

Mayor's Message - Kurt Ostler



Thank you to all those who filled out the city alcohol survey. The survey results showed that 62% of Highland residents who filled out the survey supported allowing alcohol to be served in Highland restaurants. I anticipate the city council to vote on the alcohol code change in January 2024.

On November 22, 2023 we finally had the grand opening for the city's new park over by Mountain Ridge Junior High. The park property was purchased in 2008 through a park bond, then design started in 2018, and finally, after a lot of work, Phase One has just been completed. Depending on funding, the city anticipates finishing Phase Two this summer with

two sports fields, a baseball field, a trail around the park. Funding for phase one park amenities has come from generous donations, city property sales, Federal COVID relief funds, Highland Parks tax, impact fees, and city general funds.

I hope the new park will be a place where families can bond, children play, and friendships are nurtured, and the mayor wins anyone playing pickleball against him. This beautiful park stands as a testament to the dedication and hard work of many individuals in our community. Thank you to the residents of Highland and the generous donors for making this park happen.

Special thank you to the following Mayor and City Council's (2008) Mayor Jay Franson, Brian Braithwaite, Brian Brunson, Larry Mendenhall, Kathryn Schramm, Claudia Stillman, and city administrator Barry Edwards. (2018) Mayor Rod Mann, Ed Dennis, Tim Irwin, Brian Braithwaite, Scott Smith, city administrator Nathan Crane (2020 - 2023) Tim Ball, Brittney Bills, Sarah Petersen, Kim Rodela, Scott Smith, Ron Campbell, Jon LeFrantz, and city administrator Erin Wells.

Thank you to all the city staff, with a special thanks to Andy Spencer (city engineer), Josh Castleberry (parks superintendent), and other public workers and parks employees for their many hours of work.

Thanks to our great suppliers: Stratton and Bratt Landscapes, Sonntag Recreation, Smith Steelworks, Renner Sports Surface, CDX, Blue Line Design, CMT Technical Services and Spectrum Engineers.

This park represents more than just amenities; it symbolizes unity, growth, and the spirit of togetherness that defines our city.

The city is currently fundraising to help complete phase two. If you want to donate, please get in touch with the mayor or any city council member.

2023 General Municipal Election

Highland City held its municipal general election on Tuesday, November 21st. Three City Council seats were open on the ballot. The following are the preliminary results, as of November 27th. To see up to date election results go to the [Utah State Election Results website](#).

Kim Rodela - 27.00% (2,168 votes)

Jon LeFrantz - 8.65% (695 Votes)

Doug Courtney - 17.27% (1,387 votes)

Wesley Warren - 3.32% (267 votes)

Brittney P. Bills - 29.14% (2,340 votes)

Liz Rice - 13.39% (1,075 votes)



HIGHLAND CITY CALENDAR

Dec 1 - 18: Christmas Tree Scavenger Hunt

Pick up a hunt page at City Hall. Winners are drawn on Dec 19th

Dec 1 - 11: Youth City Service Project

(Drop-off NEW hats, gloves, coats and scarves at City Hall)

December 5: City Council

7pm, City Hall

December 12: Lone Peak Fire Dept. Blood Drive

12-6pm, Lone Peak Fire Station

December 16: Wreaths Across America

10am, Highland City Cemetery

****Garbage will be delayed by 1 day the week of Christmas****

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](#)

Or you can text us with any questions or concerns at

385-421-9045



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City Council Meeting Brief

For full agendas, minutes, & audio, visit <http://bit.ly/HC-agendas>. For video, visit

November 7, 2023 Our Library has won the "Essential Piece" award for their innovation, community outreach efforts, staff training, and accessible website. Our exceptional library goes above and beyond expectations for its size; we should celebrate this well-earned honor recognizing all the ways our Library serves and connects our community.

Alcohol Survey results were released on November 2 - 62%—Yes and 38%—No to allowing restaurants in the Highland Mains area to serve alcohol. More detailed results at bit.ly/HC-alcohol-law.

Santa At City Hall!

