



City of Highland Weekly Report

January 29, 2010

27th Annual Highland Run & Duathlon Sunday, January 31, 2010

General Information

The 27th Annual Highland Run and Duathlon will be held on Sunday, January 31st, 2010 with a 7:30 a.m. Check In. The event will start at Arroyo Verde Elementary School and will course through Highland with challenging hills, equestrian acres, palm trees, ranch style homes and views of snow covered mountains. Proceeds from this event will benefit the Highland YMCA Scholarship Program for youth and families.



You can register on line at www.ymcaeastvalley.org or pick up a registration packet at the Highland Family YMCA located at 7793 Central Avenue, Highland, CA 92346. For further information please call (909) 425-9622.

Volunteer Services

Thank You Highland Donors! Our first blood drive of 2010 was a great success. We had 55 donors sign in and were able to receive 45 units of blood on Monday which more than exceeded our target goal of 38

units. Thank you, again, to all the donors for your contribution to our community. Your "gift of life" donations are truly appreciated and much needed by us all. Of course, our blood drives would not be possible without the help of the wonderful LifeStream team, Highland's Blood Drive Committee, the great staff at the Highland Family YMCA and East Valley Water District. East Valley Water district is sponsoring our 2010 Blood Drives with cases of bottled water. A bottle of water is given to each donor at registration. Donors are encouraged to drink water (at room temperature) during the donation process to help with hydration.

Please remember that your donations are always needed. Our region, which includes San Bernardino and Riverside Counties, requires 500 units of blood per day. Right now LifeStream is reporting that our region is still slightly under goal and is experiencing a shortage of O-negative blood. Please spread the word to others to donate blood and give back to our community.



Mark your calendar, the next blood drive is on Monday, March 22, 2010. We can all help

Highland increase its blood donations. Hope to see you all there!

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer your time, contact Volunteer Services Coordinator, Denise Garnsey, at 909 864-6861 extension 203.

The Highland Improvement Team.

The Highland Improvement Team (HIT) needs your help! We are currently seeking volunteers to join our team. Our goal is to help beautify the community of Highland. Our primary focus is to aid homeowners who are 55+ and/or disabled who need assistance in cleaning up the areas outside their home. This includes yard work, minor repair, painting, landscaping and garage clean out. HIT clean projects take place on the 3rd Saturday of every month unless there is scheduled City event.



Hours volunteers complete with the HIT Team qualify for community service hours with most organizations. This includes volunteer requirements needed for school, work, church and group programs. Certificates are also available upon request from the City's Volunteer Services Department.

The following are upcoming HIT clean ups:

- Saturday, February 20th (Community Park, 27003 Hibiscus)
- Saturday, March 20th (Historic District, Main and Palm)

Each clean up will take place from 8:00 a.m. to noon. The City provides all equipment, tools and water needed. As a token of appreciation, the City hosts a BBQ at the end of each clean up, for all volunteers involved.

If you would like to sign on for a clean up, join the Highland Improvement Team or recommend your home for a clean up, please contact Denise Garnsey, Volunteer Services Coordinator, at 909-864-6861 extension 203.

Community Development

Temporary Sign Enforcement Efforts Under Way. On January 12, 2010, the City Council directed Staff to beef up its Code Enforcement efforts on illegal Temporary Signs and Banners in the City. That directive originated from the Sign Code Ad Hoc Subcommittee who noted there was a significant proliferation of illegal Temporary Signs around the City. In response, the Planning Division and Code Enforcement Division recently coordinated its Temporary Sign enforcement efforts, as directed by the City Council. As a result of that coordination, Code Enforcement will initiate a Program to visit all businesses with illegal Flags and Banners and determine if the Signs are allowed. If the Temporary Signage is not permitted, the business owner will be given a Verbal Notice and asked to come into City Hall and speak with a Planner. The Planning Staff will provide the business owner with information about the City's Temporary Sign Restrictions and issue Permits, if applicable. Second, Planning will use this opportunity to solicit input from the community on ideas for possible Sign Code Amendments. That input will be used to augment Planning efforts to update the City's Sign Code for consistency with the City's General Plan. Any questions related to Temporary Signs, or the City's efforts to update its Sign Code, should be directed to Lawrence Mainez at (909) 864-8732 at Extension 215 or Angela Aguilar at Extension 258.

It's Getting to be Citrus Harvest Festival Time!!! That's right...it will be here in just three (3) short months and Staff is excited and is anticipating a great Event!!! The Citrus Harvest Festival will celebrate its Thirteenth Annual Citrus Harvest Festival with March

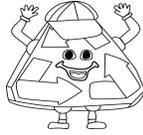


27, 2010, as the Event Date with a Rain Date of April 3, 2010, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., the sounds of swing music and vision of couples in turn-of-the-century regalia will evoke fond thoughts of historic Highland. Thirteen years of experience, has lead to many refinements in the

Festival's events and logistics. The Event will be held in the Highland Historic District at the intersection of Palm Avenue and Main Street.

