

Mayors Message - Kurt Ostler

I'm proud to highlight the incredible work our Public Works and Parks Department does every day to keep our city running smoothly. From maintaining roads and water systems to caring for our parks, this team works tirelessly behind the scenes to make Highland a great place to live.

Our dedicated team includes:

Roads: 3 employees

Culinary Water: 3 employees, along with a shared part-time employee with Pressurized Irrigation (PI)

PI: 3 employees, including one hired specifically for the PI meter project

Sewer: 2 employees

Facilities: 2 employees

Parks: 4 full-time employees

Administrative Assistant: 1

Assistant Public Works Director: 1

During the summer, we hire 20-30 seasonal employees to help maintain our parks and open spaces. Their hard work ensures our public spaces are always ready for you to enjoy. What's especially noteworthy is the longevity of our team members. Four employees have been with us for 17-18 years, and five have served for 10-15 years. This kind of dedication speaks volumes about the quality of leadership from our City Administrator, City staff, and the supportive environment we've built here in Highland.

Our team is well-equipped to handle the demands of our growing city. With 6 (soon to be 7) snow plows, a vac truck, a loader, 3 backhoes, a vac trailer, 2 skid steers, and a mini excavator, we are always prepared to meet the needs of our community. We're also excited about key projects currently underway. The PI meter install project is nearing completion, with just a few residential meters and park installations left. Once the radios are installed, residents will be able to track their real-time water usage.

Additionally, the construction of our new Parks Building next to the Community Center is progressing well. This facility will centralize our parks operations and provide much-needed space for materials and equipment. Finally, Phase 2 of Mountain Ridge Park is making great strides. With the grading of the baseball and soccer fields, and the underground work for the Ninja Course underway, the park is starting to take shape. We're thrilled to be part of this development that will serve our residents for years to come.

Thank you for your continued support and trust in our Public Works team. Their hard work and dedication are a testament to the spirit of Highland.

Days of Service and Fire Department Breakfast

Join us on September 7 at the Lone Peak Fire Department from 7:00 to 10:00 AM for a special breakfast hosted by our fire department to honor the heroes of 9/11. The \$5 charge will support Firefighter families in need & improvements to our fire department. [Pay at the event.](#)

Days of Service:

09/07/24: Highland Glenn from 9a to noon - Dock maintenance and park clean up

09/11/24: Mitchel Hollow from 6:30p to 8 - Tree maintenance and park clean up

09/14/24: Beacon Hills park from 9a to noon - Park clean up



CALENDAR

September 3: City Council
7pm, City Hall

September 7: 9/11 Breakfast
7-10am, Fire Department

September 17: City Council
7pm, City Hall

September 18: General Plan Community Visioning Open House
5:30-7:30pm, City Hall

September 24 - Planning Commission
7pm, City Hall

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

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

Augst 6, 2024

- The City Council voted to put a question on the ballot of whether or not to split the Alpine School District and form a new “central” district, which would include Alpine, American Fork, Cedar Hills, Draper (Utah County), Highland and Lehi. Voters will get to vote on the measure in November.
- City Council amended City Code regarding donations for those running for City Office so that persons who have recent land use applications with the City will be restricted to a donation amount of \$500

August 20, 2024

- City Council discussed a potential cell tower in the Mitchel Hollow park area. The design of choice is intended to resemble a tree to minimize the visual impact and preserve the aesthetic value of our park. Negotiations with the cell tower company are ongoing. A proposed contract will come back to Council in the future for consideration.
- City Council discussed different options in regards to sign code. Signs which are placed inappropriately or illegally will be removed by City staff. Staff will then make one attempt to contact the sign owner after removal before disposing of the sign.
- City Council and staff discussed the upcoming resident survey and what questions to ask. Watch for the survey to come out by October.

Upcoming Dates:

- We are closed on Labor day (Waste Management services will be delayed by 1 day)
- Cemetery Clean Up is October 7
- The pressurized irrigation system turns off on October 15
- Trick or Treat Street is Oct 30 at the Splash pad from 5-7

Help Shape Our Community

Highland is in the process of updating our general plan and we want to hear from you! Visit the project website to learn more and take an active role in shaping the future of our community.

Learn more at

www.highlandgeneralplan2024.org/

Leave a comment on the Highland Social Map at

highlandgupdate.mysocialpinpoint.com



Storm Drain System Cleanliness

As fall approaches, please help keep your curb, gutter, and storm drains clear of leaves and debris. We're all in this together to preserve our community and prevent localized flooding!

While the city works to maintain public areas, we don't have the resources to clear every curb and drain. By each doing our small part around our homes, together we can keep our streets and storm drains functioning properly this fall.

We appreciate you taking a few minutes after yardwork or a windy day to clear leaves and clutter from your section of curb. This small action really does have an impact in keeping water and debris flowing properly.

- Check your curb/gutter after leaf pile pickups
- Avoid raking leaves into storm drains
- Encourage neighbors to help out too
- Contact Public Works with any questions

Highland City's New Website! We're thrilled to announce that the Highland City website is getting a fresh new look! The redesign launch will take place on September 4. Along with this update, our website will be moving to a new domain: highlandut.gov. Please note that the current domain: highlandcity.org will soon be retired.

