

Mayors Message - Kurt Ostler

Over these past several years, I have often thought, what makes Highland City, Highland City? My first thoughts evaluate how we are doing as a city. Are we sticking to the city's General Plan "Vision Statement"? (February 2008) *Highland City is a "bedroom community" with large residential lots, single-family homes, natural areas, and open space.* Highland City is envisioned to be a community that is in harmony with its natural setting. It is a place grounded in its rural heritage and should continue to foster a positive community spirit and a sense of neighborliness. Since 2008, the city has experienced several changes. Some of these changes have been good, but others have caused residents to be concerned by the growth, higher density housing, change in alcohol laws, new roads, traffic, new parks and trails, and meters on pressured irrigation. So what makes us Highland? Highland, Utah, stands out due to several key features and characteristics that define us as a city:

Community Spirit and Safety: Highland is known for its strong sense of community and family-friendly environment. Willing to step in and help one another. As a city, we value education. We are among the highest in the State of Utah in terms of household income and household size. Highland is rated #1 Safest City in Utah for 2024. (safewise.com)

Scenic Beauty and Outdoor Recreation & Parks: Highland is at the base of American Fork Canyon. Its picturesque setting provides stunning views of the surrounding mountains. With over 26 miles of city trails and 27 city parks help to keep the feeling of being open and natural setting. The city has trailheads to the mountainsides, and the Murdock trail goes right through the city.

Growth: Over the past few decades, Highland has experienced significant population growth. This transformation in some areas of the city feels like a suburban community. We have new commercial developments and areas of higher-density housing. Even with those changes, I have noticed we have had great residents move in. The big development of 689 homes over by the Lone Peak High School has helped the city pay off bonds, finish Mountain Ridge Park without incurring any new debt, and helped contribute to keeping city taxes low.

Highland has a history rooted in early pioneer settlement, which is reflected in some of its traditions. This historical aspect adds depth to the city's identity and helps maintain a connection to its past. I believe it is important for us to remember where we came from as we envision where we need to go.

As we move forward, one area I see the city needs to focus on is senior housing and senior activity opportunities. Over the next year, the city will be updating its general plan. My hope is we can incorporate more focus on senior needs. As the city's General Plan is updated, I invite all residents to participate to help shape the vision of Highland City in the future.

Highland Fling—Thank you! As the "H" with a heart illuminated the mountain, Highland City came together to celebrate the Highland Fling Festival. This year's theme, "Hometown Heroes," honored the remarkable individuals who make our community special, from first responders to dedicated volunteers. We are deeply grateful to our event coordinators, Public Works team, communications team, Fling Committee, Council Members, Youth Council Members, and generous sponsors. Their hard work and support were crucial in making the festival a success. The illuminated "H" with a heart symbolizes our appreciation for the residents of Highland. Thank you for being part of this wonderful community. We love you, and look forward to celebrating with you again next year!



HIGHLAND CITY CALENDAR

August 6: City Council
7pm, City Hall

August 20: City Council
7pm, City Hall

August 27: Planning Commission
7pm, City Hall

August 24 - Senior Dinner
More details to come

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

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

Follow us on Social Media

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



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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

July 2, 2024

- The Council held the first of two public hearings about the potential creation of a new school district. The final vote whether to put this item on the ballot is August 6. See <https://centschooldistrict.org/> for up-to-date information.
- Several ordinances were passed to update the development code, specifically concerning fencing requirements and setbacks around swimming pools.
- The Council approved additional amenities for Mountain Ridge Park, including a ninja course, shade structures and bleachers for the baseball area, a futsal fence, additional security cameras, conduits for future lighting, a baseball field maintenance building, a 42-inch tall fence along 5600 W, and a drinking fountain by the baseball field.
- Council approved a contract for a PI pump station and trail crossing improvements on 6000 West at the Murdock Canal trail crossing.

July 16, 2024

- The continuation of the urban deer program was approved.
- The final public hearing for the potential creation of a new school district was held. See above for additional details.
- Council decided to keep the speed tables on Canal Blvd in place until September to gather more data.
- Parking restrictions were approved in the Ridgeview development in areas around Lone Peak High School.

