

## Mayor's Message - Kurt Ostler

This past month, several community groups stepped up and completed important service projects across Highland. Many of these were landscaping and maintenance projects the city had struggled to get to because of the required time and manpower.

Volunteers tackled work in the Mitchell Hollow park area, cleared overgrowth and stained benches in Highland Glen Park, and helped along the trails and roadways near Ridgeline Elementary.

Other service projects were organized at local churches and Lone Peak High School and supported members of our community in various ways, including humanitarian efforts to assist Lone Peak Police and Fire and helping neighbors experiencing food insecurity. Thank you to everyone who pitched in — your time and effort make a visible difference in our city and neighborhoods.



I also want to invite all residents to review the draft General Plan. The General Plan is our long-range roadmap; it guides land use, transportation, housing types, water use, parks and open space, trails and recreation, environmental stewardship and sustainability, and public facilities. It's an important document that shapes Highland's future. The last time Highland did a major update to the city's General Plan was in 2008.

The Planning Commission is currently reviewing the draft, and it will be discussed at upcoming City Council meetings in November and December before a final approval. Please engage — read the draft, share your feedback, and attend the different meetings. Your input matters.

How to participate:

- Read the draft General Plan at: <https://bit.ly/HC-generalplan>.
- Send written comments to: [planningcommission@highlandut.gov](mailto:planningcommission@highlandut.gov) or [council@highlandut.gov](mailto:council@highlandut.gov).
- Attend the Planning Commission and City Council meetings on: Planning Commission – October 28th, 2025, City Council - November 18th, 2025, December 2nd, 2025.

Thank you for caring about Highland and for helping build the kind of city we want to live in.



## CALENDAR

**October 7: City Council Meeting**  
6pm, City Hall

**October 21: City Council Meeting**  
6pm, City Hall

**October 23: Trick or Treat Street**  
5-7pm, Splash Pad

**October 28: Planning Commission**  
7pm, City Hall

**November 1: 20th Annual Caregiver Conference**  
9am, BYU Conference Center  
Register at [magutah.gov/cg](http://magutah.gov/cg).

## 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](http://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](http://bit.ly/HC-citycouncil).

### September 2, 2025

- **Mo'Bettahs Approval:** Council approved the site plan for a Mo'Bettahs restaurant to be built south of the Wendy's in Town Center. The restaurant will have a pick-up only window. Plan review is underway with construction to follow.

### September 16, 2025

- **4800 West Improvements:** Council approved agreements with Utah County and Alpine City for improvements to 4800 W (N County Boulevard). Improvements will include adding a 10-foot wide multi-use trail and intersection alignments. Construction begins in 2026.

## Municipal Election Update

### Candidate Debate and Request for Questions

Please join us for a Candidate Debate on Thursday, October 9, 2025, at 6:00 pm at Highland City Hall. The debate will be streamed on the City's YouTube Channel, <http://bit.ly/HC-youtube>. Please submit debate questions to [elections@highlandut.gov](mailto:elections@highlandut.gov) by Sunday, October 5th, 2025.

**Mayoral Candidate:** Brittney P. Bills

**City Council Candidates:** Ron Campbell, Wes Warren, Liz Rice, and Scott L. Smith

### 2025 Municipal General Election

The 2025 Municipal General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 4th, 2025. Highland City voters will be electing a Mayor as well as two City Council Members. Voters will have the opportunity to vote for two (2) City Council Members and one (1) Mayor.

The two City Council candidates with the most votes in the General Election will be elected to serve a 4-year term for City Council. School District Board candidates will also be on the ballot and voters may vote for one (1) School District Board Member.

**Do you need to register to vote?** [vote.utah.gov](http://vote.utah.gov)

### How do I find information about the candidates?

Go to the Election page on the city's website. <https://bit.ly/3ZC7Nc1> where you can read Candidate bios

**When will I get my ballot?** Ballots will be mailed to every registered voter starting October 14th, 2025.

## How Do I Vote?

**Early Voting:** Early voting will take place at the Utah County Elections office located at 100 E Center Street, Provo, UT from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm on October 27nd—31st, and November 3rd.

