

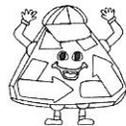


# City of Highland Weekly Report

February 06, 2015

## Repete's Wisdom of the Week - Eco-Friendly Valentine's Gift Ideas

### Public Services



**Repete's Wisdom of the Week - Eco-Friendly Valentine's Gift Ideas.** Valentine's Day is right around the corner. What can you

get someone for Valentine's Day that is "green" and eco-friendly? Tons of things! There is a wide array of ideas as to what you can purchase or make for your significant other that meet the green

standard. Check out some of these awesome gifts and ideas:

*Happy  
Valentine's  
Day*

**Adopt an Animal (A wild one that is!) -** You can adopt a wild animal online. This makes the perfect gift for just about any occasion, for your animal loving eco-friendly friends, or family. It can be the perfect valentine's gift as well. Oftentimes when an animal is adopted, they will send you photos of the animal and merchandise from the adoption service. These items are great to give as an actual open-able gift after paying for the adoption and support of the animal.

**Donate to Charity -** For those who have a favorite charity, and who truly care about

donating and helping that charity, making a donation can be the ideal gift. Oftentimes charities will let you make a donation in their name and print off a certificate saying you did so to give them. There are tons of charities out there, but be sure you know which one they care for the most before donating.

**Plant a Tree -** Plant a tree together! Whether your yard needs one, or your significant other has always wanted a fruit tree, a tree is a very green gift. Head over to your local nursery and pick out a tree together, and then plant it in your yard. A tree is the perfect gift for a nature lover. If you purchase a fruit tree, it will also keep on giving every year.

**Make Something -** If you're not sure what to get your significant other, making something from recycled materials is a good way to go to stay green. Think about something that they may need, and see what you can find to make that item. For her, there are many things that can be made, such as sugar scrubs, candles, soaps and more that she will enjoy. Pinterest is your friend for DIY gifts.

**Vintage Jewelry** - Let's face it, women love jewelry! Instead of spending a ton of money on a brand new, not-so-eco-friendly piece of jewelry at the store, try purchasing something vintage. Many of the items are gorgeous, not too pricey and, since they're recycled, they meet the green standard.



**Craft Your Own Card** - Write a handwritten letter or poem on the back of an old photograph - a new one that you have taken or on an art piece - to express your feelings rather than purchasing a pre-made card. It saves that paper and makes a keepsake gift that will last forever.

## Public Works

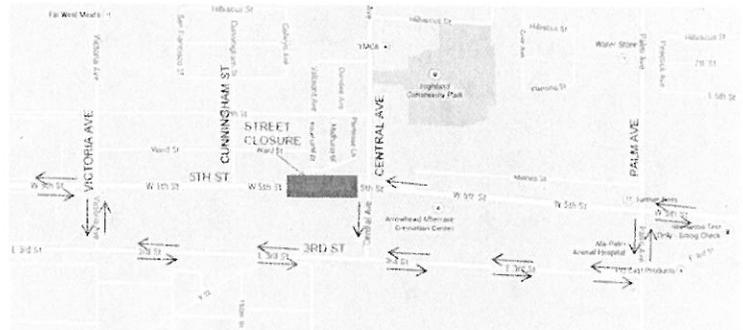
### 5<sup>th</sup> Street - Road Closure.

Construction of the 5th Street Storm Drain and Water Improvements will resume next week. The remainder of the work that will be done on 5th Street at City Creek (west of Central Avenue) includes:

- Extension of existing 3'x7' box culverts, and construction of 2 new 4'x8' precast box culverts
- Construction of concrete aprons and wing wall at both ends of the culvert extensions
- Installation of riprap at the outfall structure
- Installation of 30-inch waterline within a 42-inch steel casing
- Relocation of a 24-inch sewer line within a 42-inch steel casing
- Construction of a paved access road into the channel
- Minor channel re-grading to accommodate proposed improvements

In order to facilitate construction of these improvements, 5th Street between Central

Avenue and Cunningham Street will be closed. The duration of the closure is estimated to be approximately 8 months. However, access to residents and businesses on 5th Street will be maintained during this closure. Last week message reader board signs were placed along both directions of 5th Street to alert motorists of the upcoming detour. Below is an exhibit of the detour route.



