

Mayor's Message — Kurt Ostler

Over the past months, the city has had several road or water projects affecting residents. I wanted to thank those affected for their patience, as I know it can cause a great inconvenience when pressurized irrigation systems are off during the day and trying to establish a new landscape and grow a garden.

The City has also been receiving a lot of concerns about speeding and traffic. Because of that concern, the City has enlisted help in assembling a Traffic Calming Toolbox. This should help the City better assess how to help with traffic and speed.

For several months as elected officials, we have been meeting with the different city departments to review the city's budget needs. This past month, the city council passed our 2023/2024 city budget with NO new proposed tax increases and removed the \$20 per month open space fee affecting about 25% of the residents. For this upcoming year, the city estimates our city's General Fund revenue to be \$13,190,194 with estimated General Fund expenses of \$13,128,498. The city's certified tax rate for property tax for this upcoming year will be .00079 vs last year's .000817. In looking at your Utah County property bill, Highland City represents around 10% to 10.5% of the property tax bill amount. One area Highland City's budget is different from other cities is that road and public safety fees are assessed on city utility bill. When the additional fees were passed, it was thought that separating the road and public safety fee would help be more transparent on where the money is going and ensure that the specific accounts set up to track the spending of the fees assessed. To help residents better understand the city's budget, the city has put together a "Citizen Budget" that is posted on the city's website at <https://bit.ly/3NQ7swM>.

2023 Municipal Election Date Change

The 2023 Municipal General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 21, 2023. This a date change is due to the resignation of Chris Stewart from the Second Congressional District. Highland City residents will be voting for three Council seats. The following individuals (listed in ballot order) have declared their candidacy for the three Council seats:

Kim Rodela
Doug Cortney
Brittney P. Bills
Timothy A. Ball



Highland City will not hold a Primary Election this year, as it is not necessary. General Election ballots will be mailed to residents starting Tuesday, October 31, 2023. For more election information, please see the Highland City website election page.

Highland Fling 2023 — SAVE THE DATE!

The Highland Fling will be held July 31 – August 5!

This year we have added a car show and a glow run. This is an amazing event and there is something for everyone!

We have the Grand Parade, fireworks, a fireman's spray for the kids, Highland's Got Talent – Youth Edition, disc golf, Kid Paradise at the City splash pad, backyard tours, a play day rodeo and so much more! For info see highlandcityfling.com

We can't wait to see you at the Fling!



HIGHLAND CITY

CALENDAR

July 4: Independence Day City offices will be closed and garbage service will be delayed one day that week.

July 18: City Council*
7:00pm, City Hall

July 24: Pioneer Day City offices will be closed and garbage service will be delayed one day that week.

July 25: Planning Commission*
7:00pm, City Hall

July 31—Aug 5: Highland Fling

*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 Meeting 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>.

June 6

The City Council discussed the fence along Alpine Highway, its state of repair, and the possibility of replacing the fence. City staff have received a bid for the removal and construction nearly one mile of fence and discussed with staff what would go into replacing the existing fence. No decision was arrived at during the meeting and Council will revisit the item at a future meeting yet to be determined.

June 20

The Council approved the budget for fiscal year 2024, which starts July 1, 2023. Here are some highlights:

- ◆ The City is receiving \$7M in grants to offset the costs for the pressurized irrigation meter project
- ◆ Property tax is not increasing
- ◆ Garbage/Recycling fee is not increasing
- ◆ The Open Space Fee is being eliminated

You can find more information on the City's website.

City Budget Overview

As a new initiative for the upcoming budget cycle, the City has published a document that gives a brief overview of the City's budget for fiscal year 2024. This document is called the "Citizen's Budget" and can be found on the City's website at <https://bit.ly/3NQ7swM>

The Citizens' Budget covers:

- ◆ Interesting statistics and demographics about Highland
- ◆ Explains how property and sales taxes are shared
- ◆ City revenue sources and expected amounts
- ◆ Anticipated City budget expenditures by department
- ◆ A look at a number of projects that have been funded for the next year, including: Mountain Ridge Park completion, a new building for Parks department equipment, a system to allow residents to communicate with the city via text messaging, trail maintenance funding, improved school walking routes for children, Library carpet replacement, and an update to the City's General Plan, and more.

