

Mayor's Message - Kurt Ostler

As we begin the new year, I thought I would highlight some of this past year's events or happenings in the city.

The city started the final phase of the new Highland Family Park on 10400 North, hoping for completion by the spring/summer of 2025. The final phase will have a baseball field, two soccer fields, a trail around the park, and a Ninja Course by the playground.

The city also started a new park maintenance building by the Community Center off Alpine Highway and a new irrigation pump house on 6000 West. The city also purchased property by City Hall, which secures the property a culinary water pump sits on and a possible future park (Dog Park?). With the new subdivision on 6400 West (Foxwood Estates), the city approved plans to connect the City Center trail to the Murdock Trail, the fruition of a long-anticipated connection.

On the development side, several subdivisions were approved, some of the larger developments being Williams View, Foxwood Estates, and Magnolia Estates, all following current R-1-40 zoning. Ridgeview development by Lone Peak High School has finished several phases. The city approved its first alcohol license for the new Little India restaurant. The large commercial development of Highland Mains (Timp Hwy / Alpine Hwy) received its final approved plans and anticipates starting in 2025.



Car show at the Highland Fling



Highland Family Park Ninja Course

Some City Council highlights: helping put on the ballot the Alpine School District Realignment, installing Pressurized Irrigation Water meters, working on Alpine Fence Highway repairs and residents grant process, approving Street projects (but still behind on city street maintenance plan because of cost increases), Campaign Finance regulations (limiting developer's donations), starting the City General Plan update, and approving the Traffic Calming plan (tested speed bumps on Canal Blvd).

The city had several events, with significant residents participating in the Easter Egg hunt, Highland Fling, Senior Citizen dinner, Halloween in the Park, and Christmas Lighting with reindeer. The city also partnered to start a Farmers Market.

The big news is that the city did NOT increase property taxes, but it did have some utility increases, mainly based on third-party vendor increases. My goal, along with several other City Council members, is to have the city debt-free by 2027 when the city's last bond payment is due.

Thank you to all the residents for making Highland a great place to live!



Highland Fling Fun Run



CALENDAR

January 1: New Year's Day

Reminder: City Hall is closed

January 7: City Council

7pm, City Hall

January 16: Historical Society

7pm, City Hall

January 21: City Council

7pm, City Hall

January 28: Planning Commission

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: highlandUT.gov

Or you can text us with any questions or concerns at **385-421-9045**

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Highland City

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December 3, 2024

- Warming Shelters:** The City Council entered into an interlocal agreement with Utah County to donate \$2,100 to support homeless services in Utah County.
- School District Interlocal Agreement Amendment:** The Council approved an amendment to the interlocal agreement between Highland, Alpine, Cedar Hills, Lehi, American Fork, and Draper to continue work on behalf of the new school district.
- Sewer Rate Increase:** Due to an increase in sewer rates by the Timpanogos Special Service District (TSSD), the City of Highland must adjust its sewer rates effective January 1, 2025. The monthly base rate will increase by \$2.50.

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.

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!

Highland Family Park

Highland Family Park, previously known as 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 @HighlandCityFoundation or by donating towards various items. Every contribution helps create a vibrant space for all to enjoy.

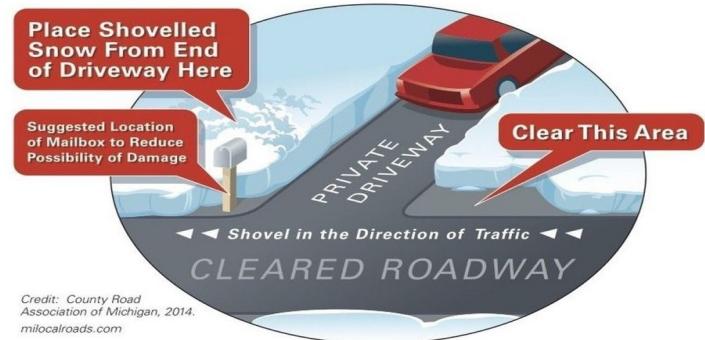
For more details on how to donate and the available items, please visit our website at <https://www.highlandut.gov/1016/Donate-to-the-Park>.

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.

HIGHLAND CHORAL ARTS would like to thank all of those who supported us at our recent Christmas Concert and Silent Auction. It was a great evening! We especially appreciate those who donated items for the auction. [Auditions for our Choir will be held in early January](#). If you would like to audition, please check our website at highlandchoralarts.org for more information.

THE TIMPANOGOS RINGERS had a fabulous Christmas season. Thank you to everyone who came out to one of our concerts. We will start up again on January 8th for the 2025 Spring season. If you are interested in ringing with us, or would like to come to an event, please contact Paige at super.paige.erick@gmail.com.

THE SEW 'N SEWS on January 17th at 1 pm we have a special guest featuring Cindy Cloward, owner and Creative Director of Riley Blake Fabric. Lunch will be available following her presentation. Contact Carol Hadlock at cwhadlock@gmail.com or 801-400-8727 for more information.

HIGHLAND YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Come Sing With Us! Multiple choirs available for singers ages 5-23. Spots are reserved in the order registrations are submitted. [Register online at highlandchildrenschoir.com](#).

THE HIGHLAND CITY ARTS COUNCIL sponsors art classes in various mediums for both children and adults. Check our website at highlandcityarts.info for more information or call Shauna at 801-891-7183.

AFTER SCHOOL ART CLUB has room for several more students...held on Mondays for ages 8-11 from 4-5:15 pm. Call Shauna for more information: 801-891-7183.

Friends of the Library The Friends of the Highland City Library appreciate your support of our in-library book sale. We hope the sale helped you flood your homes with reading and that you shared some hot chocolate, too.

Our next book sale will be in February and we hope to see you there. The Friends is an organization of volunteer community members who provide support to our city library. For more information, email highlandcitylibraryfriends@gmail.com.

Winter 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>

American Fork Rec Center

Holiday Discounts

Seniors ages 60 and older - Come get yours any time until January 10th for discounted prices!

\$215 for a Senior Individual

\$365 for a Senior Couple

Call 801-763-3080 or visit <https://americanfork.gov/667/Admission-Membership-Rates> to purchase.

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.

Report a Concern

See a problem in the City? Let us know about it! Whether it's a pothole, broken sprinkler, street light out, park needing work, etc. you can report the problem on the Highland City website. Visit www.HighlandUT.gov and click on the large "Report a Concern" button on the home page. You can also always call us at 801-756-5751.

Happy New Year!



Winter Reading Kickoff Show

All Ages

Sat, Jan 4th at 1pm

Celebrate the kickoff of our annual Winter Reading Program: Moo-tivated to Read with a performance from storyteller Stephen Gashler.

STEM Lab: Non-Newtonian Snowmen

Ages 6-11. Children under 9 must be accompanied by an adult.

Wed, Jan 15th at 4pm

Make melting non-Newtonian snowmen.

Weekly Programs

Weekly programs will resume their regular schedule on Jan 6

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**

Winter Reading 2025*: Moo-tivated to Read!

All Ages

Jan 6 - Mar 1

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

Hora de Cuentos

Viernes 17 de Enero

¡Lee, canta y crea una manualidad con la Señorita Sonia!

Friday, January 17th

Read, sing, and craft with Miss Sonia!
Spanish speakers of ALL levels welcome.

Craft & Chat: Bath Bombs

Teens & Adults

Thu, Jan 23rd at 6pm

Make bath bombs and socialize in this free craft class. Register on the library Eventbrite page.

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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