



City of Highland Weekly Report

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Greening Your New Year's Resolution 5 Green Resolutions to Consider

Public Services



REPETE'S WISDOM OF THE WEEK - Greening Your New Year's Resolution. Now that the New Year is upon us, resolutions are a must! If you haven't decided on the right resolution for you, we have five green resolutions to consider that will help you save some money and reduce stress on the environment all at the same time:

1. Replace alkaline batteries with Rechargeable batteries. The upfront cost will be higher but will pay for itself in the long run.



You can purchase a starter pack that will include batteries and a charger to get you going. Most rechargeable batteries only take 15 minutes to charge.

2. Make the switch from incandescent light bulbs to either CFLs or LEDs. Incandescent light bulbs turn just 2-10 percent of the energy they use into useful light, releasing the rest as waste heat. However, a CFL will save about \$30 over its lifetime; pays for itself in about 6 months and lasts about 10 times longer than an incandescent.

3. Replace one grocery item with a local or organic option. With the current economy, we know most people won't be starting 2012 with extra cash. Eating all organic and local is ideal, but it's simply not feasible for a lot of us. Instead, choose one staple food that you purchase weekly and replace it with a local or organic option. Not sure where to start? Here are a few tips. Not all fruits have to be purchased as an organic option. Bananas, oranges, lemons, avocados, pineapple, etc are items that have a thick skin that protect against pesticides.

4. Install a programmable thermostat. Buying a programmable thermostat can save you some serious cash on your energy bills because it's a smarter way to heat your home. If used properly, programmable thermostats can save you up to \$180 per year in energy costs, according to the EPA.

5. Start a backyard compost pile. Take it one step at a time and gather the items that you will need to get it going by the end of January. The most important purchase you'll make for this project is your bin. Figure out where you want to place your compost first, and then plan your bin accordingly. Use a small bucket or pail



with a lid to keep your food scraps in the kitchen before they are moved to the outdoor pile. For the pile in the yard, an outdoor bin is your best bet. You'll also need a tarp to keep it covered in the winter. After that, start collecting your scraps!

Remember everyone has to start somewhere and changing just one habit or trying something new really can make a difference!

Community Development

Planning Commission determination: At its January 3, 2012, regular Meeting, the Commission considered the following Items:

1. A Modification to an Existing Sign Program for Stoney Creek Center (ASR 011-012). The Project is generally located at Boulder Avenue and Jasper Street. The address is 7354 Stoney Creek Drive. APN: 1201-091-60-0-000. Representative: Bill Jamal, Infiniti Commercial, LLC (Continued from the September 20, and October 4, 2011, Regular Meetings.)

The Planning Commission:

1. Approved ASR 011-012, a Proposed Modification to an Existing Sign Program for Stoney Creek Center, which includes a Proposal for new Monument Signs, subject to Conditions of Approval, as modified, and;

2. Approved the Findings of Fact.

The Application may now proceed forward in the process.

2. Revision 011-001, In-N-Out Burgers proposes to revise the approved Building Elevations for the In-N-Out Building and delete an architectural tower feature from the Plans. The Project is located at 28009 Greenspot Road, south side of Greenspot Road approximately 1,300 feet east of the 210 Freeway.

Representative: John Puente Jr., In-N-Out Burgers



The Planning Commission Approve Revision 011-001 deleting the westerly architectural tower from the In-N-Out Building (Amending DRB 010-004).

The Application may now proceed forward in the process.

3. Amendment to Conditional Use Permit (CUP 01-001) and Design Review Application (DRA-011-003) to redesign the Site Plan related to a Car Wash Facility. The Project is located on two (2) adjoining parcels at the southeast corner of Base Line and Seine Avenue. Assessor's Parcel Numbers: 1201-091-61 and 62. Representative: Aysar Helo

The Planning Commission Adopt Resolution 12-001 amending Conditional Use Permit (CUP-01-001) and approving Design Review Application (DRA-011-003), all subject to the recommended Conditions of Approval, as revised, and the Findings of Fact.

4. A Semi-annual Report of the processing of Applications per the City Council's "Come Home to Highland" Program and Policies for the period of July 1, 2011, to December 31, 2011.

The Planning Commission Received and Filed the Report.

The Report may now proceed forward and will be scheduled for a future City Council Meeting.

Save the Date!!!! The CHF is celebrating its 16th Year!!! 2012 will mark the 16th celebration of the Highland Citrus Harvest Festival. We've grown much since our first year, but have not forgotten our purpose. The Festival seeks to educate Highland's youth and adults on our rich citrus heritage and turn-of-the-century lifestyle.