Santa Claus is coming to City Hall on Saturday, **December 2 from 10am to 12pm**. He will make his grand entrance on a bright red fire truck before joining us inside for Christmas fun. Children can meet jolly ol' Saint Nick himself and make sure to tell him their gift wishes. While you wait for your turn, enjoy listening to festive music and Christmas tales read aloud by the Mayor. We'll have cookies donated to us by Arby's!!!

Wreaths Across America. Join us on Saturday, December 16 at 10:00 am at the Highland City Cemetery for the Wreaths Across America Ceremony. There will be a short program presented by the Daughters of the American Revolution. A wreath will be displayed for each branch of the armed services. Please join us as we remember and honor the sacrifice of our veterans. The ceremony will also be live-streamed on the City's Facebook page.

Lone Peak Fire Department - Christmas Fundraiser

This year, your local Fire Department aims to help by building beds for children in need. Our goal is 20 new beds at \$250 each. Please consider donating by scanning the QR code to donate via Venmo. You can also send a contribution directly to the fire department. If you have any questions about this drive or want to get involved, contact Nancy Jones at 801-763-5365 or email her at njones@lonepeakfire.org.



Lone Peak Fire Dept. Blood Drive

December 12 from 12-6pm at the Lone Peak Fire Station (5582 Parkway Dr.). Scan the QR code to make an appointment. Each presenting donor will receive a \$10 Amazon e-gift card. For additional information, please contact Anita Kay with Red Cross at 801-367-2331. We need you and we appreciate you! Thank you.



Cemetery Clean Up

Highland City seeks to offer a clean, beautiful, and peaceful cemetery. On Monday, December 4th, the cemetery will be cleared of ALL grave decorations, real or artificial, including trinkets, ornaments, lamps, shepherd hooks, etc. Christmas decorations will be left on the graves. Please help us keep the cemetery looking its best.

- Remove any decorations you want to keep before December 4th
- Items left unclaimed will be discarded
- Owners may claim these items by appointment only
- Calling (801) 772-4505 with any questions

Please mark your calendars for all future cemetery clean up dates in 2024:

Monday, March 4th, Monday, June 11, Monday, October 7, and Monday, December 2.

Street Parking

Street parking is prohibited from December 1 to March 31 between the hours of 12:00 and 8:00 a.m. and any time snow is present to allow access to the plows for snow removal. The Police Department may issue parking citations or have vehicles towed that are parked on the street during or shortly after a snowstorm. **Streets with cars parked or other obstructions may not be cleared until items are removed.**

Residents should also be mindful to keep all obstructions such as basketball hoops, trailers, trash cans, etc. off the streets during snow removal. These items create a hazard for our drivers and the adjacent persons and properties. Please remember, if you cannot see an item in the roadway and covered in snow, neither can we.

PI Meter Winter Update

As we enter phase 2 of PI meter installations this winter, we have a couple reminders for our residents:

- Please make sure the sprinkler system shut off valve in your service box is turned off after the meter installation (handle should be perpendicular to the pipe)
- The 60-day landscaping warranty will start May 1st for all homes that had a meter installed after October 1st.

No Grease in the Drain

Around the Holiday season, our Public Works Department sees a large amount of grease running through our systems that has been put down the drain. Grease is dangerous for our sewer system as it sticks to other things that have been flushed and can cause a congealed mass of grease and other material which can ultimately lead to sewer backups. Please do yourself and all your neighbors a favor and put your grease in the garbage can instead of down the drain.



Arts Council Chair, Shauna Larson:

385-427-9337

@highlandcityarts Highland City Arts Council

Contact

See our new website!
highlandcityarts.info



FRIENDS OF ART December 7 from 10am to noon. Mark Hadlock's Amazing Wood Carvings.

"SHOUT FOR JOY" - The amazing Highland Choral Arts Concert and Silent Auction is December 9 at 7:30 pm - Timberline Middle School. Doors open at 6:30 for browsing the auction items and enjoying a hot chocolate bar. Tickets at

HighlandChoralArts.org

HIGHLAND CHILDREN'S CHOIR

CHRISTMAS CONCERT Saturday, December 9- performances are at 2pm and 6pm at Mountain Ridge Junior High Concert Hall - admissions are \$5

Highlandchildrenschoir.com

TIMPANOGOS RINGERS - Free Christmas Concert

December 11 at 7pm -American Fork Library

December 13 at 8pm—Highland Community Center.
Donations are encouraged

Super.paige.erick@gmail.com

VISUAL ART INSTITUTE - Winter semester for Utah County Highland City Community Center— Register now! info@visualartinstitute.org

Children, teen and adult art classes available

SEW 'N SEWS Merry Christmas! We won't be meeting this month, but we are starting the New Year with a trunk show from Amy Smart, "Diary of A Quilter". You won't want to miss it!

