

Mayor's Message - Kurt Ostler

As we prepare for the wintry season, the city's snow plow drivers have vision of snowy roads and rising early in the morning to ensure Highland roads are cleared and salted. The city has two teams of five drivers each that tackle the snowy roads when it snows. With seven plow trucks, the city plows about 100 miles of roads. Clearing all the streets in Highland takes about 8 to 12 hours. It's not uncommon for our snow plow drivers to be up late in the night or start early in the morning to clear the roads. The city goes through about 125 tons of salt per storm. Annually, we spend about 200 to 300 hours plowing roads; on average, we use about 1200 tons of salt.



Our parks department handles the city trails, with two Kabotas with plow attachments, snow blowers and shovels. Our parks department clears about 26 miles of trails. Trails are maintained during business hours, Monday through Thursday, and the city doesn't generally work overtime for snow removal on trails. It takes one full day to get through all 26 miles of trails and remove the snow. Utah County maintains the Murdock Trails.

Enjoy this fun poem to honor our snowplow drivers:

*Through sleepless streets the snowplow roars,
It's blade a beacon, its engine soars.
Beneath its might, the drifts retreat,
Carving paths through the icy streets.*

*Neon lights bounce off the snow,
Urban canyons in winter's glow.
Tires churn where silence lay,
The city wakes to a clearer day.*

*No glory waits, no crowds applaud,
But every cleared and salted road,
Is proof of hands that work unseen,
To keep our lives and paths serene.*

Our cities Snowplow drivers are the unsung heroes of the winter season. I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!

Wreaths Across America - Honor Our Veterans

Join the Wasatch Range Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution and Highland City to honor those who have served in the U.S. military.

Date: Saturday, December 14, 2024

Location: Highland City Cemetery, 6200 W 11000 N. Highland, UT

Time: 9:00am - Place a wreath on veterans' graves and thank them by name.
10:00am - Wreath Ceremony

This year, we honor U.S. Marine John "Jack" Francis Dingwall, who went MIA in Vietnam. His daughter, Linda Dingwall Calvert, will lay a wreath in tribute to all POW/MIA soldiers.

For more information, contact Kelly Schaeffer-Bullock at knsbullock@gmail.com or visit www.wreathsacrossamerica.org.



CALENDAR

December 1: Winter Coat Drive Starts

7:30am-6:00pm, City Hall

December 3: City Council

7pm, City Hall

December 10: Planning Commission

7pm, City Hall

December 14: Wreaths Across America

9am, Highland City Cemetery

On the week of Christmas, garbage will be delayed by 1 day for those with a Wednesday and Thursday pickup. Please leave your cans out through Saturday evening

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: highlandUT.gov

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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November 12, 2024

- Highland Farmer's Market:** Heather Heras shared a recap of the 2024 Farmer's Market, highlighting strong vendor participation and financial stability.
- Interlocal Agreement with Cedar Hills:** Passed to provide mutual building inspection services when needed.
- Election Results:** Prop 11, creating a new school district, passed with 57.61% approval. Next steps include naming the district and electing board members.
- Alpine Highway Fence Program:** A grant program for fence replacement is underway, with fees and conditions discussed.
- Planned Development Zone Changes:** The Council voted 3-2 to remove the requirement for commercial uses in Planned Development (PD) zones

Christmas Tree Disposal Service

- Easy & Eco Friendly

The holiday season is a time for celebration & joy, but once the festivities are over, it's time to think about taking down the tree. If you're looking for a hassle-free & environmentally-friendly way to dispose of your Christmas tree, look no further because we've got you covered!

When and Where: You can drop off your live Christmas tree for disposal from **December 27th to January 9th** at the **empty lot east of the Lone Peak Police Station**. It's a simple and convenient way to properly dispose of your tree without worrying about curbside collection

Date Range: December 27th - January 9th

Location: Empty lot east of the **Lone Peak Police Station**

Hours: Any time of day

Before you bring your tree, please remember to **remove all ornaments, tinsel, lights, and tree stands**. This ensures the tree is ready for recycling and properly processed.

Disposing of your Christmas tree in a responsible way helps keep our community clean and supports **eco-friendly recycling efforts**. Once collected, the trees will be turned into mulch and compost, keeping waste out of landfills.

Public Works Updates: PI Water Off for the Season

Our Public Works team has officially turned off the Pressurized Irrigation (PI) water for the season. The system will remain off until April 15th, allowing us to conserve resources and protect the infrastructure through the winter.

Now is also a great time to winterize your irrigation systems to prevent any damage from freezing temperatures. Additionally, with the leaves falling fast, remember to bag your leaves and dispose of them properly. Thanks for keeping our community clean and prepared for the season!

Street Parking

From December 1 to March 31, you **cannot park on the street** between 12:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m., or whenever it snows. This rule helps snow plows clear the roads.

