

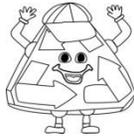


City of Highland Weekly Report

February 21, 2014

Repete's Wisdom of the Week 5 Foods you can Grow from Scraps

Public Services



Repete's Wisdom of the Week - Garden with Garbage: 5 Foods You Can Grow from Scraps. If you take a minute and look at which food scraps you're throwing away. It turns out some fruits and vegetables can be regrown from a scrap, which means you can grow your own food without starting it from seeds. You won't need to buy as much produce either, and in the meantime you may have some interesting houseplants.



Starting food scraps out in water is often a helpful way to jumpstart a plant. The plant will typically begin to form roots in the water, and then when it has begun to establish itself you may be able to transfer it to soil. Here are 5 food items you can grow from scrap:

Ginger: All you have to do is plant the leftover ginger with the newest buds facing up in moist potting soil. Ginger is a tropical plant, so it prefers humid conditions, but it should be fairly happy inside your house. Green shoots will come up out of the soil and the roots will spread out. After about four months, you should be able

begin harvesting pieces of the root when you need it. Just be sure to cover the root back up once you've taken what you need.

Potatoes: When potatoes start to grow eyes, many people might throw them in the trash. These eyes, while not ideal for eating, are actually the beginnings of a new plant, so rather than tossing old potatoes grow them. To grow baking potatoes, chop them up into a few pieces with a couple of eyes on each piece. Then plant the pieces in moist potting soil and soon they'll begin to sprout. To grow sweet potatoes, plant the entire potato in moist potting soil.

Garlic: Like potatoes, sometimes garlic cloves start sprouting before you get around to using all of them. Instead of tossing sprouted garlic, plant it. Simply plant a clove in soil (sprouted end up, with the papery layer still on) and place the pot in a warm, sunny location in your home. Once the shoots begin to grow tall, you can cut them back to cause the plant to put its energy into making a bigger bulb of garlic.

Onions: Simply cut off the root end of the onion leaving only a small amount of the onion flesh attached. Plant this just beneath the surface of the soil in a sunny location, and in a few months

you should have a new onion. You'll know the onion is ready when its stalk starts to turn yellow.

Mushrooms: Although they can be difficult to grow, it is possible to grow mushrooms from scraps. It's probably easier to grow them indoors



because outdoors they will compete against other fungi. To grow a mushroom, remove the head and plant the stalk in soil with the top of the stalk exposed to the air. A new mushroom head should begin to grow if conditions are appropriate. Generally, mushrooms prefer cool, moist growing environments without too much light.

Visit Earth911.com for more ideas and tips for food you can grow at home from scrap.

Community Development

Planning Commission determination: At its February 18, 2014, regular Meeting, the Commission took the following action:

1. Approved a Monument Sign for the East Valley Water District Administrative Offices and Corporation Yard located at 31111 Greenspot Road, subject to the Conditions of Approval and adopted the Findings of Fact.
2. Approved and adopted Resolution No. 14-003, with modifications, establishing Development Regulations for Cottage Food Operations which will allow small food businesses to operate out of a private residence. The Draft Ordinance will proceed forward to City Council in the future.

Street Naming Committee... New Chairman / Vice Chairman elected. At its February 12, 2014, Street Naming Committee Regular Meeting, the Committee went through the election process and selected a new Chairman and Vice Chairman. The Committee elected Jessica Sutorus as Chair and Nancy Alexander as Vice Chair. This is Jessica's first time as Chair

and Nancy's second time as Vice Chair. Staff continues to looking forward to working with Nancy and Jessica in their new positions. Congratulations, ladies!!!

The deadline is This Monday, February 24, 2014, to submit your Public Service Application for the Public Nuisance Hearing Board. On January 14, 2014, the City Council declared one (1) seat vacant on the Public Nuisance Hearing Board. The Public Nuisance Hearing Board consists of five residents and meets as needed for the purpose of hearing the issues associated with the enforcement and abatement of various City laws and/or regulations as set forth in the Highland Municipal Code, and to hear appeals of Administrative Citations. One vacancy exists which terms of office will expire August, 2016.

