

Mayor's Message - Kurt Ostler

One area of concern we hear from many residents is traffic and traffic speed. In our bustling city, where it seems every second counts and the rhythm of life seems to accelerate each day, we face a growing concern: speed and traffic congestion.



Over the past months, we have worked with our police chief to address speed and enforcement. On average, the Lone Peak Police Department issues between 225 to 260 speed tickets in Highland monthly.

Over the past year, the mayor and city council have also looked at several different traffic mitigation options. The city recently improved 6800 West by widening and redoing the road. We have also added speed feedback signs on Canal Blvd and approved to go out to design a roundabout at 11800 North and Highland Blvd. The city recently purchased temporary speed bumps so we can assess their effectiveness in specific areas and obtain data and feedback.

The city worked with UDOT to install a traffic light at 5600 West and with Rock Mountain Power to obtain an access road from the Lone Peak business district to 5600 West. The city will be voting in March to address the safety and traffic concerns at the intersection of SR-92 and 4800 West and discuss and vote on whether improvements are needed going north of SR-92 on 4800 West.

As elected officials, we understand how traffic, traffic noise, and speed are affecting all of us and are trying to address those concerns and needs.

Highland City Important Update!

On January 16, 2024, the 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 two referendum applications on the law change. The City will now begin processing the referendums which may ultimately lead to individuals collecting signatures to refer the law change to an election ballot.

To see information on the two referendums, please click on the links below:

[Referendum O-2024-01 Development Code Related to Alcohol Sales](#)

[Referendum O-2024-02 Municipal Code Related to Regulation of Alcohol Sales](#)



HIGHLAND CITY CALENDAR

March 12: City Council

7pm, City Hall

March 19: City Council

7pm, City Hall

March 26: Planning Commission meeting

7pm, City Hall

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@HighlandCityUtah or visit bit.ly/HC-citycouncil

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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- ♦ *Sewer Lining Project: The City Council approved a bid for sewer lining installations in designated areas, facilitating ongoing infrastructure maintenance.*
- ♦ *Snow Equipment Purchase: Plans for acquiring a multi-use snowblower/lawnmower to aid in park maintenance and winter services were approved.*
- ♦ *Highland Boulevard Improvements: Discussions centered around proposed enhancements to Highland Boulevard, aiming to improve traffic flow and safety.*
- ♦ *Cedar Hollow Holdings Annexation: Feedback was provided regarding a request for annexation, with considerations for retaining the property within Highland City.*

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- ♦ *Town Center Overlay - Proposal discussed for signage by WPI near access points, further consideration required by the Council.*
- ♦ *Contract for City Attorney/Planning and Zoning Administrator passed, appointing Rob Patterson.*
- ♦ *General Plan Amendment for 4800 W reminder for upcoming meeting.*

Highland City Easter Egg Hunt!!

Saturday March 30 - Heritage Park. The Easter Bunny will arrive at 9:00am and our Highland Arts Council will be there handing out bunny ear headbands.

- ♦ **The Easter Egg Hunt will begin promptly at 10:00am**
- ♦ If you find a ticket inside of your egg, make sure you take it to the prize table!

Age divisions will be: Special Needs, 1 to 3, 4 to 6, 7 to 9, and 10 & up.

Thank you to Texas Roadhouse, Chick-fil-A and Macey's for sponsoring!

Why I like my Community Essay

The Utah League of Cities and Towns 2024 essay contest "Why I Like My Community," is open for students in 4th and 7th grade throughout Utah who belong to member cities. Students are encouraged to share their thoughts on what makes their respective communities so wonderful. **Essays will be due March 15.**



To enter the Essay Contest please scan the QR code or visit bit.ly/HighlandEssay

PI Meter Important Info Please see the attached insert with important information regarding water shares, future rate fees and more.

Pedestrian Safety

When approaching crosswalks, pedestrians and drivers need to follow traffic laws and signals. Drivers should yield the right of way to pedestrians who are crossing at a crosswalk and pedestrians should use crosswalks in order to be more visible to drivers. Rules should be observed by both parties to ensure crosswalks are safe for everyone:

For pedestrians

- **Wait for the Walk Signal:** If the crosswalk is equipped with a signal, wait for the "walk" signal before crossing. Do not begin crossing if the signal indicates "don't walk" or if the signal is flashing.
- **Look Both Ways:** Even when the pedestrian signal indicates it's safe to cross, it's important to look both ways before stepping into the crosswalk to ensure that all approaching vehicles have come to a stop.
- **Obey Traffic Signals:** If there is a traffic signal at the crosswalk, obey the signal's indications. Cross only when the signal allows it.
- **Use Designated Crosswalks:** Whenever possible, use designated crosswalks to cross the street. Crossing outside of designated areas may be unsafe and is often against traffic regulations.