City Budget Overview

As a new initiative for the upcoming budget cycle, the City has published a document that gives a brief overview of the City's budget for fiscal year 2024. This document is called the "Citizen's Budget" and can be found on the City's website at bit.ly/HC-FY2025

The citizens budget covers:

- Interesting statistics and demographics about Highland
- How property and sales taxes are shared
- City revenue sources and expected amounts
- Anticipated budget expenditures by department
- A look at a number of projects that have been funded for the next year

The Citizens' Budget is meant to help our residents better understand where the City's funding comes from and how it is used to improve our community, so check it out!

We are hiring for multiple positions! Find our jobs at highlandcity.org/Jobs.aspx

Stay Connected

We're excited to introduce Highland City's new communication tool, designed to keep you informed and connected with everything happening in our community. Whether you're interested in local events, library updates, road projects, or other city news, our new texting service makes it easy to stay in the loop. Signing up is simple. Just visit our website and follow these steps:

- **Click the Bubble:** Look for the little bubble in the bottom right corner of the screen.
- **Select "Notices":** Click on the "Notices" option in the menu.
- **Subscribe for Updates:** Navigate to the page titled "Subscribe for the Latest Information."

From there, you can customize your channels and preferences, choosing what kind of information you'd like to receive. If you need assistance or have any questions, feel free to text us at 385-421-9045.

Back to School Safety Reminders

As students return to school, Highland City reminds everyone to prioritize safety while traveling. Whether walking, biking, or using scooters, following these key guidelines can help ensure a safe journey:

Pedestrians: Use crosswalks, be visible with bright clothing, stay alert, and walk on sidewalks whenever possible.

Bikers and Scooter Riders: Always wear a helmet, follow traffic rules, use bike lanes, signal movements, and stay visible with lights and reflectors

Additionally, planning your route, traveling in groups, and being cautious at intersections can further enhance safety. Let's make our streets safer for everyone as we start the new school year.

Mountain Ridge Park Donations

Highland City's Mountain Ridge Park, located west of Mountain Ridge Jr. High, is a cherished community space. We invite you to contribute to its continued development through donations.

You can support the park with any amount via Venmo or by donating towards various items. Every contribution helps create a vibrant space for all to enjoy. Additionally, the opportunity to name the park is available for those making significant donations.



For more details on how to donate and the available items, please visit our website at <https://bit.ly/MtnRidgePk>. Let's come together to make Mountain Ridge Park an even more cherished part of our community.



Arts Council Chair, Shauna Larson:

385-427-9337

@highlandcityarts Highland City Arts Council

Contact

See our new website!
highlandcityarts.info



All of the following events are held at the Highland City Community Center unless otherwise stated.

Highland Fling Fine Art Show:

Artists' Reception Thursday, August 1st, 7 pm

Shows- Friday, August 2nd, 4 to 8 pm

Saturday, August 3rd, 11am to 4 pm

Come and enjoy some of the most beautiful art in the valley!

3RD ANNUAL HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR

Friday 10/25 and Saturday 10/26 from 10am to 4pm both days. Vendors Welcome. Only 12 spots left. Booth size is 5'x6' and \$75 covers both days. Mark your calendars and plan to attend. We have crafters, gift items, artisans, specialty foods, a caricature artist, face painter, balloon artist, food trucks, door prizes and there will be trick or treating on Saturday from 2-4. Contact Linda at 717-368-6924 if you would like to be a vendor or want more information.

HIGHLAND CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Registration is now open for the 2024-2025 season. Spots are reserved in the order registrations are submitted. Register at: highlandchildrenschoir.com

THE HIGHLAND ARTS COUNCIL Is in need of a fundraiser. If you are interested, please contact Shauna Larson at 801-891-7183

THE TIMPANOOGOS RINGERS Are getting prepared for our fall and winter season. If you would like to book the bells for your private event or party, contact Paige at super.paige.erik@gmail.com to book.

HIGHLAND CHORAL ARTS is busy preparing for our Christmas concert to be on Dec. 14. If you want to join our choir, sign up for an audition at highlandchoralarts.org. Auditions will be held on August 13th.

