

## Mayor's Message - Kurt Ostler



Reflecting upon the city events and projects completed for 2023, it was a busy year. We started the year with our fantastic city's snow plow drivers working long hours clearing city roads; the heavy snowfall produced flooding and an all-out city flood preparation (thank you to all those who helped).

The city had several successful events, including the Easter egg hunt, senior dinner, Trick or Treat Street, Christmas tree lighting, Santa Claus Coming to Town, and Highland Fling week-long events. The Library implemented new software, did plays, kids' story times, and several other events during the year.

The city council and staff stayed busy finishing up the 6800 West road widening and other road, sewer, water, and significant well projects (the city obtained a \$1 million grant for the significant well project). City Council also approved a new traffic toolbox to help with traffic calming measures on city streets and neighborhoods, hired a city communication specialist, implemented Yoppify (the city's new communication tool), passed a balanced budget without additional debt, and paid down bond debt. The city worked with Lone Peak Public Safety, police, and fire departments to address staffing and wage needs. With a lot of city staff's help, the city redid the playground and trail at Highland Glen Park. Completed phase one of the new 17-acre park by Mtn Ridge Junior High without any new debt. The city had several meetings and open houses and sent out a survey to collect feedback from every household on the city's alcohol ordinance.

Later in the year, the city replaced two city council members, Sarah Peterson and Tim Ball, who moved out of the city. Thank you to Sarah and Tim for their excellent service. As a city, we welcomed Ron Campbell, John Lefrandt (serving until the end of 2023), and Doug Courtney (starting service in 2024) as new city council members.

**Yoppify- City Communication tool** To sign up for important city notifications all you need to do is visit our city's website at [highlandcity.org](http://highlandcity.org) and click on the blue chat bubble at the bottom right  Next, click on "Add or Update Contact Information". Fill out the info and you're all done!

## Get to know your City Council

We are excited to welcome Doug Courtney as the newest member of the Highland City Council! His skills and perspective will bring an important dynamic to the council's decision-making process. We also congratulate Kim Rodela and Brittney Bills on being re-elected and look forward to their continued contribution. Continuing to serve on our Council will be Mayor Kurt Ostler and council members Scott Smith and Ron Campbell- excited to keep working with them!

Get to know your City Council members better through some fun and casual interviews on the Highland City social media pages. Follow along on Facebook at Highland City and @Highlandcity\_ on Instagram as we help you get to know the Council members and their great sense of humor!

Part 1 - Mayor Kurt Ostler , Doug Courtney and Ron Campbell

Part 2 - Brittney Bills, Kim Rodela and Scott Smith



## HIGHLAND CITY CALENDAR

**January 16: City Council**  
7pm, City Hall

**January 23: Planning  
Commission**  
7pm, City Hall

**January 9: Council Swearing in  
Ceremony**  
7pm, City Hall

**January 1 - 10: Christmas Tree  
Dump**  
At the field east of City Hall

**City Hall Holiday Closure  
Dates:**  
January 1 & January 15

**Garbage will be delayed by one  
day the week of Jan 1st**

## 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)

Or you can text us with any questions or concerns at

**385-421-9045**

 Follow us on Instagram  
**@highlandcity\_**

## City Council Meeting Brief

For full agendas, minutes, & audio, visit <http://bit.ly/HC-agendas>. For video, go to our YouTube channel @HighlandCityUtah or visit [bit.ly/HC-citycouncil](http://bit.ly/HC-citycouncil)

**December 5, 2023**

- The council recognized city employees for their years of service. Amongst the 51 employees of Highland City, there are 280 years of service!
- Council approved using park impact fees for phase II of Mountain Ridge Park. Staff is working on final designs and will shortly contract for the work. Council is also raising money to help finish the park. See more information below.
- The council discussed upcoming consideration of City's ordinances regarding alcohol sales. The item is anticipated to come to Council January 16.



Help us build our awesome park

With your donation, make your mark

Dollars, coins – give what you can!

Every bit moves the plan

Scan now to lend a hand

Donate any amount to help build the rest of our park

All donations are Tax deductible through Highland City Foundation



@HighlandCityFoundation

Phase I is now open! Visit the park - it's just west of Mountain Ridge Jr. High

What's coming:

Baseball field • Soccer Fields • Ninja Course • Walking Path

For bigger ways to donate please see the attached insert or visit [bit.ly/HC-Park](http://bit.ly/HC-Park)

## City Codes

Did you know Highland City Code requires permits to finish a basement, put in a fence, build a shed larger than 200 square feet, install a pool, and complete some remodels? These codes are in place to ensure the safety and aesthetic beauty of Highland now and for years to come. Do you have one of these projects planned? Email [planning@highlandcity.org](mailto:planning@highlandcity.org) and staff will be happy to walk through the permitting process.

