

Mayor's Message - Kurt Ostler



Spring has truly sprung, and as I drive through our neighborhoods, I'm reminded of the strong spirit that makes Highland so special. I'm writing today to share some important news about our pressurized irrigation (PI) system — and to invite you to join us on the journey as we transition to water meters.

Since July 2023, we've been installing meters across the city to comply with the 2019 Utah law requiring all secondary water usage to be metered. Change can be overwhelming, but thanks to \$7 million in state and federal grants — along with \$3 million from our City PI reserves — most meters have now been installed.

If you experience any issues with your PI meter, please call the City, as our warranty work expires on July 15, 2025. For the 2025 outdoor watering season, we are not anticipating any rate increases.

Throughout this year's 2025 PI watering season, we'll be collecting usage data. Early next year, City staff will review that information to define what "reasonable usage" looks like for Highland homes. The staff will then present a thoughtful, tiered rate plan at a public City Council meeting — and your feedback will help shape that proposal. Our goal is to keep the process clear, fair, and transparent. I expect the tiered rate plan will be similar to our culinary water rate, with a base rate and higher fees for increased PI usage.

To help determine your PI usage for 2025, you can log into the Highland Water Portal at highlandpimeters.com to view daily and hourly water use, set high-use alerts, and download usage reports to plan your irrigation schedule.

Unfortunately, due to the current software programming, the initial account setup process can be difficult. If you need help during the process, please visit highlandpimeters.com for step-by-step instructions or call 801-772-4515 and we can walk you through the process.

Have you ever wondered if you're watering just the right amount? We suggest the following monthly irrigation volumes for a lot where approximately half the area is irrigated:

0.25 Acres – 32,000 Gallons
0.50 Acres – 65,000 Gallons
1.0 Acres – 129,000 Gallons

0.33 Acres – 42,500 Gallons
0.75 Acres – 97,000 Gallons

Use your PI portal data to compare your consumption and plan efficient watering.

Thank you for joining me in caring for Highland's most precious resource — water. Through these small, collective steps, we can ensure a bright, sustainable future for our families and neighbors here in Highland. If you have questions about PI water meters or usage, please email pimeters@highlandut.gov or call 801-772-4515.



CALENDAR

May 6: City Council Meeting
6pm, City Hall

May 13: General Plan Workshop
6pm, City Hall

May 14: City Open House
5-8pm, Highland Family Park

May 20: City Council Meeting
6pm, City Hall

May 21: Budget Presentation
6pm, City Hall

May 27: 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.

April 15, 2025

- Mitchell Hollow:** City Council approved work on the Mitchell Hollow trail. Construction will begin this year and will run from Mitchell Hollow park to 9600 North.
- Highland Family Park:** Reservation policies were considered by City Council regarding the soccer and baseball fields in conjunction with the opening of Highland Family Park. They discussed potential future changes that will come back to City Council.

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 5400 West Civic Center Drive, Highland, UT. 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.

Viewing Your Water Usage

Residents and property owners can login and view daily pressurized irrigation (PI) water usage by logging in at bit.ly/HC-PImeters.

For step-by-step instructions, answers to frequently asked questions, and additional information, visit our website at highlandpimeters.com.

Sewer Rate Recalculation

Residential sewer rates have been re-calculated based on your average winter culinary water use. This updated rate will appear on your May utility bill and will apply from now until next April.

Questions? Contact Candice at 801-772-4510 or cinford@highlandut.gov.

Fling Vendor Applications

This year's vendor dates will be August 1st and August 2nd from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Apply at bit.ly/HC-flingvendors and visit our website for more information!

Youth Fishing Program

The Hooked on Fishing program educates youth about fishing and aquatic resources. Classes will be held June 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th, and July 12th and 19th from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Highland Glen Park.

Cost is \$30 for residents or \$35 for non-residents, which includes bait, tackle, and a t-shirt. A fishing pole will not be provided, so plan to bring your own. Class is limited to 30 participants, ages 6 years old and over. Parents are more welcome to attend and participate (no registration required for adults). Register at bit.ly/HC-fishingprogram. If you'd like to be a fishing instructor volunteer, please visit our website for more information and to submit an application.

Open House

Join us Wednesday, May 14th from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. to celebrate how Highland was voted by niche.com as the #1 city to raise a family in Utah. Come play games with our youth council, take pictures with a fire truck and ambulance, get free swag, meet our mayor and City Council, and eat good food. We're looking forward to celebrating you, the outstanding residents of Highland!

Upcoming City Budget

The Fiscal Year 2026 budget, effective July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026, is currently in the works.

Key highlights include updating our trail and road maintenance plans, adding lighting to the trail in Highland Family Park, pedestrian safety improvements to the corner of 6000 W and 10400 N, and the replacement of two playgrounds. Residents are encouraged to attend the following upcoming Council and informational meetings to learn more:

- City Council Tentative Budget Approval: May 6th, 6 p.m. at City Hall
- City Open House: May 14th, 5-8 p.m. at Highland Family Park
- Community Budget Presentation: May 21st, 6 p.m. at City Hall
- Final Budget Adoption: June 17th, 6 p.m. at City Hall

Annual Spring Clean Up

Mark your calendar for May 2nd and May 3rd between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 a.m. 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.