The Citizen Budget is meant to help our residents better understand where the City's funding comes from and how it is used to improve our community, so check it out!

Pressurized Irrigation Installation Project

As a water conservation initiative, Highland City will be installing water meters for all pressurized irrigation (PI) connections in the City. The City has received \$7 million

dollars in grant funds to offset the cost of the installation of the meters.

Highland has contracted with Hydro Vac Excavations LLC to begin our PI meter installation program. Starting in July, they will be installing meters in the Northwest area and the Viewpoint Subdivision. For more information, please visit highlandpimeters.com or contact us at PImeters@highlandcity.org or call 385-455-3728.

Fireworks Restrictions

For the month of July, state law allows fireworks to be shot from July 2 to July 5 and July 22 to July 25 from 11:00AM - 11:00PM except on July 4 and July 24 where the hours extend to midnight.

Due to extreme fire danger, fireworks are prohibited in certain areas of Highland including many subdivisions. A map of these restrictions is available at <http://bit.ly/HC-FireDept>. Please check to see if your home is in one of these restricted areas.

In addition to Highland City's bans, fireworks are never allowed on US Forest Service (including American Fork Canyon), BLM, or National Park land. See a map of statewide firework restrictions at UtahFireInfo.gov.

Mountain Ridge Park Donations

Mountain Ridge Park is a 17-acre parcel of property west of Mountain Ridge Junior High. The design includes an all abilities playground, walking paths, restrooms and pavilions, 2 multi-use grass fields, 1 baseball/softball field, 1 basketball court, and 8 pickleball courts. Phase I including the playground and pickleball courts will be open fall 2023. Dependent on funding, Phase II including the sports fields will be completed at a later time.

More information, including donation possibilities are available at park, please see <https://bit.ly/MtnRidgePk> or use this QR code.



Water Conservation

Despite the wet winter we just experienced, we still need to be mindful of how much water we are using. The Utah Division of Water Resources has a lawn watering guide that offers customized watering recommendations for your area and lawn type. This weekly guide is updated based on weather data collected throughout the state, so the recommendations will vary weekly depending on what Mother Nature has in store, so check back regularly. <https://bit.ly/3MVgpn5>



Contact
Website:
highlandcityarts.info

Shauna Holt,
President
385-891-7183

2nd ANNUAL HIGHLAND HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR!!!

Two-day Event: November 3 and 4
Highland City Community Center
Reserve your 6'x 5' space TODAY!! We are already almost half full!
\$75 for the two-day event
Venmo now @HighlandCity-ArtsCouncil
For more information contact
Linda Littlefield - 717-368-6924

HIGHLAND FLING FINE ART SHOW

Friday August 5, 4 to 8 pm
Saturday August 6, 11 am to 4 pm
Highland City Community Center. This year's theme is "Our Little Slice of Paradise".

Registration for Art for preschool through high school
Monday, July 31 from 4 to 7 pm, lower level Highland City Community Center. Limit 3 pieces at \$5/piece.

Registration for Adult Art
Tuesday, August 1 from 4 to 7 pm, lower level Highland City Community Center. Limit 3 pieces at \$10/ piece.

ALL ART MUST BE FRAMED AND READY TO HANG
Artist's Reception (for Artists and their families)
Thursday, August 3, 7 pm - main level Highland City Community Center .

REBECCA KLUNDT WORKSHOP Monday, Sept 11, 10am to noon - lunch to follow. Rebecca uses painted scraps of wood to create collages that are both sculptural and painterly. Her artworks have been exhibited in both Utah and California and have been collected throughout the USA.

See rebeccaklunt.com for examples of her unique art.
Contact Linda Littlefield at 717-368-6924 to register and for more information.

