

Mayor's Message - Kurt Ostler

Over the past couple of months, I've visited with several residents who came to the City with legitimate concerns—issues such as property damage, crime, or persistent code violations in their neighborhoods. In each case, these individuals began as victims or concerned citizens simply trying to do the right thing. Unfortunately, however, some of these situations escalated in ways that ultimately required police involvement—and in a few cases, the roles became reversed, with the original complainant becoming the one in trouble.



I understand how frustrating it can be when problems linger without resolution. When you feel unheard or when issues drag on for weeks or months, emotions can understandably boil over. And yet, how we respond matters just as much—if not more—than the problem itself.

In each of these visits, I felt the sincerity and goodness in the hearts of our residents. Their frustrations were real, and their concerns were valid. That's why I want to share a few reminders that may help guide our actions if you ever find yourself in a similar situation:

Code Compliance Issue:

- **Document everything:** Take photos and note dates, times, and how often the issue occurs.
- **Call our Code Compliance Office:** Once reported, be patient. Some violations take time to resolve—especially when the city is working with individuals on improvement plans.
- **Avoid confrontation:** Let the process work. We aim for resolution, not retaliation.

If You Believe a Crime Has Been Committed:

- **Contact the police immediately:** Let law enforcement evaluate the situation and determine the appropriate response.
- **Don't take justice into your own hands:** Escalation rarely leads to resolution and can complicate your ability to get help.
- **Remember:** Seek justice, not revenge.

We are a strong and caring community. I've seen firsthand the patience, concern, and commitment of Highland's residents. My request is simple: when emotions run high, take a breath. Take a step back. Let us help.

Together, we can address the issues—safely, respectfully, and with dignity.



CALENDAR

July 1: City Council Meeting
6pm, City Hall

July 15: City Council Meeting
6pm, City Hall

July 17: Meet the Candidates
Open House 6-8pm, City Hall

July 22: Planning Commission
7pm, City Hall

July 31: Highland Fling Begins

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.

June 3, 2025

Trailer Parking Ordinance: The Council updated the code to clarify that trailers, boats, travel trailers, and the like can not park in the same street block for longer than 48 hours.

June 17, 2025

FY26 Budget & Fraud Risk Assessment: The FY26 Budget that begins July 1 was approved by Council. This approval also includes the transfer of \$108,000 from the Pressurized Irrigation Fund to the General Fund. As a part of the budget process, Highland completed the State Auditor's Office Fraud Risk Assessment and received a "low fraud risk" score.

2025 Highland City Elections

Who is Running for Office?

Mayor: Brittney P. Bills

City Council – 2 seats open (listed in ballot order):

McKaiden Carruth

Ron Campbell

Wes Warren

Liz Rice

Kristin Richey

Scott L. Smith

Corey Freeze

Information about the candidates can be found at

<https://bit.ly/3ZC7Nc1> or at vote.utah.gov.

Election Information

Highland City will hold a Primary Election on Tuesday, August 12th, 2025, for City Council seats to narrow the field to four candidates. Ballots will be mailed to all registered voters starting July 22nd and must be received by 8:00 p.m. on August 12th. To ensure your ballot is received on time, please use the ballot drop box located on the north side of City Hall. There will be a Vote Center located at Highland City Hall from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on election day. The Mayoral seat will be included in the General Election to be held on Tuesday, November 4th, 2025. Additional information about voter registration and voting can be found at vote.utahcounty.gov.

Meet the Candidates Open House

Thursday, July 17th, 2025 from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at Highland City Hall

Do you have a question for the candidates? Please send questions to elections@highlandut.gov no later than Sunday, July 6th.

Water Conservation Notice

This past winter did not deliver the snowpack we had hoped for, and as a result, the City's pressurized irrigation (PI) system is already nearing capacity—well before the hottest weeks of the year.

Conservation efforts in 2021 and 2022 were highly effective, but water use increased by 20% in 2024 following the end of the drought. To avoid exceeding system capacity, the City is asking all residents to use their sprinkler systems wisely and avoid overwatering.

Recently installed water meters are a valuable tool for monitoring usage. If you haven't yet accessed your water use portal, visit <https://www.highlandpimeters.com> to sign up for an account.