Contact

Visit our website!
highlandcityarts.info



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 @highlandcityarts  Highland City Arts Council

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

Friends of Art Thursday, May 1st, 10 a.m. - noon. Everyone Welcome! Lunch will be served.

Sew 'N Sews will be meeting on Friday, May 16th from 9 a.m. — 4 p.m. We will be discussing the fourth 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 on Saturday, May 3rd, 2:00 and 6:00 p.m. Mountain Ridge Jr. High School Concert Hall. Pre- show begins 15 minutes before each concert. Tickets \$8.

The Timpanogos Ringers Spring Concert "Music for the Soul" will be Friday, May 9th at 7 p.m. at St. Marks Cathedral in SLC (231E. 100S). All ages are welcome!

Highland Choral Arts would like to announce their amazing Spring Concert! Join us May 17th at 7 p.m. at Timberline Middle School in Alpine. Don't miss this great event! Tickets at highlandchoralarts.org or at the door.

"Into the Woods" Summer Youth Theatre Workshop Auditions for ages 11-18 on May 30th 4 — 6 p.m. Come prepared to sing a song. Rehearsals June and July mornings. Performances July 18th — 19th. For more information, text Heidi Mendez at 210-240-6289.

Calling All Artists! Highland Fling Fine Art Show August 1st and 2nd. See our website for registration dates and information.

Friends of the Library Everyone loves a parade, so you won't want to miss the Cedar Hills Family Festival's parade on June 7th at 9:00 a.m. The Friends of The Highland City Library will sponsor a float introducing our new mascot, Clover the Cow. You can even join with other book lovers and walk in the parade yourself.

By the way, there are several books in our library about parades. You might want to check one out on your way home to continue the fun.

DUP Museum Tours The Daughters of Utah Pioneers Highland Cabin is located at 5381 West 10400 North. The cabin was built around 1879 and is the last remaining vestige of pioneer life in Highland. The cabin will be open for tours every Saturday from 12 p.m. — 2 p.m. in June and July and by appointment. Please call or text 385-325-0046 with questions.

Highland Historical Society We're celebrating 150 years of families in Highland! Our community is rich with history, talent, and a desire for connection. Families have carefully preserved and donated fascinating pieces of our past — classic vehicles, antique machinery and furniture, letters, documents, and more. There's also growing interest in having more local opportunities to learn new skills — from fine & media arts, music, and dance to writing, genealogy, and historical crafts — and more chances to enjoy local performances and seminars.

The Highland Historical Society and Highland Arts Council would like to work with you to make these things happen here in Highland! **How can we best achieve these goals within our community?** Please share your creative ideas on how our community might:

- 1. Better protect and publicly share the historical artifacts.**
- 2. Increase local opportunities** for classes and activities for children to seniors.
- 3. Create more possibilities** for seminars and musical and theatrical performances.

Exploring these ideas will take some coordination. Would you be willing to offer **small acts of service** — perhaps an hour of your time for tasks like researching a specific topic, making a few phone calls, or organizing — as we follow up on the ideas received?

Contact us with your ideas or willingness to help: highlandhistoricalsoc@gmail.com/Claudia Sudweeks, 801-602-8394, [HHS volunteer form](#); or [Highland Arts Council](#)/Shauna Holt, 801-891-7183. Follow HHS on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Bluesky](#). Let's celebrate Highland's heritage and foster arts and learning!



Propagation Station

All Month

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

Craft & Chat: Clay Fridge Magnets

Wed, May 7 at 6pm

Teens & Adults

Make your own fridge magnets out of air-dry clay. The possibilities are endless!

Register at highlandcitylibrary.eventbrite.com

AI Coding Workshop for Kids

Sat, May 10 at 1pm

Ages 8 and up

Spark an interest in technology and learn how to use AI to code a website game using the fundamentals of HTML, CSS, and JavaScript. Register at highlandcitylibrary.eventbrite.com

Dungeons & Dragons Workshop

Sat, May 24 at 1pm

Teens & Adults

Learn, play, and get inspired at this immersive introduction to Dungeons & Dragons, led by professional artist and Dungeon Master Steven Oaks. This workshop includes a visual presentation, a D&D demo for all experience levels, and the opportunity to participate in a live game by Steven or his apprentice.



Sat, May 31 at 1-3pm

Kick off a colorful summer reading program at this sunshine-y celebration for the whole family!

Bring something to tie-dye with us on the north lawn of the library

Pause in Regular Programs

All Month

We are temporarily pausing the following programs in preparation for summer reading.



Summer Reading Program 2025



June 2 - July 26

Join this year's summer reading program for all ages: Color Our World! Track your reading and earn prizes. Stay posted for information about our weekly activities on the north lawn. Highland City Library card required.

Hours

M-Th: 10 AM-8 PM

F: 10 AM-4 PM

Sat: 12 PM-4 PM

Closed Sunday

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