

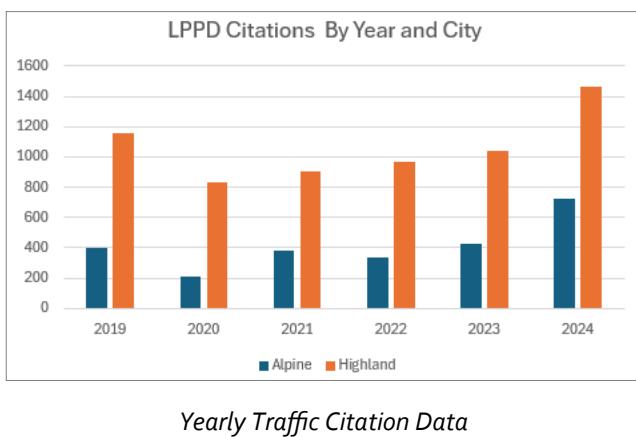
Mayor's Message - Kurt Ostler

As I was reviewing all the Resident Survey responses from the Fall of 2024, I noticed several comments regarding concerns about traffic speeding and traffic safety issues throughout the city.

Highland City has been actively addressing traffic speed concerns through various initiatives:

- **Traffic Calming Tool Box:** The city has developed a manual that outlines possible traffic calming measures. The manual gives the City Council various recommendations on how to address different traffic measures. Another option the City Council has instituted enables residents to self report traffic concerns proactively and, by paying a small application fee, request the city evaluate the traffic concerns in their specific neighborhood area and have the city study possible mitigation options, if warranted.
- **Speed Tables on Canal Boulevard:** To address speeding on Canal Boulevard, the city installed temporary speed tables. A survey revealed that approximately 85% of respondents preferred their removal. Despite a small speed reduction achieved, the city is considering alternative traffic calming measures based on the feedback received. The City Council is looking at other alternatives for Canal Boulevard, which will be discussed over the next couple of City Council meetings.

To address general speeding concerns, the City Councils in both Highland and Alpine have requested that Lone Peak Police step up traffic enforcement. I thought the following graph might be of interest pertaining to the increased traffic citations, specifically in 2024.



As the Mayor and City Council, please know we are committed to addressing traffic speed concerns and enhancing road safety for our residents.



CALENDAR

February 4: City Council
7pm, City Hall

February 5: Arts Council
7pm, City Hall

February 17: Presidents' Day
Reminder: City Hall is closed

February 18: City Council
7pm, City Hall

February 25: 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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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

January 7th, 2025

- **Lot Combination Zoning:** The City Council passed an ordinance regarding lot combinations. The City will treat approved combinations of property as a single property for zoning purposes.
- **New City-Owned Land Rate:** The City Council adopted the 2025 rate of \$4.93/sq ft as the value of orphan parcels and other City-owned land.
- **Water Supply Protection:** The City Council amended the Municipal Code regarding the regulation of cross connections between culinary and pressurized irrigation water. The ordinance aims to protect our water supply by preventing contamination through cross-connections and backflow.



Utah Local Officials Day Luncheon

How to Prevent Backflow

Backflow is the unwanted reversal of water flow in a plumbing system. It can allow contaminants into the culinary/drinking water system and can be a serious health hazard. Places where backflow is most commonly found are:

- **Hose bibs** (the outdoor hose connection usually found on the exterior of your residence)
- **Frost-free taps** (also known as a freeze-proof faucet, commonly used to fill water troughs, water gardens, etc.)

Some low-cost solutions to prevent backflow is the installation of a hose bib vacuum breaker (HBVB). This can be easily performed by homeowners for between \$5-\$40. HBVB's are a great way to protect against contamination happening through your various hoses.



For additional information or questions please email our PW team at publicworks@highlandut.gov.

Youth Council Update

Highland City Youth Council had an enriching day at the State Capitol for Local Officials Day. The event featured breakfast, networking with other councils, and an exclusive tour with Council Member Kim Rodela.

A mock committee debate at the Salt Palace Convention Center allowed members to contribute their insights, followed by a luncheon where they heard from Mayor Walker (Draper), Lt. Governor Henderson, and Jennie Taylor, making for a fantastic day at the State Capitol.