Public Services

Repetes' Wisdom of the Week - "I didn't know that was recyclable!" item is... Surfboards!



Who would have guessed surfboards could be recycled. Well an organization by the name of ReSurf Recycling (ReSurf.org) has researched and developed a system to recycle old, broken and discarded surfboards and surf board manufacturing waste. Resurf.org was organized on a local level, but with a global plan to take the world's broken surfboards and manufacturing waste and recycle the materials into other practical uses. According to ReSurf.org, more than 1,000 surfboards are produced daily in the Southern California area, with nearly 20 percent of the foam needed to shape each board rendered as waste headed for the landfill.



After all broken boards and waste materials are collected, they are then sent to the recycling center where they are prepared for redistribution into new products. The process starts by pulverizing them, and reducing the material down to dust (imagine a modified wood chipper with a dust catcher!). The dust is then re-introduced into different industries into the manufacturing process as a re-usable resource. It turns out that ground-up surfboards act as a great agent to increase volume in asphalt and concrete! You may soon be driving over roads paved with surfboards to go surf!

Resurf was designed as a self-help portal for you to use as a tool to help you "do your part" as a concerned surf environmentalist. If you are eager to support the eco conscious individual or the industry as a whole...Recycle your board! Resurf wishes to work with all ocean related organizations to spread Resurf recycling centers around the world to ensure a

cleaner planet and to help create a legacy of earth conscious surfers.

If you would like more information on surfboard recycling or how you can get involved, please visit www.resurf.org For general recycling questions please contact Public Services Coordinator, Andrea Saavedra at 909-864-8732 ext. 271.

Grasscycling refers to leaving grass clippings on the lawn when mowing. Because grass consists largely of water (80% or more), contains little lignin, and has high nitrogen content, grass clippings easily break down and return to the soil within one to two weeks, acting primarily as a fertilizer supplement and, to a much smaller degree, a mulch. Grasscycling can provide 15 to 20% or more of a lawn's yearly nitrogen requirements. Grasscycling reduces the use of plastic bags for collecting yard waste and reduces trips to the curb or landfill to haul waste.

Optimal grasscycle techniques include:

- Cutting no more than 1/3 the length of the grass
- Cutting when the grass is dry to the touch
- Cutting when the height is between 3 and 4 inches (7 to 10 cm)
- Ensuring that the mower blade is sharp

It is important to cut the lawn frequently to produce small clippings that will decompose quickly. If a lawn is not cut frequently and clippings are left on the lawn, it will produce a "hay-like" look which can be unsightly.

Most lawnmower manufacturers have developed "mulching" mowers which cut grass blades into small pieces and force them into the soil. These types of mowers are effective in grasscycling and have become very popular. They are sold at many yard and garden equipment retailers, nurseries, and home supply stores.

What you should know about your green waste service. Did You Know... According to the U.S.



Environmental Protection Agency, Americans generate approximately 180 million tons of garbage each year. Of this, green waste (grass, leaves, plant trimmings, tree branches and prunings) represents about 18% or 32 million tons. Recycling yard waste reduces the amount of waste going to the landfills and conserves natural resources.

Green Waste carts are emptied each week along with the trash and recycling. If you are new to your home, you may watch when your neighbors place their containers out or contact your solid waste hauler to verify your service day. Containers **MUST** be placed at the curb for service by 5:30 AM the day of collection to ensure service. Between collection days residents are encouraged to store roll carts on your property, either in garages or behind fences.

What goes in your Green Waste Roll Cart:
Grass clippings, Brush, Shrubbery Pruning, Tree Trimmings, Twigs & Small Branches, Weeds and Leaves.

What does not go in your Green Waste Cart:

- Palm Fronds/ Palm Tree Parts
- Cactus or other succulents
- Animal Waste
- Food Waste
- Soil or Dirt
- Gravel or Sand

Do not put green waste in plastic bags. Place the green waste directly in the container. For more information regarding green waste, please contact Public Services Coordinator, Andrea Saavedra at 909-864-8732 ext. 271.

Public Works

Graffiti Report. During the period of 1/15/10 - 1/27/10, graffiti known to Public Works staff, by the following means, was removed: **Reported to Graffiti Hotline:** Victoria/Pacific, 7100 Victoria, Victoria/Base Line, 25519 Pacific, 26122 Base Line; **Reported by Staff:** 7649 Sterling; **Routine Observation**

