

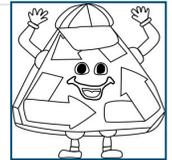
# City of Highland

## Weekly Report



January 28, 2016

### Repete's Wisdom of the Week



**BENEFITS OF COLLECTING RAIN WATER** - Many people understand that rain barrels are beneficial for keeping their plants and lawn beautiful, but not many people realize that many more benefits come from having a rain barrel as well. The following is a list of some of the top benefits of collecting rainwater in a rain barrel for you and your home:

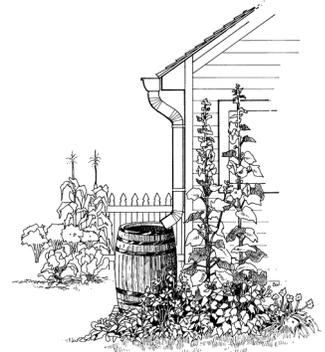
- Save money- Collect rainwater and use it to give your plants a drink or even to bathe your dog! Why would you want to waste your hard earned money on using tap water for these things, when you can use the water in your rain barrel for free? In fact, the average rain barrel can save a household approximately 1,300 of water during the gardening season.
- Enjoy a chemical free solution- It is common to find added salt and a variety of other chemicals in your tap water. Rain water, on the other hand, won't contain any of those things, so you can give you pup a bath without having to worry about chemicals!
- An independent water source- If you live in an area that is susceptible to droughts, having your own water source will allow you to keep your garden flourishing, while still complying with the regulations that are in place.

It will help to protect your home from water damage- When you collect the rainwater before it comes in contact with the ground, you can help to prevent flooding, sewer backups, mold, and many more issues from water damage.

**Making a Rain Barrel** — For each inch of rain that falls on 500 square feet of roof, you can collect 300 gallons of water. It's probably easier than you think to make a rain barrel. It is inexpensive and will only take a couple of hours to complete. Here are the steps to make your own rain barrel:

#### Step 1: Gather Your Materials

- 1 large plastic garbage can (the larger it is, the more water you can collect)
- 1 tube of watertight sealant or roll of Teflon tape for plumbing
- 2 rubber washers
- 2 metal washers
- 1 hose clamp
- 1 spigot
- A drill
- Landscaping fabric



**Step 2: Drill a Hole**

You don't need a rain barrel kit to conserve water! Start by using your drill to create a hole near the bottom of your barrel. This is where you'll insert your spigot. Use a drill bit that's a little smaller than or the same size as the spigot.

*Rain Barrel Hint: Don't create a hole that's too low -- you'll want to leave space underneath to fill your watering can.*

**Step 3: Insert the Spigot**

Place a metal washer onto the threaded end of spigot, then put a snugly fitting rubber washer over the threads to help hold the washer in place and prevent leakage.

**Step 4: Seal it up**

Next, apply a bead of waterproof sealant over your rubber washer and insert the spigot into the hole. Wait for the sealant to dry, then run a rubber washer, followed by a metal washer onto the threads of the spigot inside the barrel. Secure the spigot in place inside your barrel with the hose clamp. This is important because it will keep your spigot from coming loose from your barrel.

*Rain Barrel Hint: You can also run watertight Teflon tape to seal the spigot hole*

**Step 5: Make Entry and Exit Holes**

Carefully cut a hole in the lid of your rain barrel. This hole should sit under your home's downspout so the water runs right into the barrel. Cut the hole so it's large enough to accommodate the water flow from the downspout.

You'll also want to drill a hole or two near the very top of your rain barrel. This hole will allow water to overflow.

*Here's a hint: You can run a short length of hose or PVC pipe, from the overflow hole to another rain barrel to connect them. That way if your rain barrel fills, the excess water will run into the next one and you don't lose overflow water.*

**Step 6: Seal the Top**

Cut a piece of landscaping fabric to sit over the top, then put the lid over the top of it to secure it. This will create a barrier that prevents mosquitoes and other pests from getting in your rain barrel water.