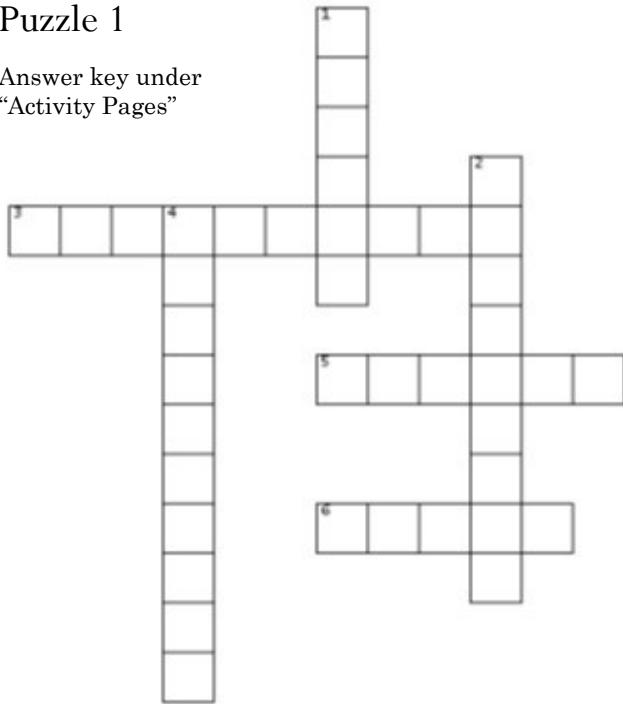
Friends of the Library The Friends of the Highland City Library are grateful to support the Highland City Library, which serves the communities of Highland, Cedar Hills, and Alpine. Last year the group raised over \$6,000 by managing the used book shelf in the library and organizing two large book sales. They also entered a float in the community parades, helped promote library services, celebrated the Library Patrons of the Year for 2024, and assisted in organizing and funding some larger special library programs. The Friends thank all those who have helped the library grow and succeed.

Highland Historical Society

Search the Highland Historical Society pages to learn more about our history and to find the answers to the puzzle. Highlandcity.org - From the Menu: Programs & Activities > Historical Society.

Puzzle 1

Answer key under
"Activity Pages"



Across:

3. Hyrum Harmon's Father's invention (hint: Harmon)
5. The nickname used by students for one of the early modes of transportation down to the school in American Fork (hint: The Highland School)
6. Mitchell Hollow was formerly known as the Highland _____ Hill (hint: Famous Features)

Down:

1. The first family known to have homesteaded in Highland
2. Charles _____ complied the Highland History pages found on the city's website (hint: mission statement)
4. The dreaded disease that took the lives of several early Highlanders (hint: Winn, Poole)



August 2024

Closed August 3rd

Stuffed Animal Sleepover

For Stuffed Animals of All Ages

Drop Off:

Friday, August 9th 12pm-4pm

Pick Up:

Saturday, August 10th

First Pick Up: 1pm, Second Pick Up: 2pm

Drop off your stuffy friend for a fun sleepover at the library. Pick them up the next day and see what fun they had!

Registration required at

highlandcitylibrary.eventbrite.com

Hours

M-Th: 10 AM-8 PM

F: 10 AM-4 PM

Sat: 12 PM-4 PM

Closed Sunday

Contact Us

circstaff@highlandcity.org

(801) 772-4528

highlandcitylibrary.org

5400 Civic Center Dr. Suite 2

Highland, UT



Regular Programs Pause

Highland City Library will be taking a break from our regular programs during the month of August to prepare for the upcoming school year. Weekly programs will resume September 3rd

Regular Programs include:

Storytime

Baby Storytime

STEM Lab

Young Writers Group

and new programs to be announced!

Chair Yoga for All

For All

Friday, August 16th 11am-11:30am

Please join us for a relaxing chair yoga session at Highland City Library. Suitable for all ages and fitness levels. All are welcome!

New Digital Resources

The Library has new online resources just in time for school, including World Book Encyclopedia, National Geographic Kids, and for adults, Chilton Car Manuals, and many Gale resources on a wide range of topics. Check them out at the Research/Learn tab.

Library Closure

Highland City Library will be closed on August 3rd for the Highland Fling celebration