- **Make Eye Contact:** Make eye contact with drivers before crossing. This can help ensure that they see you and are aware of your intention to cross.
- **Be Visible:** Wear reflective clothing, especially when crossing at night. Make yourself as visible as possible to drivers.
- **Cross in a Straight Line:** Walk directly across the road when in a crosswalk. Avoid diagonal or zigzag crossing, as it can be unpredictable for drivers.

For drivers

- **Yield to Pedestrians:** When approaching a crosswalk, drivers must yield the right of way to pedestrians already in the crosswalk.
- **Stop Behind the Crosswalk:** When stopping for a red light or stop sign near a crosswalk, come to a stop behind the crosswalk, allowing room for pedestrians to cross safely.
- **Be Alert for Pedestrians:** Always be vigilant for pedestrians, especially near crosswalks, school zones, and areas with heavy foot traffic.
- **Do Not Pass Stopped Vehicles:** If a vehicle ahead has stopped at a crosswalk to allow pedestrians to cross, do not attempt to pass it.



Contact

See our new website!
highlandcityarts.info



Arts Council Chair, Shauna Larson:

385-427-9337

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

FRIENDS OF ART Thursday, March 7th, 10am - noon. Taste of Art Workshop. More information can be found at highlandcityarts.info

SEW 'N SEWS (alias Highland Quilters) are meeting on the 3rd Friday of March (15th) from 9am to 4pm. Starting at 10am we will be discussing block 4 and 12 from Barn Star Sampler by Shelley Cavanna. Come join the fun! Lunch will be served at 12:30ish. Contact Carol Hadlock at cwhadlock@gmail.com for more information.

HIGHLAND CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Has 3 open spots in our Young Singers Preparatory Choir (ages 5-7) Come sing with us! See more info at highlandchildrenschoir.com

HIGHLAND CHORAL ARTS Spring Concert Spectacular will be on Friday May 10 at Timberline Middle School in Alpine. We are busy preparing numbers to delight all ages! Please mark your calendar and join us for this delightful evening.

TIMPANOGOS RINGERS We are excited to welcome new ringers. If you would ever like to start ringing (just for fun), feel free to join us at a rehearsal. We are at the Highland City Community Center each Wednesday night from 7-9 pm. Contact Paige: super.paige.erick@gmail.com for more information on how to support the arts here in Highland.

YOUTH SUMMER THEATER WORKSHOP

High School Musical II, Jr. Auditions: May 17, 4-6pm; Callbacks: May 18, 10am - noon. Tuition is \$200 per student. Rehearsals begin June 3 and will be every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 10am- noon. Performances will be July 26 and 27.

Friends of the Library Many thanks to all who supported the Friends of the Library Book Sale in February. Book sales recently allowed the Friends to donate \$1,000 for new children's books, which wear out frequently. We so appreciate all those who donate books. Please keep them coming. Another way to support the library is to participate by walking in the city parades this summer. These will be held June 8 in Cedar Hills, August 3 in Highland, and August 10 in Alpine. If you would like to walk in the parades, please contact the library for more information. The theme for the library float will be "Adventure Begins at the Library."

Highland Historical Society

We are still looking for a dedicated and caring individual to step into the roll of President. Are you interested or know someone who might be? Contact Charlie Greenland at 801-913-5200 or email him at charlesgreenland38@gmail.com to be part of Highland's historical legacy! Also please note:

Next History seminar will be on Wednesday March 13 at 6:00pm in the City Council room. Our discussion will be about the LDS Church in its early years and some of the leaders who were involved.

Cemetery Clean Up Days

Highland City seeks to offer a clean, beautiful, and peaceful cemetery. On Monday, March 4, 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 March 4
- ◆ Items left unclaimed will be discarded •
- ◆ Owners may claim these items by appointment only

Call (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**

Yoppify- City Communication

Sign up for important city notifications or subscribe to channels like Park updates, City Events, Library and more! All you need to do is visit our city's website at highlandcity.org and click on the blue chat bubble at the bottom right of your screen. Next, click on the "Notices" tab. You will find a page called "Subscribe for the latest information" where you can select specific channels you want text or email alerts for. If you need help, please feel free to text us any time at 385-421-9045



March 2024

Closed Mar 23rd

Cinderella's Fairytale Ball*

Saturday, Mar 23rd

For Families

Join Cinderella and Prince Charming at this year's Fairytale Ball. Fairytale games, a craft, and a treat! Dress in your favorite royal attire.