## 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.
- We will be sending you a text through Yoppify a couple days before Hydrovac is scheduled to come install your PI meter. (please see the front page of the newsletter to sign up for Yoppify)
- If you have trees, shrubs, bushes, etc. that are too close to the PI box, they need to be trimmed enough to allow access to meter. We would prefer the homeowner take care of this. If not, Hydrovac will trim them for you.

## Youth Council Wrap Up

This year our Highland City Youth Council held a service project to gather new hats, scarves, and mittens for elementary aged kids in need of these items. Our Youth Council was able to gather 28 new coats, 46 pairs of new gloves/mittens, 16 warm scarves, and 27 hats/beanies. We are very grateful to our Highland residents for supporting our Gift of Warmth project. On Tuesday the 19th we are happy to report that the items donated were delivered. We'd like to give a shout out to Arby's for their generous partnership in helping make this project a possibility.

## 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.



Arts Council Chair, Shauna Larson:

385-427-9337

 @highlandcityarts  Highland City Arts Council

\*All of the following events are held at the Highland City Community Center\*

**SEW 'N SEWS** Trunk show featuring Amy Smart on January 25th starting at 9:30 am. Amy has been quilting for 25 years and blogging about it since 2008 on "Diary of a Quilter\_blogger". She is also a pattern designer and fabric designer for Riley Blake. Everyone welcome! You won't want to miss this!

For more info contact Carol at [cwhadlock@gmail.com](mailto:cwhadlock@gmail.com)

**VISUAL ART INSTITUTE - Winter semester for Utah County** Highland City Community Center— Register now! [info@visualartinstitute.org](mailto:info@visualartinstitute.org)

Children, teen and adult art classes available

**HIGHLAND CHILDREN'S CHOIR** Begins rehearsals on Tuesday, January 9th. Come sing with us! Please visit our website for more information

[Highlandchildrenschoir.com](http://Highlandchildrenschoir.com)

**HIGHLAND CHORAL ARTS** Would like to thank everyone who attended and supported our Christmas Concert and Silent Auction. It was an amazing event. We love singing and representing our great city! Our next season starts in January to prepare for our concert on May 10th. If you would like to join our choir, auditions will be held on Jan 9th. Please visit our website to schedule an audition [HighlandChoralArts.org](http://HighlandChoralArts.org)

**TIMPANOGOS RINGERS** Had a wonderful Christmas season with concerts all over the valley. It was a joy to perform for so many of you. If you have ever wanted to ring bells, now is the time to come and give it a try! Wednesday night on January 10th we will begin our new season and have room for more ringers. If you can count, you can ring bells! Contact Paige at 801-830-0927 if you would like more information.

## Contact

See our new website!  
[highlandcityarts.info](http://highlandcityarts.info)



## Friends of the Library

Garrison Keillor wrote, "A book is a gift you can open again and again." There is something sad about a book sitting unopened on a shelf month after month. Now that the holidays are over and you're reading your new books, please consider donating your used books to the library. The Friends of the Library will sell these books online or at their popular book sales. All the money that is raised will go to supporting library programs. When you drop off your books at the library, be sure to notice the cheerful lighter paint on the walls. The Friends (with money from book sales) were able to provide the supplies, and CertaPro of Provo volunteered their time and talent to give our books a brighter home. Many thanks to them.

## Love for our Library

Our Highland City Library recently received the "Essential Piece" award in recognition of their forward-thinking efforts to better serve our community. This is no surprise, as libraries, especially in small towns like ours, act as vital centers that connect people to information, technology, and most importantly - each other. As American author Neil Gaiman eloquently stated, "Google can bring you back 100,000 answers, a librarian can bring you back the right one." Our library not only provides free access to books, computers and job resources, but also serves to strengthen social bonds through community events, children's programs, shared spaces and more. With the increasing digitization of daily life, our Highland City Library remains an inclusive hub for public gathering and civic participation that elevates our sense of belonging. When asked to tell what they love about our library, residents of Highland, Utah say things like "I love The people, the programs, the growth, the convenience" or "The library is really great at bringing kids together". It's no wonder our staff at Highland City library earned the Essential Piece award and affirmed what we already know- our cherished library plays an integral role in nurturing community connections.

Quotes by Marci Hart Murdock & Leanne Pehrson Spencer

## 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>



Closed Jan 1 and Jan 15

## 2024 Winter Reading Program

Jan 8 - Feb 29

Happy Birthday Highland City Library!  
Celebrate Highland City Library's  
15th Birthday by participating in our  
2024 Winter Reading Program  
for all ages. Register at the children's  
desk beginning Monday, Jan 8th.

