

Mayors Message - Kurt Ostler



Since 1977 when Highland City was formed, one of the areas of focus has been on parks and open space. To help fulfill that vision, Highland City has 27 parks encompassing 176 acres of grass. With it being springtime, I thought it would be nice to highlight our city's parks department and all the work they do for the city.

The city parks department employs 4 full-time and about 30 part-time employees during the summer months to help maintain

the parks. The average park employee will maintain 13 acres of grass per week. The city strives to mow all park ground every seven days, but with limited employees in spring and late fall, that sometimes goes to every 10 -14 days. The city has over 1,700 different sprinkler zones, with 10,200 sprinkler heads. During the summer, the city has two full-time employees fixing sprinklers and cleaning out pressurized irrigation filters.

Tree USA has recognized Highland City for the forward city thinking on trees' importance. The city has over 5,000 trees, with 50 being replaced annually.

In November of 2021, Highland residents voted in favor of collecting a Park's tax as part of Highland retail sales tax. In 2023, the Park's tax collected \$172,474.69, which the city council authorized to use towards the new Mountain Ridge Park. It is anticipated that in coming years the Parks tax will be going to help towards replacement of one of the 17 park playgrounds.

Thank you to all the city parks employees who help make Highland a beautiful place to live. Employment shout-out: If anyone 16 years or older are looking for a great summer job, the city has park job openings starting at \$14.50 per hour up to \$16.00 per hour.

Highland City Open House - May 8th

We are excited to announce the upcoming Highland City Open House from 5pm to 8pm on May 8th. This is a fantastic event designed to bring our community together and provide residents with an opportunity to learn more about what's happening in our city including information about the City budget, what's going on with the new park by Mountain Ridge Jr. High, how to keep in touch with the City, the PI meter project, and city activities and events including the Library, Arts Council, and Historical Society. But that's not all! We have planned a day filled with excitement and entertainment for residents of all ages. We look forward to seeing you there!

- ◆ Contests & Raffles: Test your luck and win fantastic prizes!
- ◆ Games & Activities: Enjoy a variety of games that are sure to entertain both kids and adults alike.
- ◆ Bounce Houses: Let the little ones bounce away to their heart's content!
- ◆ Meet First Responders and City Crews: Get up close and personal with our local heroes and take a selfie with a fire truck, police car, ambulance, snowplow and more!



HIGHLAND CITY CALENDAR

May 4: Spring Clean Up
Parking lot at AF Canyon

May 8: City Open House
5pm-8pm, City Hall

May 7: City Council
7pm, City Hall

May 15: Community Budget Presentation
7pm, City Hall

May 21: City Council
7pm, City Hall

May 28: Planning Commission meeting
7pm, City Hall

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

Donate any amount to our New Park located by Mountain Ridge Jr. High!



@HighlandCityFoundation

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

April 16, 2024

- ◆ General Plan Contract Award: Passed 5:0
- ◆ Emergency Preparedness Committee: Passed 5:0
- ◆ Mountain Ridge Park Phase II Contracts & Change Orders: Passed 4:1
- ◆ Trails Maintenance Contract Awards: Passed 5:0
- ◆ Plat Amendment: Millhaven Homes– Foxwood Estates– Lots 17-19: Passed 5:0
- ◆ Approval of Lone Peak Public Safety District Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Tentative Budget: Passed 5:0
- ◆ Farmers Market Memorandum of Understanding: Passed 5:0
- ◆ Alpine HWY Fence Replacement Program: Staff direction needed on program goals– to be brought back with options for council consideration
- ◆ Culinary Meter Reading Technology: Consideration for purchasing MXU radios– to be brought back.

Hiring Seasonal Employees

The Public Works Department is hiring seasonal employees for spring and summer!

Visit <https://www.highlandcity.org/Jobs.aspx>

Cemetery Clean Up Days

Highland City seeks to offer a clean, beautiful, and peaceful cemetery. On Monday, June 11th, 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 4th
- ◆ 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**

Highland City Businesses We have a new system for business licensing this year called Civic Review. We are very excited for the online access and ease of processing that we've seen so far! Please watch for emails coming from civicreview.com along with a physical renewal letter from Highland City with your business specific portal information (just for this year of renewals as we get everyone comfortable with using our online portal). If you have any questions, please reach out to candice@highlandcity.org, or by phoning (801) 772-4510.

Spring Stormwater Reminder!

Spring is here! Please continue to keep all leaves and other debris out of sidewalks, gutters, park strips, driveways, and the road. This will help prevent pollution from getting into our storm drain system.

We would also like to remind residents that according to Municipal Code 12.04.060(D) it is unlawful for any developer, landscaper, contractor, property owner, or any person owning, occupying or having control of any premises to place, or permit to be placed upon or in the sidewalk, gutter, or any part of the street or right-of-way any dirt, mud, soil, rocks, or any landscaping material.