HIGHLAND CHILDREN'S CHOIR Registration for our 2023-2024 Season IS NOW OPEN! Come Sing With Us! Spots are reserved in the order that registrations are completed. We have limited spots available. Openings for youth ages 5-19 from beginning to advanced choirs. For information and registration go to highlandchildrenschoir.com.

THE TIMPANOGOS RINGERS were honored to participate in Lindon City's Memorial Day Flag Ceremony. Our ringers played an amazing rendition of America the Beautiful which added to the spirit of the program. The Ringers take the summer off from rehearsal, but are planning our Christmas repertoire and performances. We have openings for 1-2 more ringers, especially men, to join us in the fall. We are also in need of sponsors to help us fund the purchase of 6 more brass bells to complete the 4th octave. If you would like a bell choir performance for your event, or for information contact Paige Erickson at 801-830-0927 or super.Paige.Erick@gmail.com

Beautification Committee

The Beatification Committee would like to recognize Derek and Jenn Christensen's yard as the Yard of the Month for June. They have a beautiful yard and the Christensen's work hard to make it look so good. Please let them know that you appreciate all of the work that they put into making their yard beautiful. You can see this gorgeous yard at 9583 N 6560 W. The Yard of the month winners each receive a \$25 Ace Hardware gift card and 2 bags of Oakdell Egg Farm Compost, courtesy of Oakdell Egg Farms. Please send your nominations for Yard of the Month to wisecaryj@gmail.com.

Highland Historical Society

The Utah Museum Association is sponsoring their first annual Utah Museum Month this July. In Utah there are more than 250 museums and heritage sites, 11 of which are within 10 minutes of your home. The Highland Museum and the DUP Cabin are both open every Saturday from 12 noon until 2:00 p.m. Come in and get acquainted.

Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Highland City Library are happy to announce that the Rachel and Charlie Hunt family has been chosen as the "Cedar Hills Library Patrons of the Year for 2023." They represented the library in the Cedar Hills Family Festival parade in June. They have checked out more than 4,600 items from the library over the years. Look for other outstanding library patrons in the upcoming parades at the Highland Fling, August 5, and Alpine Days, August 12.

There will also be a giant book sale at the Fling on Saturday, August 5, in front of the Highland Community Center across from Heritage Park. See you there!



SOCCER JR. JAZZ
KARATE FLAG FOOTBALL
T-BALL SKI BUS
COACH PITCH GOLF CAMPS

YOUTH SPORTS & RECREATION PROGRAMS

OPEN TO HIGHLAND CITY RESIDENTS WITH NO ADDITIONAL FEES

VISIT CEDARHILLS.ORG/RECREATION TO FIND OUT MORE!



HIGHLAND CITY LIBRARY

July 2023

Closed July 4th and 24th

Summer Storytime

Ages 3-5

Wed. @ 10am-
Outdoors

Wed. @ 1pm-
Indoors

Travel Crafts

Ages 6-11

Wed. @ 10am-
Outdoors

STEM Science

Ages 6-11

Wed. @ 1pm

Teen Writers Group

Ages 12+

Th @ 4pm - Indoors



SUMMER READING AND LEARNING 2023

Reading programs for all ages! Make your daily reading goal and earn prizes along the way! Ends July 29!

MEET THE AUTHORS JULY 13 @ 6:30 PM FOR TEENS AND ADULTS

Meet the authors of *She Did*, a book celebrating women, their faith, and their accomplishments throughout history.

STUFFED ANIMAL SLEEPOVER JULY 7 & 8

DROP OFF 3PM-4PM ON FRI JULY 7
PICK UP 12PM-4PM ON SAT JULY 8

Bring your stuffed animal to sleepover at the library! Drop them off on Friday afternoon and then pick them up on Saturday to find out what they did all night!

TRIP TO KIDS PARADISE

Aug 2

Splash Pad

Fun for the whole family. Take a trip to kids paradise! Wear your beachwear.

HOURS:

M-TH: 10AM-8PM

F: 10AM-4PM

SAT: 12PM-4PM

Closed SUNDAY

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