### 9<sup>th</sup> Street and Palm Avenue

**Pavement Rehabilitation** - Construction to rehabilitate the existing pavement on 2.5 miles of 9<sup>th</sup> Street from Palm Avenue to Del Rosa Drive, and one mile of Palm Avenue from Base Line to 5<sup>th</sup> Street will start next week. Improvements include pavement crack routing and sealing, pavement grinding and overlay, localized asphalt repairs, and concrete curb ramps. This project is anticipated to be completed in 3 months. Vehicular access on 9<sup>th</sup> Street and Palm Avenue will be provided at all times during construction. Construction is funded using a combination of Measure I and Local Funds.

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Total Man-hours	871.5
Compensated Man-hours	871.5
Un-compensated Man-hours	0
<b>Man-Hours per Activity:</b>	
General Clean-up	33.75
Parkway Maintenance	0
Potholes	76.5
Sidewalk	0

Storm Drains	52.7
Signs/Traffic Control	40.25
Trees Trimmed	13.5
Vehicle/Tool Maintenance	39.25
Building/Grounds Maintenance	161.75
Landscape Maintenance District	18
Park Maintenance	126.5
Trail Maintenance	32.75
Special Maintenance	6.75
Crack Sealing	0
Graffiti	131.5
USA Markings	20.3
Weed Spraying	14.75
Staff Meetings	97
Safety Training	1
Personal Time Off	2

**SPECIAL:** Foam sealed electrical boxes on Base Line west of freeway; planned YMCA Marathon traffic control for set-up and pre-warning signage.

## Engineering

**\$2 Million Federal Funds Approved for Boulder Avenue Improvements** - On 1/22/15, the Federal Highway Administration issued its formal approval of the City's application for \$2 million of Federal funds under the Projects of National and Regional Significance (PNRS) Program. The PNRS fund will pay for 80% of project cost to improve two miles of Boulder Avenue between the San Manuel Center entrance and Greenspot Road. The City has since submitted the necessary documents requesting Caltrans to authorize the City's expenditure of PNRS funds for environmental studies and preliminary engineering.

Anticipating a 24-month timeline for the City to complete the project environmental, engineering, and bidding phases, including the amount of time needed to secure Caltrans approval of each project phase, construction of

the project is scheduled to start in the early part of 2017.

This project will construct a raised center median, parkway and median landscaping, decorative bridge lighting, LED street lights, signal synchronization system, sidewalk, and pavement rehabilitation. Total project cost is estimated to be \$2.5 million.

## Administration

**Emergency Preparedness - Earthquakes.** One of the most frightening and destructive phenomena of nature is a severe earthquake and its terrible after effects. An earthquake is the sudden, rapid shaking of the earth, caused by the breaking and shifting of subterranean rock as it releases strain that has accumulated over a long time.

For hundreds of millions of years, the forces of plate tectonics have shaped the earth, as the huge plates that form the earth's surface slowly move over, under and past each other. Sometimes, the movement is gradual. At other times, the plates are locked together, unable to release accumulated energy. When the accumulated energy grows strong enough, the plates break free. If the earthquake occurs in a populated area, it may cause many deaths and injuries and extensive property damage.

The 2011 East Coast earthquake illustrated the fact that it is impossible to predict when or where an earthquake will occur, so it is important that you and your family are prepared ahead of time.



The following are things you can do to protect yourself, your family and your property in the event of an earthquake.

