

Mayor's Message - Kurt Ostler

Will Highland City Get Its Own ZIP Code?

Back in May of 2019, Mayor Mann and I met with the Salt Lake Manager of Marketing to discuss Highland City obtaining its own ZIP code. Following that meeting, the City formally submitted a letter to the United States Postal Service (USPS) requesting that Highland be considered for its own unique ZIP code. For many years, we've shared the 84003 ZIP code with American Fork. Later that year, USPS responded, stating that the projected growth in our community at that time did not warrant creating a separate ZIP code.

Over the past several years, Highland City has continued to monitor other cities' success in obtaining their own ZIP codes, one being Vineyard, Utah, which is actually smaller than Highland. After visiting with Vineyard's mayor and learning about their process, it became clear that we would need to work through our federal delegation to pursue our own zip code.



After multiple conversations with U.S. Representative Mike Kennedy and staff from U.S. Senator John Curtis's office, Highland City has decided to move forward once again with our request for its own ZIP code. A key component of this effort has been Council Member Scott Smith's long-standing relationship with Representative Kennedy, as they were partners in the same medical practice.

On October 21st, 2025, the Mayor, City Council, and City Administrator submitted a formal letter to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform requesting that Highland be granted its own unique ZIP code, with support from both Mike Kennedy and John Curtis.

In that letter, we highlighted several key concerns:

- **Sales tax misallocation:** A recent economic study estimates that Highland loses approximately \$4.9 million annually in sales tax revenue due to incorrect ZIP code assignment.
- **Mail delivery issues:** Residents frequently experience misdirected mail and confusion over correct addresses.
- **Insurance rate discrepancies:** ZIP code overlap can impact property insurance classifications.
- **Online address errors:** Many websites miscategorized Highland addresses as belonging to American Fork.

We're hopeful that these strong points, along with support from our federal representatives, will help make the case for a distinct ZIP code that truly represents Highland City. Until then, we'll keep our fingers crossed.



CALENDAR

November 18: City Council Meeting
6pm, City Hall

November 24: Meet Santa and His Reindeer
6pm, Highland City Hall

November 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

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- **Fire Department Funding:** Council discussed the current funding allocation for the Lone Peak Fire Department. They discussed several proposals to change the allocation, submitted by both Highland and Alpine. Any change in the funding allocation must be approved by both Highland and Alpine City Councils.

Elections!

2025 Municipal General Election

The 2025 Municipal General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2025. Highland City voters will be electing a Mayor and 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.

Mayoral Candidate:

Brittney P. Bills

City Council Candidates:

Ron Campbell
Wes Warren
Liz Rice
Scott L. Smith

Do you need to register to vote? 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. You can also watch the candidate debate on the city's YouTube Channel, <http://bit.ly/HC-youtube>.

When will I get my ballot?

Ballots were mailed to every registered voter starting Tuesday, October 14, 2025.

Please note that only a valid signature is required on your ballot envelope. You do not need to write your 4-digit number from your government issued ID.

Did you know you can track your ballot?

Go to vote.utah.gov to sign up to track your ballot.

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 27th – 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 4, 2025. There is a drop box located on the north side of the City Offices, 5400 W Civic Center Dr. Please ensure you put your ballot in the ballot box and not the library or utility boxes. For additional drop box locations go to 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 4, 2025 from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm. Highland City will be hosting a Vote Center at City Hall. For a list of Vote Centers go to 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. More election information can be found at vote.utahcounty.gov/home or email elections@highlandut.gov.

Snowplowing

Street plowing priority is based on the road classification and usage. Those streets identified as arterial or collector roads and those deemed to be in the minimum network needed to provide basic transportation for public safety such as near schools or steep grades, will receive priority. These streets will be plowed 24 hours per day, 7 days a week when weather conditions warrant.

When storm conditions have moderated, lower priority roads and roads interior to subdivisions, including cul-de-sacs will be plowed. It may take anywhere from 3 to 5 days after the storm before crews clear all of these areas.

Street parking is prohibited from December 1st to March 31st between the hours of 12:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. and any time snow is present to allow access to the plows for snow removal. The Police Department may issue parking citations or even have vehicles towed that are parked on the street during or shortly after a snowstorm.