A 20% reduction in use is the goal. Achieving this will help the PI system operate more efficiently, maintain proper pressure, and preserve water in reservoirs for later in the season.

If you notice brown spots or dry areas in your yard, try cleaning your sprinkler filter or spot-watering those areas instead of running a full sprinkler cycle.

Thank you for doing your part to conserve water!

Firework Restrictions

For the month of July, state law allows fireworks to be shot from July 2nd to July 5th and July 22nd to July 25th from 11:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m. except on July 4th and July 24th where hours extend to midnight.

Due to fire danger, fireworks are prohibited in certain areas of Highland including many subdivisions.

A map of these restrictions is available at bit.ly/HC-fireworkrestrictions.

Summer Construction

As the City works to complete improvements along 6000 West Street, there will be temporary detours along the Murdock Canal from June 30th through August 1st. Please be on the lookout for the detour routes and plan accordingly. Thank you!

As part of the *Safe Routes to School* program, Highland City will be working with UDOT to install sidewalk along the west side of 6000 West between Chapel Drive and Highland Elementary. The project is expected to take place this summer and will provide a much-needed safe pedestrian pathway.



Contact
Visit our website!
highlandcityarts.info



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

Calling All Artists! Highland Fling Fine Art Show August 1st and 2nd. Registration for ages up to senior in HS on Monday, July 28th, 4:00-7:00 p.m. for adults on Tuesday, July 29th, 4:00-7:00 p.m. See HCAC website for more information.

“Into the Woods” Summer Youth Theatre Workshop Performances: Friday, July 11th at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, July 12th, 4:00 and 7:00 p.m. At the Highland City Com-

No Sew 'N Sews in July. See you in August!

Visual Art Institute Summer Art Camps for Ages 5-12 & 12-18

See highlandcityarts.info for more information.

Highland Choral Arts Watch for our float in the Highland Fling Parade. We are looking forward to singing for you. Auditions for our upcoming Christmas season will be held in August. For more information see highlandchoralarts.org.

Highland Children's Choir registration is now open for our 2025-2026 season! Ages 5-23. Spots are reserved in the order registrations are submitted. Register online at highlandchildrenschoir.com. Come Sing With Us!

The Timpanogos Ringers are taking a break for the summer, but are preparing our music for Christmas! If you would like to have bells at your Christmas party, now is the time to schedule. We would love to play for you. Contact Paige at 801-830-0927.

Friends of the Library If you had a chance to attend the Cedar Hills Family Festival parade on June 7th, you were able to meet Clover, the new Mascot of the Highland City Library.

Clover is a Highland cow who also loves to graze in the Alpine meadows and the Cedar Hills. If you missed her, don't worry. She will also be in the Highland Fling parade on August 2nd and the Alpine Days parade on August 9th. On August 2nd, come and walk with the kids and the Friends, along with the Library Patrons of the Year. You're sure to find it a-moo-sing.

On August 2nd, the Friends will be holding their gigantic used book sale, the largest of the year, at Heritage Park from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Take note of the new venue. We'll have lots of books, including children's books. Fill up a bag and take home a bargain.

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 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. in June and July by appointment. Please call or text 385-325-0046 with questions.

Farmers Market

Join us every Thursday starting June 5th from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for fresh, locally grown produce, handcrafted goods, and delicious baked treats—all in the heart of Highland at Heritage Park, 10400 Alpine Highway.

From farm-fresh flavors to artisan finds, there's something for everyone to enjoy. Bring your family, meet your neighbors, and support local farmers and vendors while enjoying a vibrant community atmosphere. Don't miss the best of Highland every week at the Highland Farmers Market!

Stay Connected Did you know about Highland City's communication tool? Signing up is simple. Just visit highlandut.gov and follow these steps:

- **Click the Bubble:** Look for the small blue bubble in the bottom right corner of the screen.
- **Select "Notices":** Click on the "Notices" option in the menu.
- **Subscribe for Updates:** Navigate to the page titled "Subscribe for the Latest Information."

From there, you can customize your channels and preferences by choosing what kind of information you'd like to receive. If you need assistance or have any questions, please call or text us at 385-421-9045.



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. Reading Logs are due July 26! Highland City Library card required.