**Step 7: Place Your Rain Barrel**

Now that the hard work is done, all you have to do is get your rain water barrel in place. Position it directly underneath your downspout in a spot that's most convenient for you to use it. Then just wait for it to rain so you can enjoy the water -- and money -- savings.

*Here's a hint: Set your rain barrel up on a platform to help give more pressure if you connect it to a hose. It also makes it easier to fill up watering cans.*

**33rd Annual Highland Y Run**  
**January 31, 2016**



*Join us, rain or shine for the 33rd Annual Highland Y Run!*

ABOUT THE COURSE— The course takes runners through Highland; near Hwy 210 & 330 at the base of San Bernardino Mountains. This course includes challenging stretches of hills while enjoying the scenery of citrus groves, palm trees, ranch homes and snow covered mountains.

RACE LOCATION & DIRECTIONS— Arroyo Verde Elementary School 7701 Church Street – Highland, CA 92346 Take I-10 Freeway toward Redlands to 210 Freeway North, Exit 5th Street/Greenspot, turn right (East), go approximately 2 miles and turn left onto Church Street, school 1/4 mile on right hand side.

**REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

**PRE-REGISTRATION RUN DEADLINE — January 8, 2016 (\$5 late fee charged after 1/8/16)**

**START TIMES**

<b>Open 1/2 Marathon</b>	<b>7:30am</b>
<b>Open 10K</b>	<b>7:40am</b>
<b>Open 5K</b>	<b>7:50am</b>
<b>Kids 1mi Fun Run (8-12 yrs.)</b>	<b>9:00am</b>
<b>Kids 1/4mi Fun Run (7 yrs. &amp; under)</b>	<b>9:15am</b>

**4 Ways To Register:**

1. Register at the Highland YMCA
2. Mail in completed form to Highland YMCA
3. Online registration at: [www.active.com](http://www.active.com)
4. Race Day Registration: 5:45am – 6:45am
  - \$10 Late fee charged
  - ONLY ACCEPTING CASH or CHECK
  - NO guarantee of T-Shirt

PRE-RACE PICK-UP AT HIGHLAND YMCA  
Saturday, January 30, 2016 — 8am – 12pm

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT US:

**Phone:** (909) 425-9622

**Email:** [highlandrun@ymcaeastvalley.org](mailto:highlandrun@ymcaeastvalley.org)



## HIGHLAND IMPROVEMENT TEAM

Join the Highland Improvement Team in February as we continue with our storm drain stencil project. The Highland Improvement Team (HIT) will work on this project citywide in between residential and other community cleanups scheduled throughout the year. The sidewalk above each storm drain in the City is stenciled with the message "No Dumping, Flows to Creek."

Over time, these have faded due to weather conditions and normal wear. This message is placed here as a reminder to everyone that dumping is not allowed in the storm drains. This includes dumping or rinsing anything (paint, oil, etc.) into the gutters which will ultimately find its way to the storm drain and into the creek. This project will take place on Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup> from 8am to noon.

Volunteers must provide their own transportation on this day as we will be traveling to a few different locations. Interested volunteers can call Volunteer Services to sign-up. Please contact Volunteer Services for more information at 909-864-6861 extension 203.



## FINANCE

### ***Commercial Business License Applications***

There were no new commercial Business Licenses for the  
week of  
1/25/16 to 1/29/16

## BLOOD DRIVE COMMITTEE

**O- Negative Donors Needed!** Highland had twenty donors participate in our January blood drive this past Monday. Thank you to all who took the time out of their day to donate the gift of life. There is still a great need for O- Negative donations. Please help spread the word to family, friends, co-workers to increase O- Negative donations in our region. LifeStream has developed a special incentive program just for type O- Negative donors. Details are listed below...

### PLAN YOUR 2016 TODAY!

YOU HAVE O- NEGATIVE BLOOD AND WE HAVE A PROGRAM DESIGNED JUST FOR YOU

You're a universal blood donor which means your red cells can be **GIVEN TO ANY PATIENT**. For local hospitals, O- is the most sought after blood type. **They need you.**

For local patients, your donation could mean the difference between life and death, when seconds count, **they need you.**

You're among a select few – 7% - who have O- blood. **You are a rare gift for the community.** 1 in 4 of us will need a transfusion in our lifetime; but if you need blood, *you require* O- blood.

