



City of Highland Weekly Report

February 16, 2012

16th Annual Citrus Harvest Festival March 31, 2012

Community Development

The Citrus Harvest Festival (CHF) is just a little more than a month away!!! 2012 will mark the 16th celebration of the Highland Citrus Harvest Festival. We've grown much since our first year, but have not forgotten our purpose. The Festival seeks to educate Highland's youth and adults on our rich citrus heritage and turn-of-the-century lifestyle. Events are in the making inclusive of a citrus-themed Coloring, Poetry and Citrus Label Design Contests.



Residents will be able to enjoy a Historic Home Tour, Antique & Classic Car Show, Costume and Citrus Growing Contests and there will be live entertainment scheduled throughout the day. The Festival is scheduled for March 31, 2012, from 10:00am to 3:30pm in the Highland Historic District at the intersection of Palm Avenue and Main Street up to Pacific Street

In case of rain, there is a Rain Date of April 7, 2012, at the same location and time. For more information or would like to be a Vendor, please contact Kim Stater at (909) 864-8732 Extension

204. You may also visit the City's Website at www.ci.highland.ca.us under the Events Section.

Public Safety

CAL FIRE urges elderly citizens to be fire safe - In a matter of seconds, a life time of memories can go up in flames. Sadly, as we grow older, our risk of dying in a home fire increases dramatically. The CAL FIRE San Bernardino Unit wants to remind people aged 50 plus to please pay special attention to fire safety. According to the United States Fire Administration, "each year approximately 1,100 Americans ages 65 and older die as a result of a home fire."

CAL FIRE San Bernardino Unit Chief Tim McClelland says "if elderly citizens take some simple precautions, they can dramatically reduce their risk of death or injury from fire."

Smoke Safely: Careless smoking has been shown to be a major cause of fire deaths and injuries for people 65 years and older.



- Never smoke in bed.
- Put your cigarette or cigar out at the first sign of feeling drowsy while watching television or reading.
- Use deep ashtrays and put your cigarettes all the way out.
- Don't walk away from lit cigarettes and other smoking materials.

Cook Safely: The kitchen can be a very dangerous place if you are not practicing fire safety. The USFA says "cooking is the third leading cause of fire deaths and the leading cause of injury among people ages 65 and older."



- Never leave cooking unattended. A serious fire can start in just seconds.
- Always wear short or tight fitting sleeves when you cook. Keep towels, pot holders and curtains away from flames.
- Never use the range or oven to heat your home.
- Double-check the kitchen before you go to bed or leave the house.

Heat Safely: During these cool winter months, there are historically more home fires than any other time of the year. Heating devices like space heaters and wood stoves can make a home comfortable, but they should be used with extra caution according to CAL FIRE and the USFA. Heating is the second leading cause of fire deaths and third leading cause of injury to people 65 years of age and older.

- Keep fire in the fire place by making sure you have a fireplace screen large enough to catch flying sparks and rolling logs.

• Space heaters need space. Keep flammable materials as least three feet away from heaters.

- When purchasing a space heater, look for a control feature that automatically shuts off the power if the heater falls over.

Get Out Alive:

• **Smoke Alarms:** Install and maintain a smoke alarm on every level of your home, test the batteries every month and change the batteries at least once a year. A good idea is to replace the batteries with the spring and fall time changes.

• **Carbon Monoxide Detectors:** It's the law in California that every residential home now has a Carbon Monoxide detector installed. Carbon monoxide (CO) is a colorless, odorless gas that is produced from heaters, fireplaces, furnaces and many types of appliances and cooking devices. Carbon Monoxide is a silent killer, each year claiming the lives of an average of 480 people and sending more than 20,000 people to emergency rooms across the nation."

• **Home Fire Escape Plan:** Create and most importantly practice a fire escape plan regularly. At a minimum you should practice your escape plan twice a year. Make the time change weekend a fire safety and review weekend. Keep your exits clear of debris.

• **Home Fire Sprinklers:** If at all possible, install residential sprinklers in your home. Home fire sprinklers are a proven way to protect lives and property against fires at home.

CAL FIRE and your local fire department want you to be fire safe by practicing fire-safe behaviors when smoking, cooking and heating. Maintain your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors and prepare and practice

Volunteer Services

Highland Improvement Team - February Cleanup...Everyone is invited to join the Highland Improvement Team (HIT) this Saturday, February 18, 2012 for a residential cleanup. HIT volunteers will help a senior homeowner spruce up his yard. During a recent storm, wind knocked down a thin tree in his backyard. Volunteers will help break up and haul away tree debris.

Anyone interested in helping is asked to meet at Highland City Hall, 27215 Baseline, from 7:30am - 8:00am to sign in. The cleanup will take place from 8:00am to noon. Volunteer are required to provide his or her own transportation to and from the cleanup residence.

For more information, contact Volunteer Services at 909-864-6861 extension 203.

Residential Cleanups **Wanted******...The Highland Improvement Team (HIT) is currently accepting requests for residential cleanups. We urge Highland homeowners who need help with yard cleanup and minor landscaping to contact Volunteer Services as soon as possible. Requests are screened and cleanups scheduled on a first come, first served basis. Top priority is property cleanup projects for disabled and senior citizens. There are no income eligibility requirements and absolutely no charge to the homeowner. A fabulous team of volunteers complete all work and repair at H.I.T. projects. Here are the few qualifications:

1. Must be 55 years and older or disabled
2. Must own and reside in your home

The Highland Improvement Team schedules one cleanup per month. Each cleanup requires enough work to fill the allotted four-hour period, usually from 8:00am to noon.