January 25 at 9:30 am.

Friends of the Library *Jolabokaflood* is an Icelandic word that roughly translates into Christmas Book Flood. Each year Icelanders gather books to give to their loved ones on Christmas Eve, and the recipients open their titles and read together. (They also include hot chocolate.) Wouldn't it be fun if this year we gave books for Christmas and flooded our homes with reading? Imagine your family curled up, turning pages, and sipping chocolate over the Christmas holidays.

A great place to find books is the Highland City Library. On December 1 through December 14, the book sale inside the library will sell hardbacks and paperbacks for half price. The selection will be refilled often, so come and help us flood Highland, Alpine, and Cedar Hills with books this holiday season

Give the Gift of Warmth Our Highland Arby's is participating in the "Gift of Warmth" coat drive service project. If you want to participate please drop off **new** winter coats and other winter gear in the donation box in the lobby of our Highland Arby's located at 4821 Canal Blvd. Anyone who donates can ask one of the Arby's employees for a free holiday coupon booklet with some great discounts.

Christmas Tree Scavenger Hunt

Now through December 18! Come pick up your pages at City Hall. Our top winners will be drawn on December 19 and part of the prize will be a gift basket from Arby's!

American Fork Rec Center -

Holiday Discounts

Seniors ages 60 and older - No need to wait until January to purchase your pass! Come get yours any time from Dec. 1 to Jan. 17 for the same discounted prices!

\$215 for a Senior Individual

\$345 for a Senior Couple

Call 801-763-3080 or visit the link below

<https://americanfork.gov/667/Admission-Membership-Rates>

Utah County Budget Open House

On Monday, December 4 you can attend the County Open House where departments share insights on the services they provide, offering a transparent look into budget allocation and community priorities. Meet at the Health and Justice Building at 151 S University Ave in Provo Utah. Room 1600. From 6:00pm to 8:00pm

Happy HOLIDAYS



Coming Soon

Jan 8 - Feb 29

Celebrate Highland City Library's
15th Birthday by participating in our
2024 Winter Reading Programs

Holiday Closures

Dec 25 - Christmas

Nov 23 - Thanksgiving

Hours

M-Th: 10AM-8PM

F: 10AM-4PM

Sat: 12PM-4PM

Closed Sunday

Contact Us

circstaff@highlandcity.org

(801) 772-4528

highlandcitylibrary.org

5400 Civic Center Dr. Suite 2

Highland, UT



Programs

Story Time*

Ages 3-5

Every T W & Th @ 11am until Dec 9

Baby Story Time

Ages 0-2

Every Monday @ 11am until Dec 9

Young Writers Group

Ages 9+

Thursdays @ 4pm until Dec 9

Santa at City Hall

For Families

Saturday, Dec 2 @ 10am

Christmas Craft Club*

Ages 6-11

Saturday, Dec 9th @ 1pm

No Programs

Dec 10 - Jan 2

Happy Holidays!