Because you're so important to our community, LifeStream has created the **Universal Rewards Program exclusively for you!** There is no adding up points, and no waiting – each time you give blood in a calendar year, you bag something special – **just for you.**

#### UNIVERSAL REWARDS PROGRAM:

**1<sup>st</sup> donation:** Wear it loud and proud – let everyone know how important you are with an **O- t-shirt just for you.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> donation:** \$10 gift card

**3<sup>rd</sup> donation:** Entered to win a vacation package and take home a three-time donor t-shirt

**4<sup>th</sup> donation:** \$20 gift card

**5<sup>th</sup> donation:** \$25 gift card

**6<sup>th</sup> donation:** Movie bundle including two movie tickets and concessions

Get started TODAY! Set your next appointment to give the gift of life and unlock your Universal Rewards by donating in Highland. Contact Volunteer Services to make your appointment today at 909-864-6861 extension 203.



# ADMINISTRATION



### ***Emergency Preparedness - Family Communications***

Your family may not be together when disaster strikes, so plan how you will contact one another. Think about how you will communicate in different situations.

Complete a contact card for each adult family member. Have them keep these cards handy in a wallet, purse or briefcase, etc. Additionally, complete contact cards for each child in your family. Put the cards in their backpacks or book bags.

Check with your children’s day care or school. Facilities designed for children should include identification planning as part of their emergency plans.

### ***Family Communication Tips***

Identify a contact such as a friend or relative who lives out-of-state for household members to notify they are safe. It may be easier to make a long-distance phone call than to call across town, so an out-of-town contact may be in a better position to communicate among separated family members.

Be sure every member of your family knows the phone number and has a cell phone, coins or a pre-paid phone card to call the emergency contact. If you have a cell phone, program that person(s) as "ICE" (In Case of Emergency) in your phone. If you are in an accident, emergency personnel will often check your ICE listings in order to get a hold of someone you know. Make sure to tell your family and friends that you’ve listed them as emergency contacts.

Make sure family members know how to use text messaging. Text messages can often get around network disruptions when a phone call might not be able to get through. For more information, please visit [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov).



# Public Works



**During the period of January 18, 2016 through January 22, 2016,** graffiti was made known to Public Works staff by the following means and removed:

**Routine:** E/S Sterling and Fisher, N/W/C Fisher, Sterling, Mckinley/ 9<sup>th</sup>, 28083 Base Line, Elm and Base Line, Sterling Liquor

# **C**alendar of Events

## **January 31, 2016**

33rd Annual YMCA Run  
5:45am - 6:45am - Race Day Registration:  
Arroyo Elementary School, 7701 Church Street,  
Highland

## **February 2, 2016**

6pm— Planning Commission at 6pm, Donahue  
Council Chambers

## **February 4, 2016**

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

## **February 9, 2016**

6pm — City Council Meeting, Donahue Council  
Chambers

## **February 11, 2016**

5pm - Community Trails Committee, Donahue  
Council Chambers

## **February 16, 2016**

6pm - Planning Commission, Donahue Council  
Chambers

## **February 20, 2016**

8am to 12pm Noon -Highland Improvement Team  
Project, Registration 7:30am to 8am at  
Highland City Hall - 27215 Base Line

## **February 23, 2016**

6pm—City Council Meeting, Donahue Council  
Chambers

## **March 1, 2016**

6pm—Planning Commission, Donahue Council  
Chambers

## **March 7, 2016**

4pm to 5pm—Blood Drive Committee Meeting,  
Highland City Hall, 27215 Base Line

## **March 8, 2016**

6pm—City Council Meeting, Donahue Council  
Chambers

## **March 10, 2016**

5pm— Community Trails Committee, Donahue  
Council Chambers

## **March 15, 2016**

6pm—Planning Commission, Donahue Council  
Chambers

## **March 21, 2016**

1:30pm to 6:30pm— Highland Blood Drive,  
Highland Police Station, 26985 Base Line

## **March 22, 2016**

6pm—City Council Meeting, Donahue Council  
Chambers



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