

Mayor's Message - Kurt Ostler

I recently gave a State of the City address at the Lone Peak Business Chamber luncheon and wanted to highlight a couple of items I shared.

Highland's population has reached 20,775 residents, reflecting a 7.2% increase since 2020, with the median age being 26.2 years. Highland has one of the highest average household incomes in Utah, according to an article published by ABC4.

The Highland/Alpine area (Lone Peak) is recognized as one of the safest areas in Utah and one of the best places to raise a family.

Highland's large residential lots and 27 parks help create the open feel of the City. In 2024, the City issued around 200 building permits, the majority of which were in the Ridgeview Subdivision by Lone Peak High School. The City Council has been mindful of its land use decisions, adhering to the current General Plan, which focuses on higher-density housing near the Town Center and Ridgeview areas, with large single-family lots in other parts of the City.

The new commercial development, Highland Mains (by CVS), with a large courtyard area and around 41,391 square feet of retail space, has broken ground with an anticipated completion date between fall 2025 and spring 2026. In the Highland Mains area, the City issued its first alcohol license to the Little India restaurant in 2024.

Phase two of the new Highland Family Park, which includes a large high school baseball field, two soccer fields, and a trail around the park, is scheduled to be completed this summer. Many have probably noticed that a new ninja course has recently opened in the playground area and already seems to be quite popular.

The City is building a new Parks Maintenance Building to protect City equipment and place it closer to the main City parks behind our community center off Alpine Hwy and 10400 North.

The City is on strong financial footing, with around 32% of our general fund in savings and reserves. We continue to collect strong sales tax revenue from local and online retailers, which amounts to around \$4 million a year. It is projected that all City bonds will be paid off by 2027.

What makes Highland a great place to live is its residents, who contribute to making it a family-friendly community with beautiful scenery and outdoor recreation, a strong economy, a convenient location, and an engaged and supportive community. I feel blessed to serve as Highland's mayor with such wonderful residents.



CALENDAR

April 8: City Council & Planning Commission General Plan Workshop on Transportation
7pm, City Hall

April 15: City Council
7pm, City Hall

April 19: Easter Egg Hunt
9am, Heritage Park

April 22: Planning Commission
7pm, City Hall

Starting in May 2025, City Council Meetings will now begin at 6:00pm.

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

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.

Council Meetings Time Change: Beginning May 1, 2025, City Council meetings will begin at 6:00 pm and the end time will change to 9:00 pm, rather than the previous 10:00 pm.

March 4, 2025

- 2024 Audit:** The audit for the fiscal year of 2024 was presented to the City Council. A copy of the audit can be found at www.highlandut.gov/100
- Amendments to the Professional Office Zone:** City Council asked the Planning Commission to clarify their recommendation on Patterson's Homes request to amend the planned architecture of their future buildings on Highland Boulevard. This item will return to Council at a future date.
- Golf Carts on Roads:** Information from other neighboring cities were presented to the City Council to aid in their decision on whether or not to allow golf carts on city roads. This item will be brought back for consideration in a future meeting.

Stormwater Reminder

Spring is here! Please continue to keep all leaves and other debris out of sidewalks, gutters, park strips, driveways, and the road. This will help prevent pollution from getting into our storm drain system.

We would also like to remind residents that according to Municipal Code 12.04.060(D) it is unlawful for any developer, landscaper, contractor, property owner, or any person owning, occupying or having control of any premises to place, or permit to be placed upon or in the sidewalk, gutter, or any part of the street or right-of-way any dirt, mud, soil, rocks, or any landscaping material.

Cleaning street gutters and storm drains helps prevent flooding. Thank you for doing your part to keep our community clean and safe!

Annual Spring Clean Up

Mark your calendar for May 2nd and May 3rd between the hours of 9:00 am and 5:00 pm at the parking lot at the mouth of American Fork Canyon.

Items not accepted include green waste that is not bagged, refrigerators, stoves, washers, dryers, microwaves, televisions, computer monitors, mattresses, tires, batteries, paint, flammables, rock, concrete, asphalt, dirt, and chemicals.

2025 Highland City Elections

Consider serving your community by running for office! Highland City will have the Mayoral seat, and 2 City Council seats open this year. Each seat is a 4-year term that will begin January 1, 2026.

The candidate filing period is Monday, June 2nd through Friday, June 6th, 2025, from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. Those wishing to run for office must file a Declaration of Candidacy and a financial and conflict of interest disclosure in person with the City Recorder at City Hall. Candidates must also pay a \$35 filing fee. Candidates must be a registered voter and have been a resident of Highland for at least 12 consecutive months immediately before the election.

Watch for more information in upcoming newsletters.

Duck Dumping

Every spring, residents may be tempted to release domestic ducks into our Highland Glen Pond, but this seemingly kind act often leads to dire consequences. According to Puddle Ducks Rescue, many ducks released into the pond may not survive due to their inability to fend for themselves.