## Holiday Closures

Jan 1 - New Year's Day  
Jan 15 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day

## 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



**\*Highland City Library Card Required**

## Programs

### Story Time\*

Ages 3-5

T W Th @ 11 AM

### Baby Story Time

Ages 0-2

Every Monday @ 11AM

### Young Writers Group

Ages 9+

Every Thursday @ 4PM

### Class: AV Editing

### Photoshop Essentials

Teens and Adults

Saturday, Jan 6th @ 1PM

Registration Required

### Winter Reading Kickoff Party

All Ages

Monday, Jan 8th @ 5:30PM

### Highland History Chat

Teens and Adults

Wednesday, January 10th @ 6PM

### Class: Potty Training

Adults

Wednesday, Jan 17th @ 5:30PM

### Grandparent Story Time

Ages 0-5 and grandparent(s)

Friday, January 19th @ 11AM

### STEM Lab: Snowflakes\*

Ages 6-11

Wednesday, January 27th @ 4PM

### Class: Writing Your First Book

Teens and Adults

Saturday, January 27th @ 1PM

# 2024 Calendar

## Highland City - Waste & Recycling Services



### RECYCLING COLLECTION SCHEDULE:

To confirm your collection day and whether your recycling collection week is Green or Gold, visit [wm.com](http://wm.com) and select **VIEW SCHEDULE** in the top navigation bar. Enter your Service Address and click Verify. Or select the chat icon in the bottom corner and message an agent.

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### HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Holidays that may be observed by the WM team servicing your residence are noted with a blue square in the calendar.

To confirm your schedule for any given holiday, visit: [wm.com/us/en/mymwm/locate](http://wm.com/us/en/mymwm/locate).

If your service day falls on or after an observed holiday, your service that week may be delayed by one day. Regular service resumes the following week.

### RECYCLE RIGHT TIPS

- Do not bag your recyclables. Place materials loosely and directly into carts.
- Never put foods or liquids in recycling.
- Items not accepted in recycling include plastic bags or film, foam cups/containers/packaging, yard waste, electronics, carpeting, clothing, furniture, tires or hazardous materials in recycling carts.
- Glass is not accepted in recycling.



To learn more visit [wm.com/RecycleRight](http://wm.com/RecycleRight)



Metal Food & Beverage Cans



Plastic Bottles & Containers



Flattened Cardboard & Paperboard



Paper

# More ways to donate

## GIVE *the* GIFT of PLAY

North Utah County's First Universally Accessible, All-inclusive Playground

**MOUNTAIN RIDGE PARK**  
SPONSORSHIP & NAMING RIGHTS OPPORTUNITIES

<b>FlagPole</b>	<b>\$24,000</b>
<b>Gateway Feature</b>	<b>\$64,000</b>
<b>Basketball Court</b>	<b>\$80,000</b>
<b>Performance Stage</b>	<b>\$TBD</b>
<b>Youth Ninja Course</b>	<b>\$140,000</b>
<b>Perimeter Trail</b>	<b>\$160,000</b>
<b>Soccer Field #1</b>	<b>\$170,000</b>
<b>Soccer Field #2</b>	<b>\$170,000</b>
<b>Restrooms</b>	<b>\$180,000</b>
<b>Playground Equipment</b>	<b>Priced per piece</b> Contact Mayor for info

**Playground Naming Rights**  
**FUNDED**  
w/ recognition plaque  
Thank You, Adams Family! \$500,000

**Park Naming Rights**  
w/ Sign at Monument Entrance  
Contact Mayor Ostler for info \$TBD

**Contact Mayor Kurt Ostler**  
with donation inquiries  
801-971-2596 | [mayor@highlandcity.org](mailto:mayor@highlandcity.org)

<b>Amenity</b>	<b>Quantity/ Availability</b>	<b>Required Donation</b>
<b>Bike Racks</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>\$275</b>
<b>Trees</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>\$500</b>
<b>Picnic Tables</b>	<b>5 of 6 available</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>
<b>Trash Cans</b>	<b>34 of 37 available</b>	<b>\$1,300</b>
<b>Benches (Backless)</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>\$2,000</b>
<b>Benches (6 foot)</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>\$2,200</b>
<b>Benches (8 foot)</b>	<b>6 of 12 available</b>	<b>\$2,400</b>
<b>Drinking Fountain</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>
<b>Pickleball Shade Canopy</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>\$25,000</b>
<b>Pickleball Court</b>	<b>7 of 8 available</b>	<b>\$29,000</b>
<b>Pavilion (Medium)</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>\$70,000</b>
<b>Pavilion (Large)</b>		<b>\$100,000</b>