- To begin preparing, you should build an emergency kit and make a family communication plan
- Fasten shelves securely to walls.
- Place large or heavy objects on lower shelves.
- Store breakable items such as bottled foods, glass, and china in low, closed cabinets with latches.
- Fasten heavy items such as pictures and mirrors securely to walls and away from beds, couches and anywhere people sit.
- Brace overhead light fixtures and top heavy objects.
- Repair defective electrical wiring and leaky gas connections. These are potential fire risks. Get appropriate professional help. Do not work with gas or electrical lines yourself.
- Install flexible pipe fittings to avoid gas or water leaks. Flexible fittings are more resistant to breakage.
- Secure your water heater, refrigerator, and furnace and gas appliances by strapping them to the wall studs and bolting to the floor. If recommended by your gas company, have an automatic gas shut-off valve installed that is triggered by strong vibrations.
- Repair any deep cracks in ceilings or foundations. Get expert advice if there are signs of structural defects.
- Be sure the residence is firmly anchored to its foundation.
- Store weed killers, pesticides, and flammable products securely in closed cabinets with latches and on bottom shelves.
- Locate safe spots in each room under a sturdy table or against an inside wall. Reinforce this information by moving to these places during each drill.

- Hold earthquake drills with your family members: Drop, cover and hold on.

For more information about disaster preparedness, please visit [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov).

## Finance

**Commercial Business License Applications** - There was one new commercial business licenses for the week of 2/9 to 2/13/15. Sterling Liquor located at 7272 Sterling Avenue.

## Mark Your Calendar



### February 17, 2015

6pm - Planning Commission Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

### Saturday, February 21, 2015

8am to 12pm - Highland Improvement Team Cleanup, Registration: Highland City Hall - 27215 Base Line, Cleanup Site: TBD

### February 24, 2015

6pm - City Council Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

### February 26, 2015

4:30pm - Oversight Board Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

### March 3, 2015

6pm - Planning Commission Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

### March 6, 2015

10am - COPS meeting, Arroyo Verde Elementary

### March 10, 2015

6pm - City Council Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

**March 12, 2015**

5pm - Community Trails Committee Meeting,  
Donahue Council Chambers

**March 17, 2015**

6pm - Planning Commission Meeting, Donahue  
Council Chambers

**March 24, 2015**

6pm - City Council Regular Meeting, Donahue  
Council Chambers

**April 2, 2015**

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

**April 7, 2015**

6pm - Planning Commission Meeting, Donahue  
Council Chambers

**April 9, 2015**

5pm - Community Trails Committee Meeting,  
Donahue Council Chambers

**April 14, 2015**

6pm - City Council Meeting, Donahue Council  
Chambers

**April 21, 2015**

6pm - Planning Commission Meeting, Donahue  
Council Chambers

**April 28, 2015**

6pm - City Council Meeting, Donahue Council  
Chambers

**May 5, 2015**

6pm - Planning Commission Meeting, Donahue  
Council Chambers

**May 12, 2015**

6pm - City Council Meeting, Donahue Council  
Chambers

**May 14, 2015**

5pm - Community Trails Committee Meeting,

Donahue Council Chambers

**May 19, 2015**

6pm - Planning Commission Meeting, Donahue  
Council Chambers

**May 26, 2015**

6pm - City Council Meeting, Donahue Council  
Chambers

**June 2, 2015**

6pm - Planning Commission Meeting, Donahue  
Council Chambers

**June 4, 2015**

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

**June 9, 2015**

6pm - City Council Meeting, Donahue Council  
Chambers

**June 11, 2015**

5pm - Community Trails Committee Meeting,  
Donahue Council Chambers

**June 16, 2015**

6pm - Planning Commission Meeting, Donahue  
Council Chambers

**June 23, 2015**

6pm - City Council Meeting, Donahue Council  
Chambers

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# Volunteer Services

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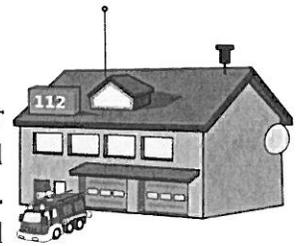
**H**APPY FEBRUARY!

