



City of Highland Weekly Report

January 28, 2011

It's 2011, Let's Green Our New Year's Resolutions!

Public Services

It's A New Year, Let's Green Our Resolutions! As you assemble your list of New Year's resolutions and firmly resolve to stick with them in 2011, try going a little greener this year. We are not suggesting that you give up everything you're used to buying or doing, but rather incorporate a greener option into your New Year.



For example, think about everything that you use in one day - your morning shower, the coffeemaker, the work commute, the short drive to lunch, watching television, doing laundry. It all adds up.

Here are a few suggestions to making your New Year resolutions a little greener:

1. Try using fewer disposable items, by using less disposable items you are creating less trash.
2. Try using re-useable shopping bags instead of plastic bags and earth-friendly plastics that biodegrade or are made from recycled content.

3. Use less packaging. Packaging can create a tremendous amount of trash. Try buying from bulk bins where there's less packaging required, and you can take only what you need.

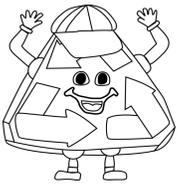
4. Use less energy. Energy consumption is at the forefront of many environmental discussions these days. While you may think cutting your energy use won't make that big of difference, by using cold water to wash your clothes, you can save 90 percent of the washing machine's power utilization. That's a lot of energy for a simple step.

5. Use less water. Many experts agree the world is in the midst of a water crisis. Do your part by trying to reduce the amount of water you use. By shortening your shower one mere minute, you can save 150 gallons of water per month.

6. Put your creativity to the test and vow to provide homemade or personally crafted items as gifts for birthdays, holidays or any other special occasions that come up throughout the year. This is a great way to reuse common items you have at home and add a special personal touch to every gift.

Good luck with your resolutions and remember one small change can make a big difference for our environment!

Repete's Wisdom of the Week - Boot the Plastic Bag Habit! We don't like nasty habits -- especially actions that are detrimental for the environment. One such habit that we'd love to see more people kick, is the practice of using single-use plastic bags. We know old habits are hard to kick but small changes like bringing re-useable bags into our daily lives can make a huge difference in the future of our environment.



According to the Algalita Foundation, a group which monitors oceanic water quality, half of all debris in our seas comes from plastics that are not properly disposed. These plastics will pollute waters for hundreds of years and end up killing marine life that often confuse floating plastics for food sources.

Let's help our local waterways and ocean friends by booting the plastic bag habit in our communities. The environment will certainly thank you.

Community Development

Adopt-A-Trail Program Update. We appreciate long time residents (and walkabouts) Bill and Cindy Calvert as they are the first people to participate in the Adopt-A-Trail Program. They have adopted a section just over one mile of the Shelton Trail. The Shelton Trail is a natural City Trail which is located north of the East Highlands Ranch. Everyone thanks you, Bill and Cindy for your generosity!!!

Volunteer Services

Blood Drive. Highland's Blood Drives are once again on Mondays. LifeStream had temporarily changed our Drives to Tuesday due to budget cutbacks. We hope this change will bring back those dedicated donors who were unable to make it on Tuesday.



A **BIG Thank You** to everyone who did come out and donate blood this past week. This was the first blood drive of the year for Highland. We had 33 donors sign in and were able to collect 24 units of blood on Monday. Your "gift of life" donations are truly appreciated by us all.

Please remember that your donations are always needed. Our region, which includes San Bernardino and Riverside Counties, requires 500 units of blood per day. Please spread the word to others to donate blood and give back to our community.

Mark your calendar for the next Drive set for Monday, March 28, 2011. We can all help Highland increase its blood donations. Hope to see you all there!

All Highland Blood Drives are from 1:30 pm - 6:30 pm at the Jerry Lewis Community Center, 7793 Central Avenue in Highland.

2011 Blood Drive Schedule:

Monday, March 28

Monday, May 23

Monday, July 25

Monday, September 26

Monday, November 28

For questions or information about becoming a volunteer, contact Volunteer Services Coordinator, Denise Garnsey, at 909 864-6861 extension 203.

Planning

Applications Submitted. The following Application was submitted to the City for review:

DRA 010-006 - Design Review for a Gas Station located on 27981 Greenspot Road (Pad 1 of Highland Crossings) located in front of LA Fitness and west of In-N-Out. App.: Chevron

The above referenced Application has to be

reviewed by the Planning Staff for completeness prior to proceeding any further in the process.

Mark Your Calendar

Tuesday, February 1, 2011

Planning Commission Meeting - Canceled

Thursday, February 3, 2011

5pm - Historic and Cultural Preservation Board Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

5:30pm - Joint Study Session Historic and Cultural Preservation Board and Highland Area Chamber of Commerce

Tuesday, February 08, 2011

6pm - City Council Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Thursday, February 10, 2011

Community Trails Committee Meeting - Canceled

Tuesday, February 15, 2011

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Saturday, February 19, 2011

8am to Noon - Highland Improvement Team Cleanup, Meet @ Highland City Hall - 27215 Baseline

Tuesday, February 22, 2011

6pm - City Council Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Monday, February 27, 2011

4pm to 5pm - Blood Drive Committee Meeting
- New members welcome! Jerry Lewis
Community Center - 7793 Central Avenue

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Recruitment Meeting, Jerry Lewis Community Center - 7793 Central Avenue

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Thursday, March 10, 2011

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

Sunday, March 13, 2011

Daylight Savings Time Begins... Remember to turn your clocks ahead one hour!!!

Tuesday, March 15, 2011

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Tuesday, March 22, 2011

6pm - City Council Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Saturday, March 26, 2011

10am - 3:30pm - Citrus Harvest Festival, Highland Historic District at the intersection of Palm Avenue and Main Street.

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