Upcoming City Budget

The Fiscal Year 2025 budget, effective July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 is currently in the works. Key highlights include funds to enhance traffic safety, new park developments, trail expansions, and road improvements. Additionally, two new parks employees will support growth and maintenance efforts. Residents are encouraged to attend upcoming meetings to learn more

- ◆ City Council Tentative Budget Approval: May 7, 7pm at City Hall
- ◆ City Open House: May 8, 5:00-8:00pm at City Hall
- ◆ Community Budget Presentation: May 15, 7pm at City Hall
- ◆ Final Budget Adoption: June 18, 7pm at City Hall

Photography Contest

We invite all residents of Highland to showcase your photography skills and capture the beauty, diversity and vibrancy of our community. The categories are:

- ◆ Community
- ◆ Historical Landmarks
- ◆ Nature and Landscape
- ◆ Parks

There will be entry prizes and a grand prize winner for each category. All ages and abilities are welcome to participate. Submissions open on June 1st. More information can be found under Programs & Activities on our website or you can visit this link bit.ly/HC-PhotoContest Please contact Brooklyn Wild at bwild@highlandcity.org for more information.

Spring Clean up - May 4th, 2024

Dumpsters will be provided at the American Fork Canyon parking lot for Highland residents only. Accepted materials include metal, wood, and household waste. Green and hazardous waste are not accepted; residents should take green waste directly to the North Point Transfer Station. Please bring current proof of residency for verification at entry and follow the directions of onsite staff.



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 Community Center unless otherwise noted

FRIENDS OF ART Thursday, May 2nd 10am-noon. Acrylic Artist, Susan Moss

SEW 'N SEWS are meeting on Friday, May 17th from 9am to 4pm. We will be discussing blocks 6 & 17 from Barn Star Sampler by Shelley Cavanna—helpful hints at 10am. Bring a project to show off or sew and tell. There will be a light lunch at 12:30 Contact Carol Hadlock at cwhadlock@gmail.com for more information.

HIGHLAND CHILDREN'S CHOIR—
Spring Concert Saturday, May 11th at Mountain Ridge Jr. High Concert Hall. Performances at 2pm and 6pm. Pre-show begins 15 minutes before the concert. See more info at highlandchildrenschoir.com.

HIGHLAND CHORAL ARTS "Music of Life", our Spectacular Spring Concert, is finally here! Join us on May 10th, 7pm at Timberline Middle School in Alpine for a delightful evening full of music and fun.

Tickets are available for purchase at the door or at: highlandchoralarts.org We hope to see you there!

TIMPANOGOS RINGERS will be performing at the Lindon City Memorial Day Celebration which will be at 9am at the Lindon Cemetery. Come celebrate and remember those who gave their all.

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 26th and 27th.

If you're interested in joining the Arts Council please contact Shauna Larson at 801-891-7183

Friends of the Library Everyone loves a parade, and the Friends of the Highland City Library are no exception. We're eagerly waiting to add our float in the Cedar Hills Family Festival parade to be held June 8. We'll also participate in the Highland Fling parade on August 3 and the Alpine Days parade on August 10. The theme for the library float is "Adventure Begins at the Library." You can sign up at the library to walk in any of the parades. Come start your adventure by walking in a parade and then heading back over to the library to find a book to open the door to new experiences.

To further help you in your life adventures, the library personnel help many begin their journeys. Recently the librarians helped a patron write a cover letter and assisted another in finding a program that allows them to type in Chinese.

Highland Historical Society

The Highland Historical Society would like to express a very special thank you to former president Charles Greenland who grew up here and spent many years researching and writing about the history of Highland. Charlie built the Highland Historical Society. His love for our city and the trailblazers in our history is evident on our city website. See the many pages at: <https://bit.ly/HC-history>. Read the chapters of Highland History, about the various families who started or came through Highland in its early years, and more. Charlie continues to contribute his love and expertise to our committee and community for which we are extremely grateful.

The Highland Historical Society seeks volunteers to help us preserve and share our history. We hope to interview those with the earliest memories of Highland. We will be collecting and digitizing written histories and various kinds of records and finding the best ways to share them. If you have spare time to help, would like to join our committee, or have items that should be added to our historical collections, please email Claudia Sudweeks at cesudweeks@yahoo.com. We'd love to have you share your talents - as historians, genealogists, writers, editors, those with various computer and web skills, artists, videographers and media artists, photographers, preservationists, archivists, exhibit designers, educators, those skilled at organizing people or items and information, those who understand grant processes or raising funds, those with non-profit organization experience, and those with other skill sets. More specifics about our volunteer needs will follow.

Thank you to all who have contributed to our city's history - all of you.



May 2024

Closed May 27

ADVENTURE BEGINS AT YOUR LIBRARY™

Summer Reading 2024

Registration Starting June 3rd

All Ages

Find your next great adventure at Highland City Library. Track your reading, come to weekly programs, and earn prizes! Find details posted on our website. Highland City Library card required.

Hours

M-Th: 10AM-8PM

F: 10AM-4PM

Sat: 12PM-4PM

Closed Sunday

Contact Us

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highlandcitylibrary.org

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No Regular Programs

We will be taking a break from the following programs in preparation for our annual summer reading program.

Baby Story Time

Story Time

Young Writers Group

Grandparent Story Time

AV Editing Class

Web Design:

WordPress Essentials

Teens & Adults

Saturday, May 11th @ 1pm

-Registration Required-

Short Story Competition

All Ages

Celebrate National Short Story Month by participating in our first Short Story Competition. Stories must be submitted by May 31st. Further details are available on the Special Events page on our website.

Highland City Library card required.

Details and Registration Information at highlandcitylibrary.org

***Highland City Library Card Required**