As Valentine's Day draws near, you may find yourself thinking of a unique way to celebrate with those near and dear to your heart. Why not celebrate by VOLUNTEERING together. You will be spending quality time with loved ones while at the same time giving back and doing something good for your community!

TRY VOLUNTEERING TOGETHER THIS FEBRUARY!

## Highland Improvement Team

The Highland Improvement Team has planned a community cleanup for Saturday, February 21, 2015. Volunteers will be weeding, trimming bushes and picking up litter at Highland Fire Station #3 and the surrounding neighborhood. This project is scheduled from 8am to noon. Interested Volunteers can call Volunteer Services to pre-register or they can sign-in the morning of the cleanup at Highland City Hall (27215 Base Line) from 7:30am to 8:00am.



**Please note:** Volunteers will be required to provide their own transportation from City Hall to the cleanup site. We will depart City Hall at 8:00am. Volunteers are more than welcome to join us after that time, but will have to check in at the Fire Station.

Please contact Volunteer Service for more information about joining the Highland

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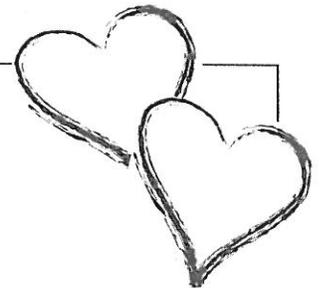
VALENTINES FOR VETS:

HAVE A HEART PROGRAM

Honor our Veterans with a show of kindness by creating a special Valentine just for them. All cards will be dropped off at the Loma Linda Veteran's Hospital.

Just drop by the Library anytime during the week of February 9 - 13, 2015 to make your card!

For more information, contact the Library at 909-425-4700.



# BLOOD DRIVE

Coming Soon to Highland! Look what our area Representative found hanging around at LifeStream. Mr. Blood Drop would be a great addition to Highland by helping us promote our blood drives. Unfortunately, this picture portrays the mascot in his better days. He is a little worn and torn from previous use. Luckily, one of our dedicated Committee Members has offered to make some minor repairs and clean him up. Be on the look out for him soon!

Mark Your Calendar! The next community blood drive is set for Monday, March 23, 2015 from 1:30pm to 6:30pm at the Highland Police Station (26985 Base Line).

FYI...Our January blood drive brought in 41 registered donors. With only 4 deferrals, our blood drive was able to bring in 37 units of blood for the community!

The success of our blood drives would not be possible without the help of our wonderful volunteers...THANK YOU!

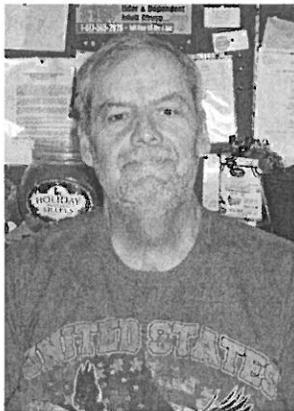
Contact Volunteer Services for more information.



Photo Courtesy of LifeStream!

## Highland Senior Center *News*

**DON HARPER - VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH  
FEBRUARY 2015**



Find out how you can VOLUNTEER at the Highland Senior Center by calling 909-862-8104.

## Upcoming Community Events

### Highland Improvement Team

Saturday, February 21, 2015

8:00am to 12:00pm

Sign-in from 7:30am to 8:00am

Check in @ Highland City Hall, 27215 Base Line

### Blood Drive Committee Meeting

Monday, March 9, 2015

4:00pm to 5:00pm

Highland City Hall - 27215 Base Line

### Highland Improvement Team

Saturday, March 21, 2015

8:00am to 12:00pm

Location TBA

### Blood Drive

Monday, March 23, 2015

1:30pm to 6:30pm

Highland Police Station - 26985 Base Line



City of Highland *Volunteer Services*

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