If you are interested in being the next cleanup or want to know if you qualify, contact Volunteer Services at 909-864-6861 extension 203.



Public Services

REPETE'S WISDOM OF THE WEEK - STOP the JUNK Mail! We all have it; mail boxes loaded with unwanted and intrusive mail, mail we all refer to as "JUNK". Tackling the piles of junk mail that are delivered to your mailbox every week can seem like a daunting task, but here are some simple steps you can follow to start reducing your junk mail, de-cluttering your home and helping the environment.



Choose Your Catalogs

To reduce the amount of unwanted catalogs you receive, you could contact each catalog individually and ask for your name and address to be removed from its mailing list.

Or you could join the free website, [Catalog Choice \(www.catalogchoice.org\)](http://www.catalogchoice.org), where you select the catalog and mailing option, and the Berkeley nonprofit will send the request to the catalog for you. Your Catalog Choice dashboard lists the catalogs they have contacted and updates you when the catalog has confirmed your request - so you don't have to keep track of all that information yourself.

Still want to receive Crate and Barrel's holiday catalog? No problem. You can choose different mailing options through Catalog Choice: You can opt out of receiving the catalog entirely, accept delivery twice or four times a year or request only the holiday edition.

Cut Down On Credit Card Offers

You can easily opt out of credit card and insurance offers by filling out an online form at OptOutPrescreen.com, a service that prevents consumer credit companies like Equifax and Experian from providing your information to

credit and insurance companies.

*Note you are not required to provide your Social Security number, even though you will be asked for it. You can choose to opt out of these promotional offers for either five years or permanently.

Ditch the Direct Mail

The Direct Marketing Association, which represents about 80 percent of the total volume of marketing mail in the U.S., allows you to remove your name from their marketing lists at DMAchoice.org.

To opt out of the [RedPlum coupon book](#) and [PennySaver](#) circular, submit a request to be removed from their mailing lists on the "Contact Us" page on their websites.

Put the Phone Book on Hold

If you've traded in your phone book for online searches on your computer or smart phone, you may wonder why you need a phone book at all anymore. Consumers across the country can opt out of receiving the phone book at YellowPagesOptOut.com.

Return to Sender

One way to get an organization's attention and be removed from its mailing list is to send its own junk mail back - but this tactic only works with certain kinds of mail.

If a piece of junk mail was sent first class or pre-sorted first class mail, cross out your address and the bar code, circle the first class postage stamp and write, "Refused: Return to sender." Then drop it in any mailbox.

But third-class and bulk-rate mail can't be forwarded. So if you refuse this type of mail and place it in a mailbox, the Postal Service will simply discard it.

Your best bet to reduce junk mail is to follow

the other steps in this guide, rather than trying to send mail back.

Proceed with caution

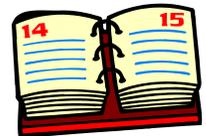
Think before you give out your name, phone number and address: Does this organization really need your contact information, or will you just end up on a mailing list?

Don't fill out warranty cards - they are a way to collect addresses for mailing lists. Your warranty is valid without submitting your information. Watch out for contests and free offers, as they are also used to obtain information for mailing lists.

When you give out your contact information to any company you work with, request that they do not sell, and rent or trade your information.

And remember to be patient in your quest to reduce your junk mail - it takes a few months to start seeing results, as many mailing labels are printed ahead of time.

Mark Your Calendar



Saturday, February 18, 2012

8am to 12 Noon - Highland Improvement Team Cleanup, Meet at Highland City Hall - 27215 Base Line

Monday, February 20, 2012

President's Day - City Offices are closed

Tuesday, February 21, 2012

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Monday, February 27, 2012

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

Tuesday, February 28, 2012

6pm - Regular City Council Meeting, Council Chambers

Wednesday, February 29, 2012

8am to 11am - Walk to School Day Event, Cypress Elementary School, 26825 Cypress Street

Thursday, March 1, 2012

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

Tuesday, March 6, 2012

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Thursday, March 8, 2012

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

Tuesday, March 20, 2012

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Saturday, March 31, 2012

16th Annual Citrus Harvest Festival, intersection of Palm Avenue and Main Street up to Pacific Street, 10:00am - 3:30pm

Tuesday, April 3, 2012

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Thursday, April 5, 2012

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

Saturday, April 7, 2012

Rain Date for the 16th Annual Citrus Harvest Festival

Tuesday, April 10, 2012

6pm - Regular City Council Meeting, Council Chambers

Thursday, April 12, 2012

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

Tuesday, April 17, 2012

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

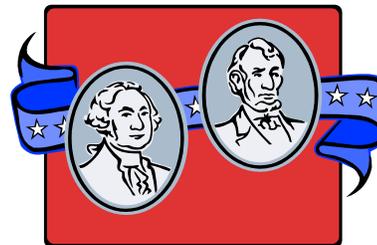
Saturday, April 21, 2012

Community Trails Day Event -Location is to be at the City's Natural Parkland near the eastern terminus of Base Line. Guided Tours from 8am - 8:30am. For more information, please visit the City's Website at www.ci.highland.ca.us under the Events Section

Tuesday, April 24, 2012

6pm - Regular City Council Meeting, Council Chambers

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Presidents Day 2012

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