If you park on the street during a snowstorm or right after, the **Police Department** may give you a ticket or tow your car. Streets blocked by parked cars or other items will not be cleared until everything is moved.

Other items that should be moved include **basketball hoops, trailers, and trash cans**. These can be dangerous for drivers and get in the way of snow removal. Thank you for helping keep our streets safe!

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"





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 unless otherwise stated.

FRIENDS OF ART December 5th, 10am to noon.
Christmas Art Party and lunch.

HIGHLAND CHILDREN'S CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Saturday, December 7th, 2:00pm and 6:00pm. Pre-show starts 15 minutes prior.

Mountain Ridge Junior High

Admission \$8

Please join us for a beautiful evening of the Magic of Christmas

JOIN THE TIMPANOOGOS RINGERS As they RING IN THE SEASON! With special guest numbers from the Larks, Wendi Issacson and Caleb Fullmer. December 9th at 7pm at the American Fork Library and December 18th at 7pm at Mountain Ridge Jr. High. Tickets are \$8 at the door.

THE SEW 'N SEWS Will be meeting on December 20th from 9 to 4. We will have a gift exchange and luncheon party at 11:30. Bring some food to share at Highland City Community Center. Bring your sewing machine or some hand sewing. Everyone is welcome!

HIGHLAND CHORAL ARTS Is pleased to announce their Amazing Christmas Concert and Fabulous Silent Auction! December 14, 7 pm at Timberline Middle School in Alpine.

Don't miss this fun evening! You will be treated to a Hot Cocoa bar before the Concert and a decadent treat after!

Tickets are available at highlandchoralarts.org or at the door. Make this event a fun part of your Christmas traditions.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION Be sure to drop by the City Hall building to enjoy some of our beautiful art displayed there.

Friends of the Library *Tjolabokaflood* is an Icelandic word that roughly translates into *Christmas Book Flood*. Each year Icelanders gather books to give to their loved ones on Christmas Eve, and the recipients open their titles and read together. (They also include hot chocolate.) Wouldn't it be fun if this year we gave books for Christmas and flooded our homes with reading? Imagine your family curled up, turning pages, and sipping chocolate over the Christmas holidays.

A great place to find books is the Highland City Library. On December 2 through December 7, the book sale inside the library will sell hardbacks and paperbacks for half price. The selection will be refilled often, so come and help us flood Highland, Alpine, and Cedar Hills with books this holiday season.

Winter Coat Drive Highland City is hosting a coat drive to support those in need this winter. We are collecting new and gently used coats, as well as casual clothing items for all ages, sizes, and genders, to benefit The Road Home in Midvale. Donations will be accepted through December 13. There will be a designated spot at City Hall for you to drop them off. Please ensure all items are seasonal and weather appropriate, freshly laundered, and free of rips, stains, or missing parts. Your generosity will help keep local families warm this season. Thank you for your support!

Winter Months Volunteer Opportunity

Community Action Services and Bank is in need of volunteers to help at our local warming shelter. These warming shelters provide warmth and safety to our unsheltered community every night during the winter. But to keep them open, we need more volunteers. Even a few hours of your time can make a big difference.

Together, let's keep our community warm and supported through the cold months ahead. Thank you for being willing to help make a difference!

Sign up to volunteer here: <https://app.vomo.org/opportunity/warming-center>

No Grease in the Drain

Around the Holiday season, we see a large amount of grease running through our systems that has been put down the drain. Grease is dangerous for our sewer system as it sticks to other things that have been flushed and can cause a congealed mass of grease and other material which can ultimately lead to sewer backups. Please do yourself and all your neighbors a favor and put your grease in the garbage instead of down the drain.

Happy Holidays!!



December 2024

Closed December 24 & 25
Early Closure December 31

Mayor Storytime: Polar Express

All Ages
Mon, Dec 9, 6-7 PM

Join us for a special Polar Express Storytime with Mayor Ostler. Bring a blanket to snuggle up on and wear your pajamas!

Winter Reading 2025*: Moo-tivated to Read!

All Ages
Jan 6 - Mar 1

Motivate yourself to read this winter by joining our annual Winter Reading Program. Set and reach reading goals to earn prizes.

Hours

M-Th: 10 AM-8 PM
F: 10 AM-4 PM
Sat: 12 PM-4 PM
Closed Sunday

Contact Us

library@highlandut.gov
(801) 772-4528

highlandut.gov/1160/Library
5400 Civic Center Dr. Suite 2
Highland, UT

Holiday Program Cancellations

Regular programs will take place the first week of December only.

We will be taking a break from our regular programs **Dec 8-Jan 6** to prepare for our annual Winter Reading Program.

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

Young Writers Group

Every Thursday at 4pm
Ages 9-18

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

***Highland City Library Card Required**

