:00pm at Mt. Ridge Jr. High. Admission is \$5.00.

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

The Timpanogos Ringers Join us for a free concert to celebrate spring on May 2 at the Pleasant Grove Library, and then May 17 at 7:00pm at the Highland City Community Center.

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 Quilters Join us Thursday, May 25 from 9:00am-3:00pm for an all day sew at the Highland City Community Center. We love seeing new faces! Contact Carol Hadlock at cwhadlock@gmail.com for more info.

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

We are currently looking for Backyards to be featured in this year's Backyard Tours, in conjunction with the Highland Fling. If you are interested, please send nominations to wisecaryj@gmail.com

Friends of the Library

Libraries make a difference. To see how, visit the Highland City Library website, tap *Information*, and then *Library Impact Stories*. You will find several examples of your friends and neighbors who have been impacted by the library and have in turn impacted the library.

There's a family that has checked out 5,700 items over the years. A group of adults with disabilities finds joy in coming to the library once a month to sing, read books, and do crafts. Several families have found that the library in Highland made them feel at home when they moved from other areas. Adults and children established friendships at Story Time. One individual used inter-library loan extensively to pursue a career in genealogy. Another found the library to be a quiet place to conduct business and write letters.

All these patrons brought enthusiasm, support, and new ideas with them. Read some impact stories and find ideas of how to use the library to improve your life!

Highland Fling Tractor Display

Tractor owners, you are invited to join our Tractor Display at the Highland Fling this summer. We will be part of the parade and have our tractors on display at Heritage Park during the celebrations. We want to have the biggest tractor display yet!

Please text Ray Buhler at 801-310-2882 to sign up or for more information .

Highland Camp DUP Museum

We are happy to announce that the Highland Camp DUP Cabin will be open every Saturday during June and July from 12:00-2:00pm. It will also be open from 9:00am-3:00pm on the first Saturday in August for the Highland Fling.

This wonderful museum is the oldest surviving home in Highland! It was build in the 1890s and is filled with interesting artifacts. It is an ideal place to bring families and youth groups to experience a piece of history.

Call 385-325-0046 to schedule a group tour, or visit www.dupinternational.org for more information.



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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!



Highland History Lecture

May 10 @ 6PM
Learn about the
historic homes of
Highland! Charlie
Greenland will share
the history of our
historic homes and
the people who lived
there!



SUMMER READING AND LEARNING 2023

This summer, come to the Highland City
Library for our Summer Reading Incentive
Programs!

There is a reading program for all ages.
Make your daily reading goal and earn
prizes along the way! Signing up is easy,
just talk to a librarian. Highland City
library card required to participate.

**Pick up your reading charts beginning
May 26!**

**No Weekly
Programs in May.
Summer
Storytimes, crafts,
and more will
begin in June!**

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

CONTACT US:

Email: circstaff@highlandcity.org
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