**Ballot Drop Box:** Drop off your ballot at any Utah County Ballot Drop Box until 8:00 pm on Tuesday, November 4th, 2025. There is a drop box located on the north side of the City Offices, 5400 W Civic Center Dr. For additional drop box locations go to [vote.utahcounty.gov/voting-locations](http://vote.utahcounty.gov/voting-locations).

**Vote Centers on Election Day:** Drop off your ballot at any Vote Center throughout the County on Primary Election Day, November 4th, 2025 from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm. Highland City will be hosting a Vote Center at City Hall. For a list of all Vote Centers go to [vote.utahcounty.gov/voting-locations](http://vote.utahcounty.gov/voting-locations).

**Mail:** Mail in your ballot. **Note:** Due to new legislation this year, your ballot must be received no later than 8:00 pm on Election Day. We strongly recommend using either the ballot drop boxes or vote centers to ensure that your ballot will arrive on time. Ballots arriving in the mail after Election Day will not be counted.

### Did you know you can track your ballot?

Go to [vote.utah.gov](http://vote.utah.gov) to sign up to track your ballot.

More election information can be found at [vote.utahcounty.gov/home](http://vote.utahcounty.gov/home) or you can email [elections@highlandut.gov](mailto:elections@highlandut.gov).

## Highland City Cemetery Clean-up — Monday, October 6, 2025

Highland City seeks to offer families and friends that visit their loved ones in the cemetery a clean, beautiful, and peaceful environment. Please help us with this goal by keeping your site clean. On Monday, October 6th, the cemetery will be cleared of ALL grave decorations, real or artificial, including trinkets, ornaments, lamps, shepherd hooks, etc. Please make every effort to remove decorations from your loved one's grave prior to the cleanup, as remaining decorations are typically discarded. Questions? Please call (801) 772-4505.

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



Shauna Larson, President

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Highland City Arts Council

## Contact

Visit our website!

[highlandcityarts.info](http://highlandcityarts.info)



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

**Friends of Art** Thursday, October 2nd, 10am - noon. Guest Presenter is Shari Cannon - Glassless Watercolor. Everyone Welcome! Lunch will be served.

**After School Art Club** Ages 8-11. Room for two more! Open enrollment. Registration required. Call Linda at 717-368-6924.

**Visual Arts Institute** Art classes for children, teens and adults. See [visualartinstitute.org](http://visualartinstitute.org) for more information.

**Sew 'n Sews** will meet Friday, October 17th, 9am - 4pm. Bring your 25 paper pieced 3 inch Christmas project! Plus your sewing machine or hand sewing and get ready to start an all-day sew. Lunch will be available. All are welcome and we love new people. Come join us.

**Highland Children's Choir** Registration is now closed for the Highland Children's Choir, but, you can place your child on a waitlist to join us in January! We'd love to have you sing with us! For information go to [highlandchildrenschoir.com](http://highlandchildrenschoir.com).

**Highland Choral Arts** is in full swing with 80 singers preparing for two Christmas concerts! December 13th, 7pm at Timberline Middle School. December 23rd, 7pm at Abravanel Hall - Jenny Oaks Baker "Joy to the World: A Sacred Celebration!" tickets on sale, use code HCA at [jennyoaksbaker.com](http://jennyoaksbaker.com).

**The Timpanogos Ringers** are thrilled to begin a new season. Mark your calendar for our Christmas concert! We hope to have a full crowd on December 15th at Mountain Ridge Junior High.

**Beginner Oil Painting** Tuesdays from 12pm to 2pm. The teacher will be Gunther Haidenthaler. If you have questions, text 801-891-7183.

**Friends of the Library** The Friends of the Highland City Library would like to welcome our new Library Director, Karen Liu. She loves libraries and has most recently worked as the Utah State Library Youth Services Coordinator. In her twenty years of library service, she has been employed by public, academic, and school libraries in Orem, Santa Monica, Shanghai, and Salt Lake County. She enjoys working with the cities, library boards, and patrons.

Liu especially enjoys working with youth. She was awarded Operation Literacy's 2024 Educator Book Hero Award for outstanding dedication to improving children's literacy. Come into the Library to meet her!

