

Mayor's Message - Kurt Ostler

Over the past several months, the city has been holding open houses, sending out surveys, and seeking residents' input on changing the city's alcohol ordinance to allow restaurants to serve alcohol. On January 16, 2024, the city council voted 3 to 2 to change the city ordinance to allow alcohol sales in up to 4 restaurants in the Town Center commercial zones. A referendum was filed, for more details see the City Council Brief on page 2.



The mayor, city council, and city senior staff met in January to set priority goals for 2024 and to collaborate to make our city an even better place to live, work, and play. Here are a few of the goals set for 2024.

1. Public Safety:

Over the past years as a city, we have felt tremendous pressure on increased public safety costs. The City Council plans to work closely with law enforcement agencies to implement effective community policing strategies and enhance emergency response capabilities at the best cost possible.

2. Update City General Plan:

One of our primary goals for this year is to set the city's vision for the coming years. This includes residential and commercial zoning, economic development, city transportation planning, future parks, and the possibility of a future dog park. During the General Plan update, the residents will have several opportunities to share their thoughts.

3. Traffic Calming and safety:

One of the many concerns we hear from residents is how traffic affects their way of life. As traffic has increased, traffic safety concerns have also been created. Over the past year, the city council has developed a "Traffic Calming Tool Box" to help the city council evaluate where and how to apply these traffic calming measures.

4. Finish New Park by Mountain Ridge Junior High:

After finishing phase one of the park in 2023, the city is fundraising to finish it. We have heard about how many residents have enjoyed the new park. We anticipate that during 2024, the new park will be finished.

5. Updating Road Maintenance Plan:

In 2017, the city started to charge \$18.50 per month to help improve the roads throughout the city. With inflation costs increasing over the past few years, the city has had to modify several planned road projects. Please be advised that our fees may undergo an update this year, pending the passage of new legislation by the state legislature.

6. City Budget:

As the city has grown and infrastructure has aged, the city council sees the importance of taking a long-term approach to ensure the city is financially stable while providing services. We will also evaluate cemetery perpetual care cost, park and trail maintenance, and overall city staffing.

As a city, we look forward to working with residents to achieve these goals and make Highland City an even better place.



HIGHLAND CITY CALENDAR

February 6: City Council
7pm, City Hall

February 20: City Council
7pm, City Hall

**February 27: Planning
Commission meeting**
7pm, City Hall

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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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Highland City

City Council Meeting Brief

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January 16, 2024

City Council amended city code to allow restaurants in the general city center area including by Macey's, Meiers, and CVS, to sell alcohol under the following restrictions:

- 4 total licenses city-wide, and no more than 2 licenses issued per zone
- Only full service (beer, wine, and spirits) and limited service (beer and wine) licenses are allowed.
- No alcohol sales after 10:00 pm
- No alcohol can be removed from the premises
- No manufacturing, distilling, or brewing of alcohol
- All other State restrictions and other restrictions will apply

The sale of any alcohol for off-premise consumption is still prohibited such as gas stations or grocery stores.

On January 23, a group of residents filed a referendum application on the law change. The City will now begin processing the referendum which may ultimately lead to individuals collecting signatures to refer the law change to an election ballot.

Youth Council Update Highland City Youth Council had an enriching day at the State Capitol for Local Officials Day, featuring breakfast, networking with other councils, and an exclusive tour with Representative Brady Brammer. A mock committee debate at the Salt Palace Convention Center allowed members to contribute their insights, followed by a delightful lunch with Representative Brammer, Mayor Kurt Ostler, and Council Member Kim Rodella. The event included inspiring speakers, and a message from Governor Cox, making it a fantastic day for the Youth Council at the State Capitol.

PI Meter Winter Update The City decided this past fall to expedite the installation of the PI meters and worked with Hydrovac to continue work throughout the winter months. In doing so, we anticipate the project will be completed nearly a year ahead of schedule. Currently, approximately 1800 of the 4250 total residential meters have been installed. Recently due to product shortage, we have postponed further installations until the proper materials arrive. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact HighlandPI-Meters.com or email PImeters@highlandcity.org or call 385-455-3728.