Our goal with this redesign is to make it easier for you to find the information you need, stay informed about city news, and access important services. The updated site will feature a modern, more mobile friendly layout, improved navigation and a more intuitive experience for all. We hope you enjoy the new design!

Highland City's Future – Community Visioning Open House

Join us for a public visioning open house for the general plan update on Wednesday, September 18, 2024, from 5:30—7:30 at City Hall.

This event is a crucial opportunity for the community to come together and establish a vision and guiding principles for the future of Highland City. Stop by to tour boards on various topics, share your ideas and help shape the future of our community.

Burn Permits Fall Open Burn runs September 15 - October 30, following Utah County guidelines. Burn permits must be acquired with desired times. All open burn applications must be done only through the Utah Division of Air. Contact dispatch at 801-851-2876 **before** burning. Please contact the DEQ with further questions. 801-763-5365

<https://air.utah.gov/OpenBurning/form/index.php>

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



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.

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

Multiple choirs available for singers ages 5-23. Spots are reserved in the order registrations are submitted. Register at: highlandchildrenschoir.com

SEW N' SEWS will be meeting on Friday, September 20 from 9am to 4pm. We will be discussing our next BOM from Barn Star Sampler by Shelley Cavanna. We will also be giving some helpful hints at 10am. Plus, we will do some sew and tell, so, bring a project to show off! Come join in the fun. Lunch will be on your own for September. Contact Carol Hadlock at cwhadlock@gmail.com or 801-400-8727 for more information.

THE TIMPANOGOS RINGERS Are excited to start a new season! We rehearse Wednesday night beginning August 28.

COLD WAX & OIL PAINT WORKSHOP

Hosted by Susan Moss September 14, 10am - 1 pm. Contact Shauna at 385-427-9337.

WATERCOLOR BASICS WORKSHOP

September 17, 10am to noon. Contact Rachelle at 801-318-8060.

Check our website and Facebook for more Art classes
highlandcityarts.info

Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Highland Library would like to thank the many businesses who contributed to the library's successful participation in the community parades this year. Altabank sponsored our float, parade shirts, and book bags. A huge thanks to them. Smith's generously donated hundreds of freezer pops that kept parade watchers cool. Printology printed many of the signs used to announce the Library Patrons of the Year 2024 and to accompany our float in the parade.

We also very much appreciate the local businesses whose donations helped us celebrate our Library Patrons of the Year 2024: Arby's, Arctic Circle, China Wok, Costa Vida, Cream Worx, Happy Dragon, Jurassic Tacos, Marco's Pizza, Meiers, Pizza Pie Café, Sip'n Drinks, Taco Bell, and Wingstop

Highland Historical Society We are seeking some volunteers! All ages and all abilities! We only need a few hours a week:

- Social Media
- Educational & Community Outreach
- Fundraising/Grant writing
- Website
- Video editing

For more details please contact Claudia Sudweeks at highlandhistoricalsoc@gmail.com

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 blue 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.

Highland Farmers Market- Final Month

It's hard to believe that summer is drawing to a close, but there's still time to join us at Heritage Park on Thursday evenings, 4-8 PM, for the Highland Farmers Market!

- Fresh, local produce
- Artisanal treats
- Community vibes



HIGHLAND CITY
LIBRARY

September 2024

Closed September 2nd

Library Closure

Highland City Library will be closed on September 2nd for Labor Day

Kids' Author Visit

For Ages 6-11

Kids under 9 must be accompanied by an adult

Saturday, September 7th at 1pm

Read “The Cloud Game” with local author Amy Mehlhoff and learn to navigate tricky feelings like anxiety, anger, and sadness. Learn to play The Cloud Game with the author!

Hours

M-Th: 10 AM-8 PM

F: 10 AM-4 PM

Sat: 12 PM-4 PM

Closed Sunday

Contact Us

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(801) 772-4528

highlandcitylibrary.org

5400 Civic Center Dr. Suite 2
Highland, UT



Regular Programs

Storytime*

Every Tues, Weds, and Thurs at 11am
Ages 3-5

Read, sing, and make a letter-themed craft with Miss Sheridan.

Baby Storytime

Every Monday at 11am
Ages 0-2

Read, sing, and play with Miss Sonia

Hora de Cuentos

El tercer viernes de cada mes a las 11
¡Lee, canta y crea una manualidad en
nuestra nueva Hora de Cuentos con la
Señorita Sonia!

Third Friday of every month at 11am

Read, sing, and craft at our new all Spanish
storytime with Miss Sonia!

STEM Lab: Monarch Butterflies

Saturday, September 21st at 1pm
For Ages 6-11

Learn about monarch butterflies with guest
educator Anette Stephens. Registration
Required at
highlandcitylibrary.eventbrite.com

Young Writers Group

Every Thursday at 4pm
Ages 9-18

Learn and practice writing skills, eat snacks,
and meet other young writers.