## Trick or Treat Street

Put on your best costume for our annual Trick or Treat Street! Live music, crafts, games, free candy, and a pumpkin contest will make it a boo-tastic time for all ages. Thursday, October 23rd from 5pm to 7pm at the Splash Pad. Check our website for contest details.

## Highland City Job Openings

We are seeking qualified individuals to fill the following positions: Cemetery Sexton, Meter Technician, Parks Operators, Staff Engineer, Streets Operator, and Water Maintenance Worker. For more details and to apply, visit: <https://bit.ly/HC-joblistings>.

## PI Water Season Ending Oct 15

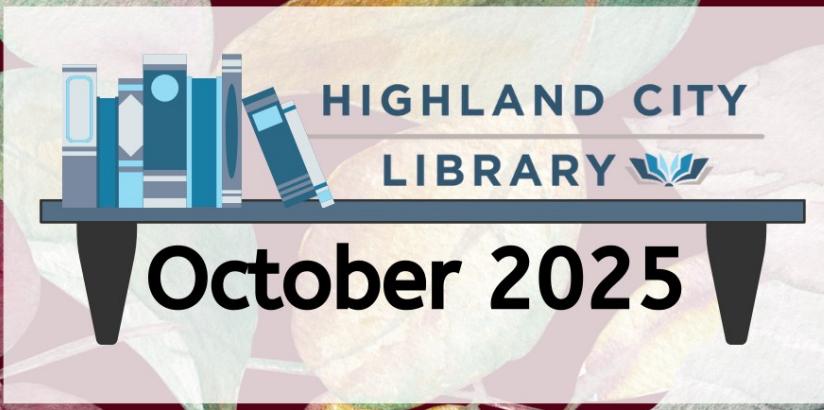
Pressurized Irrigation (PI) water will soon turn off for the season. The system will remain off until April 15th, 2026, allowing us to conserve resources and protect the infrastructure through the winter. Now is also a great time to make the preparations to winterize your irrigation systems to prevent any damage from freezing temperatures. Additionally, remember to bag your leaves and dispose of them properly. Thanks for keeping our community clean and prepared for the season!

## Highland Historical Society

**October is Family History Month!** Learn about the early families of Highland.

History Clip: *By Charles T. Greenland II*

In 1992, David Durfey, a native of American Fork (think Durfey Cleaners), wrote his Master's Thesis about Highland. Titled "[Aberrant Mormon Settlers: The Home-steaders of Highland, Utah](#)". His thesis detailed the 37 men and women who first homesteaded Highland from 1875-1905. They came from other countries: England, Denmark, Scotland and states: New York and Utah. By 1880, there were 21 homesteaders aged 31-84. Most of them were farmers, many of whom never lived on their homestead, but used it for pasturing their livestock or raising crops for use elsewhere. This thesis was very helpful to future historians who wrote about Highland.



## Craft Club

Wed, Oct 1 at 4pm

Ages 6-11

Children under 9 must be accompanied by an adult.  
Create a crafty monster straight out of your  
imagination.

## Craft & Chat

Wed, Oct 8 at 6pm

Teens & Adults

Make little ghost luminaries from clay.  
Registration required.

## STEM Lab

Wed, Oct 15 at 4pm

Ages 6-11.

Create electrifying creatures like  
Dr. Frankenstein using spooky circuits!

## Hora de Cuentos

Viernes 17 de Octubre a las 11am

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

Fri, Oct 17 at 11am

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

## Smells Like Science!

Mon, Oct 20 from 6pm-8pm

All Ages

Join us for a hands-on, nose-tingling adventure as  
we explore the amazing world of spices with the  
Central Utah Section of the American Chemical  
Society and the UVU Chemistry Department.

## Baby Storytime

Every Mon at 11am

Ages 0-2 with a grown-up  
Read, sing, and play with your baby at  
Miss Sonia's baby storytime.

## Storytime

Every Tue, Wed, and Thu at 11am

Ages 3-5 with a grown-up

Read, sing, learn, and craft with Miss Mel.  
All are welcome to Storytime!  
Highland City Library card required for craft.

## Young Writers

Every Thu at 4pm

Ages 9+

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

## Hours

M-Th: 10 AM-8 PM

F: 10 AM-4 PM

Sat: 12 PM-4 PM

Closed Sunday

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