Session 1: 11AM - 12PM

Session 2: 2PM - 3PM

Registration Required

Library Closures

Mar 23rd - Annual Fairytale Ball

Hours

M-Th: 10AM-8PM

F: 10AM-4PM

Sat: 12PM-4PM

Closed Sunday

Contact Us

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5400 Civic Center Dr. Suite 2

Highland, UT

Programs

Story Time*

Ages 3-5

T W Th @ 11AM

Baby Story Time

Ages 0-2

Every Monday @ 11AM

Young Writers Group

Ages 9+

Every Thursday @ 4PM

Parenting Burnout Class

A Battle Plan for

Prevention and Rejuvenation

Adults

Monday, Mar 4th @ 6PM

AV Editing Class

Video Editing:

Layout, Pallets, Timeline, Layers, Slicing, and Audio

Teens and Adults

Saturday, Mar 9th @ 1PM

-Registration Required-

Highland History Chat

All Ages

Wednesday, Mar 13th @ 6PM

Grandparent Story Time*

Ages 0-5 and Grandparent(s)

Friday, Mar 15th @ 11AM

Details and Registration Information at highlandcitylibrary.org

*Highland City Library Card Required



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Highland Newsletter
February 2024

Dear Residents of Highland,

We have some important updates to share regarding preparation for the forthcoming pressurized irrigation (PI) season and the implementation of water meters as mandated by the state.

State Mandate: Pressurized Irrigation Water Meters

In accordance with the 2019 Utah State legislative mandate, all cities, including Highland, are required to install pressurized irrigation water meters. This is now a legal requirement.

Concerns About Rate Increase

We understand that there are concerns within the community about potential increases in water rates. Rest assured, we are committed to ensuring transparency and fairness throughout this process. The rate structure considering meters will not be implemented before 2026.

City staff will review the usage data collected from the meters through the end of 2025. The usage data will be crucial in determining what constitutes reasonable usage in Highland. This information will be used to establish the recommended rate structure that will be submitted to the city council for approval.

Information Regarding Water Shares

It's important to understand that all residents connected to the pressurized irrigation system have provided water shares in some form. This could be through turning in flood irrigation water shares, or by purchasing the required water for connection to their property. With new construction, developers must provide the same amount of water required of individual residents. The size of the land being developed determines the amount of water that must be provided. New residents purchase lots with the water already dedicated.

Why There Is A Rate Fee

Even though water shares have been purchased for the pressurized irrigation system, the city incurs costs to get the water to the users. In the past, if you owned water shares and they were delivered to your property by an irrigation company via a canal, ditch, or other conveyance, you were required to pay the irrigation company for the cost of delivering the water to your property and for maintaining the ditches or canals that delivered the water.

Today Highland City pays the irrigation companies to deliver the water to its storage facilities. The city has a responsibility to operate and maintain these facilities and the pipeline system that delivers the pressurized irrigation water to the end user. The fees that are collected help to offset the cost of the maintenance and operation of this system which gets the water to individual properties.

Self-Monitoring Period

Residents will have the summer of 2025 to self-monitor their pressurized irrigation usage and determine the best-use practices for their property.

Preparing For The Irrigation Season

It is imperative that all residents take responsibility for ensuring that their pressurized irrigation valves are closed prior to April 1st of each year, to prevent the possibility of flooding or unsupervised watering at the time the system is pressurized.

The valve may be in either a rectangular or a round box depending on your pre-existing system.

See Illustrations below showing the proper configuration to close the valve.

Closed Position (with handle perpendicular to supply line).



Water Usage Information

Before any rate adjustments come into effect, everyone will have the opportunity to self-monitor their usage. The city is working with a website that will be able to provide daily reading of your PI water use. Once the website and infrastructure are ready, users with installed meters will be able to log into a designated website to view their respective usage data. We will inform you how to access the website once it becomes available.

What If My System Starts Leaking This Spring

Please note that the system will not begin to be pressurized until April 1st. After April 1st, if you notice any leakage occurring directly in the area of the new PI meter installation you can call Hydro Vac Excavation at 385-465-4687 or send a text message to 385-421-9045 to report the leak.

Thank You To Our Citizens

We appreciate your patience and understanding as we work to get the city into compliance with the state mandate to install these meters. Our goal is to ensure a smooth transition to the new system while maintaining fairness and transparency for all residents.

Should you have any further questions or concerns, please visit the website at <https://www.highlandpimeters.com> for additional information or to contact us.