



City of Highland Weekly Report

February 12, 2010

Thank You Highland Donors! First 2010 Blood Drive was a Success!!

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.

Public Services

Repete's Wisdom of the Week - I Didn't Know That Was Recyclable!



Week five, "I didn't know that was recyclable!" item is... Makeup Containers! Like most women you may have makeup in drawers and cabinets that you haven't touched since the crimping iron was a regular part of your morning routine. OK, bit of an exaggeration there, but the truth is that many of us keep makeup around long after its expiration date has come and gone.

Did you know? Everyday consumer product packaging accounts for approximately 1/3 of all landfill waste. Cosmetic and toiletry bottles, tubes and containers are commonly made of plastic #5, which is not a common material collected for recycling, therefore not often recycled.

Origins were the pioneer nationwide cosmetic company to offer consumer cosmetic packaging

recycling, regardless of brand. Empty cosmetic tubes, bottles, lipstick covers, jars and caps can be brought to an Origins retail store or department store counter nationwide.

Packaging will be sent to a consolidation operation. Bottles, jars, caps and tubes will be separated and, where appropriate, will be sent to recyclers who will grind, wash and re-palletize the plastic or glass resin for use in new items, such as bottles, jars, closures, paint cans and park benches. We hope that through the Return to Origins recycling program a significant portion of the material can be recycled into new items and the remaining material can be used for energy recovery.



Waste to Energy facilities generate electricity and/or steam from waste by feeding mixed municipal waste into large furnaces dedicated solely to burning trash and producing power. These facilities perfected the science of converting trash to steam and electricity, while strictly controlling emissions.

As an added bonus, customers will receive a free sample of an Origins skincare product for bringing in their empty containers. To find the closest Origins or for more information on the Origins Recycling Program, please visit www.origins.com and click on *About Origins*.

For more information on recycling please contact Public Services Coordinator, Andrea Saavedra at 909-864-8732 ext. 271.

Library News

Family Science Exploration and Testing Your Environment. February brings out the flowers, candies, and hugs for all of us, and with spring just around the corner its time to get our 5 senses in tip-top shape.

Join the Highland Environmental Learning Center on Saturday, February 20, 2010 at 10:30 am in the Science Lab for Family Science Exploration

as we discover the science behind how we see, hear, smell, taste, and feel. Can everyone see in color? Why do I like sweet, but not sour? Did you hear that? Participants will examine models and use their senses to conduct science experiments to discover the science. This free program is designed for the entire family.

Testing Your Environment will also occur in the **Science Lab**, on **Saturday, February 20, 2010** from **11:30am to 12:30pm**. Patrons are invited to bring in soil, water, and paint samples for basic testing. Questions regarding home testing are also welcome.

Senior Eco-Matinee. Love is in the air as the Highland Environmental Learning Center presents *Arctic Tale* on Monday, February 22, 2010 at 1:00 pm in the Community Room for their February Eco-Matinee.



Adults and seniors are invited to come enjoy this tale of love and survival, as the makers of *March of the Penguins* journey to the North Pole and follow the lives of a young Polar Bear cub (Nanu) and a young Walrus pup (Seela). The youngsters must learn to survive at the top of the world with only their mother's guidance and natural instinct to guide them. Can they learn to survive when their world is literally melting around them? For more information regarding ELC programs, please call 909-425-4706.

Code Enforcement

Monthly Activity Report for the Month of January, 2010. The following is a very brief synopsis of some of the violations.

Case Category	Total Number of Inspections
Abandoned Property	1
Animal	3
Business License	17
Fire Code Violation	1
Fire Damage	1

Graffiti	3
Green Pool	1
Hawking	3
Home Occ Permit	7
Illegal Construction	15
Illegal Occupancy	13
Illegal Parking	14
Inop Vehicle(s)	8
Misc Permits	18
Misc Zoning	9
Misc Nuisance	7
Multi Code Case	13
NPDES	1
Overgrown Vegetation	11
Red Tag Property	9
Registration	7
Res Rental Enhancement	15
Shopping Carts	3
Signs	19
Substandard Commerical	3
Substandard Housing	44
Trash Cans In View	4
Trash/Debris	19
Vacant	9
Vector	1
Yard Sales	46
Grand Total:	325
New Cases	184
Administrative Citations	38
Notice of Violations	42

If you want additional information, please contact the Code Enforcement Division at (909) 864-8732.