Events are in the making inclusive of a citrus-themed Coloring, Poetry and Citrus Label Design Contests. Residents will be able to enjoy a Historic Home Tour, Antique & Classic Car Show, Costume and Citrus Growing Contests and there will be live entertainment scheduled throughout the day.

The Festival is scheduled for March 31, 2012, from 10:00am to 3:30pm in the Highland Historic District at the intersection of Palm Avenue and Main Street up to Pacific Street. In case of rain, there is a Rain Date of April 7, 2012, at the same location and time. For more information, contact Kim Stater at (909) 864-8732 Extension 204.

Library News

Library Resolutions. Happy New Year from the Highland Sam J. Racadio Library and Environmental Learning Center! As we begin a brand new year and set to our list of resolutions, please consider letting your local library help you reach a few of your goals. How about a resolution to interact more with your library? Can the library help you clean up, save money, and provide stress relief? Of course!

Spring cleaning is just around the corner, but what are you going to do with all those old books that you haven't read in years? Consider donating them to the Friends of the Highland Library. All books, CDs and movies donated to the library in good condition are reviewed for addition to the collection. Those that can not be added are put up for sale by the Friends of the Library, with especially rare books becoming part of the Silent Auction. Silent Auctions are on-going and the book sale room is always open.



Those looking for a deal can shop the monthly bag of books sale on the first Wednesday of every month where they can purchase a bag of

books of their choice for only a few dollars!

Did you know that most CD, DVD, and video game discs can be cleaned? Before you consider throwing away your favorite game because the disc is scratched, visit the library and give it a good cleaning! The Friends of the Library also has access to a state-of-the-art disc cleaning machine and are able to provide cleanings during the monthly bag-of-books sale for \$2 per disc. Many discs are polished to like-new allowing patrons to save money on the purchase of replacement games and keep playing their favorites even longer!

Looking to expand your reading horizons? Challenge yourself to read more during 2012! Check out our displays and New Books sections for popular selections of best sellers, themed selections, and the newest materials offered at the library. Patrons can also find a wide selection of audio books both in the branch and on-line. Overdrive can be accessed through the San Bernardino County Library home page and provides thousands of titles in audio book and e-book form for free that are compatible with a wide variety of devices.

Ready to start the New Year with your local library but afraid you will forget to return borrowed items? Stop on by and ask a staff member to check the status of your account and update your contact information to include your e-mail address. By providing your e-mail, the library can provide Courtesy notices to remind you when your items are due. You can add your e-mail address to your account and update other contact information from home through the San Bernardino County Library home page at www.sbcounty.gov by clicking on "My Account".

Celebrate the New Year and make a resolution to get back in touch with your library!

Mark Your Calendar

Tuesday, January 10, 2012

6pm - Regular City Council Meeting, Council Chambers

Wednesday, January 11, 2012

4pm - Public Nuisance Hearing Board Special Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Thursday, January 12, 2012

5pm - Community Trails Committee Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Tuesday, January 17, 2012

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Monday, January 23, 2012

1:30pm to 6:30pm - Community Blood Drive
Jerry Lewis Community Center, 7793 Central Avenue

Tuesday, January 24, 2012

6pm - Regular City Council Meeting, Council Chambers

Sunday, January 29, 2012

7:30am to 11:30am - Highland Improvement Team Cleanup - Litter Cleanup @ YMCA Run, Arroyo Verde Elementary School

Thursday, February 2, 2012

5pm - Historic and Cultural Preservation Board Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers
5:30pm - Joint Study Session with the Historic and Cultural Preservation Board and Highland Area Chamber of Commerce, Upright Conference Room

Tuesday, February 7, 2012

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Wednesday, February 8, 2012

3pm - Street Naming Committee Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Thursday, February 9, 2012

5pm - Community Trails Committee Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Tuesday, February 14, 2012

6pm - Regular City Council Meeting, Council Chambers

Monday, February 20, 2012

President's Day - City Offices are closed



Tuesday, February 21, 2012

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Tuesday, February 28, 2012

6pm - Regular City Council Meeting, Council Chambers

Thursday, March 1, 2012

5:30pm - Historic and Cultural Preservation Board Study Session, Donahue Council Chambers

Tuesday, March 6, 2012

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Thursday, March 8, 2012

5pm - Community Trails Committee Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Tuesday, March 20, 2012

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Saturday, March 31, 2012

16th Annual Citrus Harvest Festival, Highland Historic District at the intersection of Palm Avenue and Main Street up to Pacific Street, 10:00am - 3:30pm

Saturday, April 7, 2012

Rain Date for the 16th Annual Citrus Harvest Festival, Highland Historic District at the intersection of Palm Avenue and Main Street up to Pacific Street, 10:00am - 3:30pm

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