Dumping pet ducks not only is animal cruelty, but is also illegal and harms the water quality. The influx of ducks can raise the risk of an E. coli contamination. Please reconsider buying ducks unless you are committed to lifelong care and as a last resort option, please contact rescue organizations like Wasatch Wanderers Rescue.

Water Usage Metering

Highland City has been updating meter reading processes. Due to a data issue in February, March bills were based on minimum rates. For April, we averaged usage from both months to ensure fair billing. Please contact us with any questions at 801-772-4522.

Easter Egg Hunt

Join us for the Highland City Easter Egg Hunt at Heritage Park on April 19th! Meet the Easter Bunny and enjoy games and activities starting at 9:00 am. The egg hunt happens at 10:00 am SHARP. Don't miss it! Hunt areas are divided by age, plus an adaptive needs area for all ages. Stick around after the hunt to decorate cookies with the Arts Council!

Arbor Day Tree Sale

This year's tree sales will be on April 26th from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm and May 5th from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. Both events will be held east of City Hall and the Lone Peak Police Department. Check highlandut.gov for more information on varieties and availabilities.



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Visit our website!
highlandcityarts.info



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

Friends of Art Thursday, April 3rd 10 am—12 pm. Everyone Welcome! Lunch will be served.

Sew 'N Sews will meet on Friday, April 18th from 9 am—4 pm. We will discuss the third segment of the quilt "Family Farm" by Sherri McConnell. Everyone is welcome. Contact Carol at cwhadlock@gmail.com or 801-400-8727 for more information.

Highland Children's Choir Spring Concert

Please join us Saturday, May 3rd, 2:00 pm and 6:00 pm.

Mountain Ridge Jr. High School Concert Hall. Pre-show begins 15 minutes before each concert.

The Timpanogos Ringers

Save the date! The Timpanogos Ringers Spring Concert will be Friday, May 9th at 7 pm.

Highland Choral Arts

Announcing our amazing Spring Concert! Join us May 17th at 7 pm at Timberline Middle School in Alpine. Don't miss this great event! Tickets at highlandchoralarts.org or at the door.

Visual Art Institute Summer Art Camps coming soon. Check out highlandcityarts.info for more information coming soon.

"Into the Woods" Summer Youth Theatre Workshop auditions in May and practices starting in June.

More information in next month's newsletter and soon to be posted on our website.

Friends of the Library Our Highland City Library is a dedicated friend, providing humor, knowledge, and inspiration to all our residents. Friendship goes both ways, though, and the library has many friends who contribute to allowing the library to expand its influence.

This winter the Friends of the Highland City Library have collected donated books, held two book sales, supported several library programs, and enjoyed sharing time with devoted readers. We welcome those who would like to join us this year in encouraging book donations, helping with parades and book sales, and supporting programs. The library is a great place to make friends.

For more information, please email highlandcitylibraryfriends@gmail.com.

Highland Historical Society

We are celebrating 150 years of residents in Highland! Watch for upcoming opportunities to celebrate with us including articles and activities related to our history.

Honoring our heritage, we are partnering with the Highland City Arts Council - exploring options for family-friendly interactive activities and events for seniors.

Another exciting project underway is our video interviews, preserving the memories of those who remember early Highland residents.

We are seeking those interested in social media help, newsletter assistance, video editing, history buffs, genealogists (for a small part in our documentation project), and the location of Highland histories and items of historical significance.



If interested, contact Claudia Sudweeks at highlandhistoricalsoc@gmail.com

Volunteer

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.



April 2025

Closed April 5

Propagation Station

All Month Long

Exchange plant seeds and cuttings by the holds shelf in the library. Grow your collection or start one from scratch!

Craft & Chat*: Bedazzle Your Favorite Book

Sat, Apr 12th at 1pm

Teens & Adults

Bring your favorite book to bedazzle and socialize at this free craft event.

Register on the library Eventbrite page.

Craft Club*: Balloon Animals

Wed, Apr 16th at 4pm

Ages 6-11

Children under 9 must be accompanied by an adult

Learn to make simple balloon animals.

STEM Lab*: Birds

Wed, Apr 30th at 4pm

Ages 6-11

Children under 9 must be accompanied by an adult

Learn about our feathery friends.

Hora de Cuentos

Viernes 18 de Abril a las 11am

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

Friday, April 18th at 11am

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

Hours

M-Th: 10 AM-8 PM

F: 10 AM-4 PM

Sat: 12 PM-4 PM

Closed Sunday

TLC Rollout

Mon, Apr 7th

Highland City Library is joining Timpanogos Library Consortium (TLC) with American Fork and Pleasant Grove Libraries. Access a combined catalog, have books delibered between libraries, no more overdue fines, and more! Check our website and social media for more details.

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 Mon at 11am

Ages 0-2

Read, sing, and play with Miss Sonia

Young Writers Group

Every Thurs at 4pm

Ages 9-18

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

YWG Special Author Visit:

Josh Oelrich

Apr 3rd, 10th, & 17th

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