by P.W: Cypress/Central, Olive/Base Line, Sterling/Jane, Base Line w/o Golondrina, Lillian/Cypress, Main/Palm, (7106, 7130, 7142 Palm), 14th/Church, Church Ave. s/o 14th, Base Line w/o McKinley, Jane to Byron, Byron/Sterling, Del Rosa Dr. s/o 5th, 8023 Del Rosa Dr., 9th to Golondrina, Pacific w/o San Francisco to Olive, 26765 Pacific, Church s/o Pacific, Alice/13th, 9th/Bonnie, 7th/Del Rosa Ave., Sterling s/o Base Line, Paloma/Del Rosa Ave., Base Line w/o Golondrina, 25476 5th St., 26032 Cypress, 9th/McKinley, 7576 Sterling, 25963 9th, Main/Pacific, Lynwood/19th, 7436 Cunningham, Central/Cypress, Clifton/Orange, Fisher/Sterling, Osburn/Base Line, 6th e/o Fairfax, Palm n/o 5th, Mansfield/Orange, Rogers/9th, 9th e/o Tippecanoe, 26869 9th, Seeley Ct./Base Line, 7836 Cunningham, Reedy/13th, Byron/Sterling, 6969 Buchanan, Buchanan/Jane, Ward St. alley, 6th/Cunningham, 6th/Lankershim, 26227 Cypress, Buchanan/Byron, McKinley/Base Line, Mansfield/Rogers Ln., Base Line w/o 210 fwy., 25969 Base Line, Norwood/Church, 7402 Palm, 27474 Pacific, 14th/Church, Messina/La Praix, 9th St. to Flood Control s/o Base Line, Cunningham n/o 6th to Hibiscus.

What's New in Public Works? The following activities were completed by Public Works Crew between 1/18/10 - 1/27/10: Set "flooded" street signs at various locations during storm conditions; organized and repaired traffic signs at Corporate Yd.; removed a fallen tree due to traffic accident on Greenspot; landscape maintenance at City facilities; repaired roof leaks at YMCA, City Hall, Fire Stations; cleaned misc. storm drains - including Boulder n/o Tutor Time, Boulder n/o Base Line, Base Line e/o Seine, Palm/Villa, Flintlock/Water, Sycamore Dr., Country Oak, Summertrail, v-ditch by Highland/Cloverhill, Abbey Way, Club View/Water St.Line "F", Carro Amano, Lockinvar, Country Oaks n/o Saffron, Country Oaks Dr.; checked USA tickets; City vehicle checks; checked Shelton Trails for erosion on Randall Ln.; cleaned storm drain channel grates at Highland Ave. by horse trail entrance w/o Cloverhill; picked-up trash at Aurantia Park and spread wood chips in orange grove; re-posted

traffic sign at Greenspot w/o Gold Buckle; took down banner over Base Line; did pot hole repair at various locations, including Pacific e/o Sterling, Pacific e/o San Francisco, Greenspot e/o Orange, 6th, 9th, 3rd between Central and Palm; delivered loads of sand from Cemex to 6th/Victoria (for sandbags); cleaned-up rock/sand/debris at LMD 30 and Oak Creek Park drains; repaired sinkhole with qpr on Cypress/Cunningham; cut-up fallen trees in EHR areas to remove them from roadway at Water St./Fire Oak, Park View n/o Greenspot; picked-up palm fronds at Base Line/Olivetree, Palm n/o 5th and trash in street at Central/Cypress; removed fallen trees at Park View s/o Palm View; installed temp. road closure signs for YMCA Run Marathon on both sides of bridge on Greenspot; installed trail donation name sign on Base Line/Weaver trail head; checked video surveillance cameras at City parks; completed service requests; replaced stained ceiling tiles at City Hall; picked-up trash/tires/tree limbs at Lankershim alley n/o 6th - furniture/tires on Roberts n/o 5th - furniture/weeds at Super Shop alley n/o Base Line e/o Sterling; removed weeds growing onto sidewalk n/o Alta Vista to channel; graded road pathway for graffiti removal on block wall at Base Line/Seeley; checked ball park lighting breakers/circuits in electrical room at Community Park.

Mark Your Calendar

Sunday, January 31, 2010

27th Annual Highland Family YMCA Run & Sports Festival, Arroyo Verde Elementary School, 7701 Church Street

Tuesday, February 2, 2010

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Thursday, February 4, 2010

5:00pm - Historic and Cultural Preservation Board Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

5:30pm - Joint Study Session with the

Historic and Cultural Preservation Board and the Highland Area Chamber of Commerce in the Upright Conference Room

Tuesday, February 09, 2010

6pm - City Council Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Thursday, February 11, 2010

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

Monday, February 15, 2010

President's Day - City Offices are closed

Tuesday, February 16, 2010

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Saturday February 20, 2010

8:00 a.m. to Noon - Highland Improvement Team Clean Up, Highland Community Park, 27003 Hibiscus

Monday, February 22, 2010

5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. - Blood Drive Committee Meeting - New members welcome! Jerry Lewis Community Center - 7793 Central Avenue

Tuesday, February 23, 2010

6pm - City Council Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

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Tuesday, March 16, 2010

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Tuesday, March 23, 2010

6pm - City Council Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Saturday, March 27, 2010

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

Saturday, April 3, 2010

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

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