Planning Commission Openings

The Planning Commission is an advisory board that makes recommendations to City Council, balancing public and private interests, overseeing land use and more.

There are currently openings for Commissioners. Apply by February 10th by filling out the Volunteer Interest Form at <https://bit.ly/4gh40q3>.

Highland City Cemetery Clean-up - Monday, March 3, 2025

Highland City seeks to offer families and friends that visit their loved ones resting in the cemetery a clean, beautiful, and peaceful environment. Please help us with this goal by keeping your site clean.

On Monday, March 3rd, the cemetery will be cleared of ALL grave decorations, real or artificial, including trinkets, ornaments, lamps, shepherd hooks, etc. Decorations which appear to be of a more permanent nature may be placed in the cemetery maintenance building located on the southeast corner of the cemetery. Those items left unclaimed after one week will be discarded.

Please make every effort to remove decorations from your loved one's grave prior to the cleanup, as there is no guarantee that they will be saved. For questions, or to schedule an appointment to retrieve your decorations, please call (801) 772-4505.

Cemetery cleanups are held on the 1st Monday in March, the 2nd Monday in June, the 1st Monday in October, and the 1st Monday in December.



Contact

See our new website!
highlandcityarts.info



Arts Council Chair, Shauna Larson:

801-891-7183

 @highlandcityarts  Highland City Arts Council

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

FRIENDS OF ART February 6th, 10am to noon. Everyone is welcome. Lunch will be served.

THE TIMPANOGOS RINGERS are looking forward to a fun new season. We started January off by playing a few songs for the senior lunch at the Highland City Community Center. If you have an event and would like to have some bell songs, contact Paige Erickson at super.paige.erick@gmail.com and we will see if we can come.

HIGHLAND CHORAL ARTS We are excited to begin preparing for our fantastic Spring Concert which will be on May 17th. Please save the date! Further information about our amazing choir can be found at highlandchoralarts.org.

SEW 'N SEWS We will be sewing on February 21st from 9 - 4. Bring your sewing machine or hand work. We will be discussing our new quilt "Family Farm" by Sherri McConnell.

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.

ART CLASSES See our website for art classes for children through adults. highlandcityarts.info

VISUAL ART INSTITUTE WINTER SEMESTER FOR UTAH COUNTY

Register now! info@visualartinstitute.org. Classes for children, teen and adults.

WATERCOLOR CLASSES BY RACHELLE LEVINGSTON Wednesdays 10am - noon and 12:15 - 2:15 and Mondays 7-9pm.

Friends of the Library The Friends of the Highland City Library are happy to announce their book sale on Friday, February 21, from 9:00 am until 6:00 pm, and Saturday, February 22, from 9:00 am until 6:00 pm. For just \$10 you can purchase a bag to filled with your choice of books to take home. The sale will be held in the City Council rooms next to the Highland City Library.

Gary Paulsen wrote, "Reading for me is spending time with a friend." Come to the book sale and find dozens of new friends, maybe even a new best friend. Then share these new friends with all of your old friends. All proceeds go directly to support library programs.

Winter Volunteer Opportunity

Community Action Services and Bank is in need of volunteers to help at our local warming shelter and to bring in donations.

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: app.vomo.org/opportunity/warming-center.

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!

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.



February 2025

Closed Feb 17th

Winter Reading 2025*: Moo-tivated to Read!

Jan 6th - Mar 1st

All Ages

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

Craft & Chat: Book Folding

Sat, Feb 8th at 1pm

Teens & Adults

Learn the art of decorative book folding from library director Donna.

Register on the library Eventbrite page.

Craft Club: Window Art*

Wed, Feb 12th at 4pm

Ages 6-11

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

Hora de Cuentos

Viernes 21 de Febrero a las 11

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

Friday, February 21st at 11am

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

STEM Lab: Escape Room*

Wed, Feb 26th at 4pm

Ages 6-11

Think scientifically to complete this Scientists and Inventors themed escape room.

Registration required due to limited space.

Weekly 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

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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