Weekly Activities: June 2 - July 26

In the City Center

Children under 9 must be accompanied by an adult

Sunshine Storytime

Ages 0-5, T & Th 10-10:45am
Read, sing, play, and craft

Colorful Crafts

Ages 6-11, T 10-10:45am
Craft in the sunshine

Bright Ideas STEM

Ages 6-11, Th 10-10:45am
Discover the vibrance of STEM

Young Writers Group

Ages 9-18, Th 4-4:45pm
Learn and practice writing skills

Friends of the Library Used Book Sale

August 2
At the Highland Fling

This will be our biggest Used Book Sale yet! Tons of children's books. All proceeds support the Library.

Craft & Chat: Painted Plant Pots

Wed, July 16 at 6pm

Teens & Adults

Find fun and friends at this free craft class. All supplies provided. Paint a terracotta pot to take home.

Register at
highlandcitylibrary.eventbrite.com

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



TESTING Results

Contaminant	Violation Y/N	+ Sample Count		MCLG	MCL	Date Sampled	Likely Source of Contamination
TCR TABLES - COLIFORM BACTERIA & MICROBIOLOGICAL CONTAMINANTS							
Total Coliform	N	1		0	5	2024	Naturally present in the environment
Bacteria	N	0		0	None	2024	Human and animal fecal waste.
E. Coli	N	0		0	None	2024	Likely Source of Contamination
Contaminant	Violation Y/N	Level Detected ND/Low-High	Measurement	Unit	MCLG	MCL	Date Sampled
RADIOACTIVE CONTAMINANTS							
Alpha Emitters	N	4.7 - 5.28	pc/L	0	15	2022, 2024	Erosion of natural deposits
Combined Radium 226/228	N	0 - 1.48	pc/L	0	5	2024	Erosion of natural deposits
Radium 226	N	0.158 - 0.175	pc/L	0	5	2024	Erosion of natural deposits
Radium 228	N	0.091 - 1.48	pc/L	0	5	2022, 2024	Erosion of natural deposits
TURBIDITY							
Turbidity for Ground Water	N	0.2 - 2.1	NTU	0	0.30	2022	Soil Runoff
REGULATED INORGANIC CONTAMINANTS							
Arsenic	N	0 - 0.5	ppb	0	10	2022	Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards; runoff from glass and electronics production wastes
Barium	N	50 - 176	ppb	2000	2000	2022	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
Cyanide	N	0 - 16	ppb	200	200	2022	Discharge from plastic and fertilizer factories; Discharge from steel/metal factories.
Fluoride	N	0 - 216	ppb	4000	4000	2022	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Nitrate	N	131 - 3787	ppb	10,000	10,000	2024	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks; sewage; erosion of natural deposits
Selenium	N	0.5 - 2.9	ppb	50	50	2022	Discharge from petroleum and metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits; discharge from mines
Sodium	N	6.025 - 19.087	ppm	500	none set by EPA	2022	Discharge from petroleum and metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits; discharge from mines
Sulfate	N	13.7 - 104.466	ppm	1000	1000	2022	Erosion of natural deposits; discharge from refineries and factories; runoff from landfills; runoff from cropland
Total Dissolved Solids (TDS)	N	240 - 348	ppm	2000	2000	2022	Erosion of natural deposit
LEAD AND COPPER							
Lead	N	90th percentiles: 1.7	ppb	0	AL=15	2024	Corrosion of household plumbing systems, erosion of natural deposits
Copper	N	90th percentiles: 119	ppb	1300	AL=1300	2024	Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives; Corrosion of household plumbing systems

NOT ALL CONTAMINANTS ARE REQUIRED TO BE TESTED YEARLY.
UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED BY YEAR SAMPLED, TESTING OCCURRED
BETWEEN JANUARY - DECEMBER, 2024

TABLE Definitions

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL): The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG): The level below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

Action Level (AL): The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

Low Number - High Number - lowest and highest level of contamination measured between all system water sources.

ppm - parts per million or milligrams per liter (mg/l) which ratio is equal to one dollar in \$1,000,000.00

ppb - parts per billion or micrograms per liter (ug/l) which ratio is equal to one dollar in \$1,000,000,000.00

pc/L - picocuries per liter is a measure of the radioactivity in water.