Contact
Visit our website!
highlandcityarts.info



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

Friends of Art Thursday, November 6th, 10 a.m. - noon. Guest Presenter is Shari Lyons - Encaustic. 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.

Senior Support Group November 13th, 11:00 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Visual Arts Institute Art classes for children, teens, and adults. See visualartinstitute.org for more information.

Sew 'n Sews will meet Friday, November 21st from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. We will be starting a Buggy Barn class for 2026. Bring any Buggy Barn quilts or books that you may have. Also bring your sewing machine or hand sewing and get ready to start an all-day sew. Lunch will be available. All are welcome. Contact Carol at cwhadlock@gmail.com or 801-490-8727.

Highland Choral Arts would love to see you at our upcoming concerts: November 17th at the University Place tree lighting ceremony, December 13th at Timberline Middle School, and December 23rd at Jenny Oaks Baker Joy to the World at Abravanel Hall, SLC. For tickets go to highlandchoralarts.org.

Highland Children's Choir Christmas Concert Saturday, December 13th at 2:30 p.m., Mountain Ridge Jr. Hi. Concert Hall. Pre-Show begins 15 min. before the concert. Tickets available at highlandchildrenschoir.com.

The Timpanogos Ringers invite you to attend our Christmas concert on December 15th at Mountain Ridge Jr. High at 7 p.m. We are also a part of the Christmas in the Rotunda at American Fork Library on December 1st.

Friends of the Library

As Thanksgiving nears, the Friends of the Library have much to be grateful for. We have seen small children smile when they found their favorite books on the library shelves. We have listened to laughter from an enthralled group during story time.

We have seen great support from the community this year. Altabank donated funds to support library projects. Modern Woodsmen of America provided a generous grant. A group of young readers sponsored a children's book drive. Residents have given enthusiasm, time, ideas, and books. Next time you visit the library remember how grateful we all are for the contributions you and others make.

Meet Santa and His Reindeer

Santa and his reindeer are coming to Highland! Bring your little elves to City Hall for a magical evening on Monday, November 24th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00p.m.

Join us and bring your family to come and meet Santa, take photos with his reindeer, enjoy Christmas classics from a bell choir, and drink hot cocoa under the holiday lights!

Highland Youth City Council Applications for 2026

The Highland Youth City Council (HYCC) provides opportunities for leadership, community events, community service, and governmental learning. Applicants must live in Highland City and be in grades 9-12. HYCC members will serve a term of 12 months from January to December with the exception of those in their senior year of high school who will serve 6 months from January - June.

Some of the activities the Youth Council participates in include: Leadership Retreats, Legislative Day, Easter Egg Hunt, Arbor Day Tree Planting, Highland City Open House, Highland Fling, Service Projects, Senior Citizens Appreciation Dinner, Halloween events, and the Highland City Christmas celebration.

Applications for this upcoming year will be due November 30th at 11:59 p.m. and will go live on November 1st on our website: bit.ly/HC-youthcouncilapplication.

Highland City Job Openings

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

Welcome to the Library

Hello, Highland! As your new Library Director, I am excited to share our vision with you and personally welcome you to the library.

Please allow me to introduce myself. I'm a Utah native, born in Provo and raised in Orem. I enjoy reading, running, watching Netflix, eating chocolate cake, and I love libraries. My



library career spans over 18 years, covering public, academic, school, and state libraries. Most recently, I spent 3.5 years at the State of Utah's State Library Division, providing administrative guidance and mentorship to library directors across the state. In my broad range of experience, I've devoted myself to serving Utah communities, and I am thrilled to bring that dedication to Highland.

Highland's library is a remarkable place. We may be physically small for a library, but we are mighty in vision. That vision includes expanding our services dramatically beyond our popular weekly story times. I invite you to visit us and participate in new programs, including:

- Tween Club and Teen Advisory Board
- The Highland Social Hub (daytime activities and programs for older adults)
- Book clubs, author panels, and more

Highland City Library is here for every community member. Whether you want to attend a program, find a quiet study room, or just use Libby, we are here for you. Stop by and say hello!

Karen Liu, MLIS

Highland City Library Director

New Upcoming Events

11/6 - Tween Club at 4 p.m.

11/20 – Teen Thursday at 4 p.m.

12/12 – Highland Social Hub Celebration at 11:00 a.m. (for senior citizens and older adults)