Public Works

Graffiti Report. During the period of 2/01/10 & 2/09/10, graffiti known to Public Works staff, by the following means, was removed: **Reported to Hotline:** Braemer/Villa, Villa e/o Palm, 14th/Church, 7131 Bradford, Orange/Nona, (Auto Zone) on Base Line, Palm/Base Line, Central/14th, Central n/o Stratford, Central n/o Fisher, 7173 Central, 7199 Villa, north end of Browning; **Routine Observation by Public Works:** Sterling north and south of Jane to Byron, Barnes/Base Line, 26245 Base Line, 9th/McKinley, Central s/o Messina, Pacific w/o 27447, Stratford/Church, Messina/Reedy, 7231 Palm, 14th/Alice, 7166 Bradford, 27390 Villa, Jane/Sterling, Sterling n/o Byron, Sterling/Pacific, Fisher/Sterling, 9th/McKinley (Genes Market), 7709 Victoria, Victoria n/o Cypress, 9th e/o Elmwood, Elmwood/Base Line, 25809 Base Line, Base Line e/o and w/o Seeley, 7433 McKinley, 25969 Base Line, 26037 & 26063 Base Line, Barnes/Base Line, 26383 Base Line, Lynwood Way, Victoria/Base Line, 9th/Golondrina, 25590 9th, Del Rosa/Union, Del Rosa Dr. s/o 5th St., Base Line w/o San Francisco, 26531 & 26539 Base Line, Osburn/Del Rosa Ave., Rockford/Los Feliz, 9th/Elm, (Cram Elementary) on Aplin, Webster/Base Line, 7201 Central, Clifton/Orange, 7197 Central, Base Line/Vine, 26037 Base Line, 7436 Cunningham, Reedy/Messina, Villa Ct./Villa, 6th/Lankershim, 26022 9th, Elm/Base Line.

What's New in Public Works? The following activities were completed by Public Works Crew between 2/01/10 - 2/09/10: Routine landscape maintenance district/City facilities maintenance; cleaned drainage basin at Summer Trail and Country Oak; returned traffic control equipment from YMCA Run to Corporate Yd.; worked on stained ceiling tiles, lights, front door locking mechanism, restroom repair, repaired roof, and janitorial inspection at City Hall; cleaned graffiti, stocked supplies at Community Park; used tractor/trailer to clean "tons" of sand and silt out of Line "F" drainage channel; dug-up broken horsetrail fencepost on Browning Rd.



Trail; sealed YMCA roof leak; checked USA tickets; picked-up trash at Aurantia Park; repaired potholes w/o American Legion on Highland Ave., and northbound Boulder n/o Pacific; removed and installed larger signs on Streater Dr. and Glenheather Dr.; removed project signs at Victoria Ave. and Highland Ave.; removed red curbing at Webster/Base Line; installed 2 traffic signs on Church Ave. & Pacific St.; marked-out storm drain line on 14th e/o Victoria Ave., met with High Tech Security at Community Park to replace surveillance cameras on each side of building, and replace stolen camera at Aurantia Park; trimmed tree blocking traffic sign at 7466 Weaver; did building maintenance at Fire Stations #1, 2 & 3; custodial work at Corporate Yd.; check trails for erosion on Randal Ln.; checked storm drain channels throughout the City and removed debris; picked-up "flooded" signs and stop signs at various locations; picked-up tons of q.p.r. for asphalt patching at Greenspot (far east), Del Rosa between 5th & 4th Streets, Base Line at freeway offramp eastbound, Pacific between Guthrie & Sterling, 9th between Cunningham & Victoria, 3rd St. between Victoria & Central, Graeenspot between Church St. & Orange, and various locations; replaced worn flags at City facilities; cleaned drain under sidewalk at Base Line e/o Fairwood Ln.; cleared Flintlock and Via Del Dene drains; replaced lightbulbs on palm trees and reset control clocks at LMD #10 at San Benita/Mission.

Mark Your Calendar

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

5pm to 6pm - Blood Drive Committee Meeting-

Jerry Lewis Community Center - 7793 Central

Tuesday, February 23, 2010

6pm - City Council Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Tuesday, March 2, 2010

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Thursday, March 4, 2010

5:30pm - Joint Study Session with the Historic & Cultural Preservation Board & the Highland Area Chamber of Commerce, Upright Conference Room

Tuesday, March 9, 2010

6pm - City Council Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Thursday, March 11, 2010

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

Tuesday, March 16, 2010

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Tuesday, March 23, 2010

6pm - City Council Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Saturday, March 27, 2010

10am - 3:30pm - Citrus Harvest Festival, Historic District 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.

Assembled by: Elena Rodrigues



Happy Valentines Day!

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