Friends of the Library

Half Price Book Sale

Dec 1 - 14

Located on the sale shelf in the library

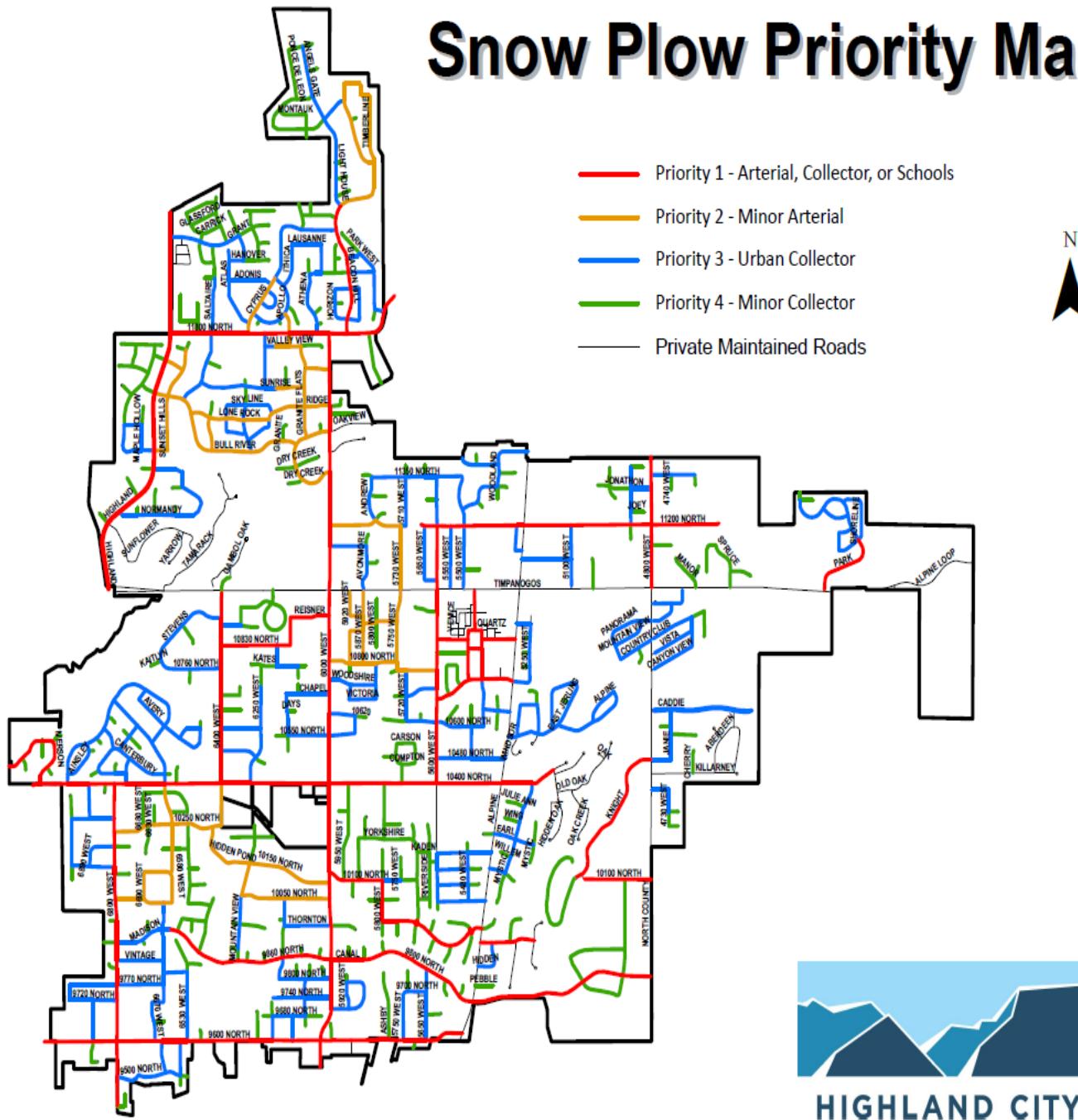
Take-Home Crafts

Ages 3-11

While Supplies Last

***Highland City Library Card Required**

Snow Plow Priority Map



Snow Plowing Priority

Please see the attached map for street plowing priority. Priority

is based on the road classification and usage intensity. Streets identified as arterial or collector roads, which are deemed to be in the minimum network needed to provide basic transportation for public safety, schools, or steep grades, receive priority. These streets will be plowed first and as frequently thereafter as needed. Priority streets are cleared 7 days a week when weather conditions warrant. When storm conditions have moderated, roads interior to subdivisions, including cul-de-sacs, will be plowed. It may take anywhere from 3 to 5 days after the storm before crews are able to clear all of these areas.

There are three traffic corridors within Highland that fall under the jurisdiction of the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT): Timpanogos Highway(SR-92), Alpine Highway(SR-74), and North County Boulevard(SR-129). Questions and concerns regarding these roads should be referred to the UDOT Region 3 offices at 801-227-8000.