Snow Plow Information When snow is plowed, the resulting windrow flows to the side of the road including in front of mailboxes and into driveways. We understand that this is extremely frustrating to our residents. Because our first priority is to clear the road and create a safe travel way, it is not an option to raise the plow blade at every drive approach. See the image below for tips on how to hopefully avoid driveway blockage issues. Visit <https://www.highlandcity.org/196/Snowplowing> for additional information

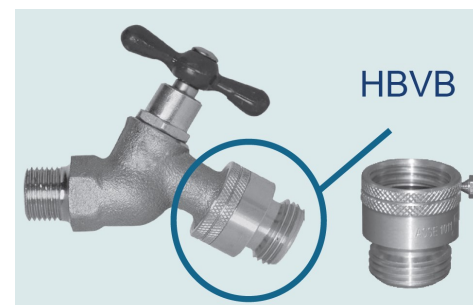
Avoid the "Second Shovel"



How to Prevent Backflow Backflow is the unwanted reversal of water flow in a plumbing system. It can allow contaminants into the water system and can be a serious health hazard. Places where backflow is most commonly found are:

- **Hose bibs** (the outdoor hose connection usually found on the exterior of your residence)
- **Frost-free taps** (also known as a freeze-proof faucet, commonly used to fill water troughs, water gardens, etc.)

Some low-cost solutions to prevent Backflow is the installation of a hose bib vacuum breaker (HBVB). This can be easily performed by homeowners for between \$5-\$40. HBVB's are a great way to protect against contamination happening through your various hoses.



For additional information or questions please email our PW team at publicworks@highlandcity.org

**Contact**

See our new website!
highlandcityarts.info



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

HIGHLAND CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Has opened Spring registration. Come sing with us!

Highlandchildrenschoir.com

FRIENDS OF ART Thursday, February 1st. 11am-1pm. We will have an oil painting demonstration by Bruce Robertson from the Visual Art Institute and an associate instructor at the University of Utah.

WATERCOLOR CLASSES - By Rachelle Livingston are on Wednesdays—beginning classes are from 10am-noon and intermediate/advanced classes are from 12:15-2:25.

TIMPANOGOS RINGERS Highland's very own handbell choir is looking for supporters, sponsors and ringers. We would love to partner with your family or business. Contact Paige: super.paige.erick@gmail.com for more information on how to support the arts here in Highland.

SEW 'N SEWS (alias Highland Quilters) are meeting on the 4th Thursday of February (22nd) from 9am to noon. We will be discussing a BOM (Block of The Month). Come join in the fun, Contact Carol Hadlock at cwhadlock@gmail.com for more information.

MARK YOUR CALENDERS

And look for more information on the following:

- ◆ Youth Summer Theatre Workshop
- ◆ Highland Fling Fine Art Show (submissions to be accepted starting the week of August 5th)
- ◆ 3rd Annual Highland Holiday Craft Fair - November 15th and 16th

Friends of the Library The Friends of the Highland City Library are happy to announce their book sale on Friday, February 23, from 10:00 am until 6:00 pm and Saturday, February 24, 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. There will be an early bird sale for members of the Friends from 10:00 am to 11:00 am on Friday. For just \$10 you can become a Friend and receive a book bag full of your choice of books. The sale will be held in the City Council room next to the Highland City Library. J.K. Rowling wrote, "If you don't like to read, you haven't found the right book." Come and find the right book at the right price at the sale. All proceeds go directly to support library programs.

Highland Historical Society Are you passionate about preserving the rich tapestry of Highland's history? The Highland Historical Society is on the lookout for a dedicated individual to step into the role of President and be the torchbearer for our city's heritage.

As the President, you'll embark on a thrilling journey to collect, organize, and preserve Highland's history. Your responsibilities include:

- Immersing yourself in Highland's history
- Updating our website
- Keeping our Facebook page alive with engaging content.
- Leading a team of 6 passionate Society members, working hand-in-hand to weave our historical narrative into the fabric of our community.

Please note, this is a voluntary position. Interested? Contact Charlie Greenland at 801-913-5200 or email him at charlesgreenland38@gmail.com to be part of Highland's historical legacy!

Dog Licensing

Did you know that in Utah County every dog over four months old is required to be licensed? Licensing increases the odds of finding your dog if they are ever lost. It also ensures dogs are properly vaccinated. You can purchase a 3 year license for your dog at Lone Peak Police Department for \$35 if your dog is spayed/neutered or \$95 if he or she is not. One and two year licenses are also available. Call 801-756-9800 for more details.



HIGHLAND CITY
LIBRARY

February 2023

Closed Feb 19th

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. Registration ends on Feb 14.

Library Closures

Feb 19 - President's 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



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

Craft Club - Valentines*

Ages 6-11

Wednesday, Feb 7 @ 4PM

Class: AV Editing

Photoshop Essentials

Teens and Adults

Saturday, Feb 10 @ 1PM

Registration Required

Highland History Chat

All Ages

Thursday, Feb 15 @ 6PM

Grandparent Story Time*

Ages 0-5 and Grandparent(s)

Friday, Feb 16 @ 11AM

STEM Lab - Robotics*

Ages 6-11

Wednesday, Feb 21 @ 4PM

Friends of the Library Used Book Sale

Located in the City Council Chambers

Fri, Feb 23 - Sat, Feb 24

Details at highlandcitylibrary.org

***Highland City Library Card Required**