The City Council is tentatively scheduled to make the appointment at their Meeting of March 11, 2014. Appointees must be a resident of the City and shall be qualified by experience and training to pass on matters pertaining to enforcement of the Highland Municipal Code. All appointees serve without compensation, will need to complete an ethics training course and will have to submit an FPPC Statement of Economic Interest Form. Residents meeting the criteria above who desire to be considered must file an Application with the City Clerk prior to the close of business **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2014**. Applications can be obtained at City Hall, 27215 Base Line, Highland, California, 92346, or on the City's Website at www.cityofhighland.org.

Volunteer Services

Blood Drive Committee - Mark your Calendars! You can help Highland increase blood donations! As an added incentive to donate blood, LifeStream will give each donor at the Highland March blood drive a \$5 Panera Bread gift card!

Below is the Blood Drive Schedule for the rest of the year. Hope to see you there!

2014 Blood Drive Schedule

Monday, March 24th

Tuesday, May 27th

Monday, July 28th

Monday, September 22nd

Monday, November 24th

Time: 1:30pm - 6:30pm

Location: Highland Police Station - 26985 Base Line

Blood drives are hosted at the Highland Police Station, located at 26985 Base Line. Donation times are from 1:30pm to 6:30pm. Please remember to bring a picture I.D. and drink plenty of fluids prior to donation.

Do you have questions or need information about becoming a new donor or volunteer? Contact Volunteer Services Coordinator, Denise Moreno at 909-864-6861 extension 203.

Highland Improvement Team -March over to the Historic District... The next Highland Improvement Team (HIT) cleanup is just around the corner on Saturday, March 22, 2014 from 8:00am to Noon.

HIT is teaming up with the Highland Area Chamber of Commerce and local service group volunteers to spruce up the Historic District of Highland in preparation for the Annual Citrus Harvest Festival. The festival lines many streets in this neighborhood and beautifying the area before the event helps maintain a level of cleanliness during the festival and makes cleanup after a whole lot easier. We will help residents in the area by mowing lawns, pulling weeds, picking up litter and hauling away old bulky items in addition to clearing the curb and gutters of weed overgrowth and litter.

So, what do you say? Join the Highland Improvement Team on Saturday, March 22, 2014 at Community Cross Church, 6955 Palm Avenue in Highland. Volunteers can begin registering at 7:30am. The cleanup is scheduled from 8:00am to Noon.

The City provides all tools and equipment needed for the project. In addition, lunch will be provided following the cleanup for all those volunteering their time.

The HIT Team always welcomes new members and looks forward to seeing you. If you would like to join the HIT or would like more information about the March cleanup, please contact Denise Moreno, Volunteer Services Coordinator at 909-864-6861, extension 203.

You Could Be Next... Blight can have an impact on the amount of criminal activity in a neighborhood. Homes and neighborhoods that are unattended to and not taken care of can attract loitering, vandalism and other crimes. The Highland Improvement Team (HIT) can help decrease crime by keeping our community clean of litter, graffiti and improving the overall appearance of residences.



Maybe the HIT can be of assistance to you or someone in your neighborhood. We are currently looking for Highland homeowners who need help with yard cleanup, minor landscaping or garage clean out. There are no income eligibility requirements to qualify and there is absolutely no charge to the homeowner. A fabulous team of volunteers completes all work and repair at H.I.T. cleanups.

Here is what is needed to qualify:

- Resident must be 55 years and older (or) disabled
- Eligible resident must live in home

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

Please contact Denise Moreno, Volunteer Services Coordinator, to see if you qualify or to recommend a resident who may qualify for a residential HIT cleanup. Volunteer Services can be reached at 909-864-6861 extension 203.

Citrus Harvest Festival Baking Contest...
Thursday, March 20, 2014 - Citrus Harvest Festival Baking Contest.

- Entries need to be turned in on Thursday, March 20, 2014 at Highland City Hall (27215 Base Line) between 7:30am and 12:30pm.
- Judging will begin at 1:00pm on Thursday, March 20, 2014.
- Entries must be homemade and contain a citrus product.
- One entry form per item. Multiple entries are accepted.
- Categories available for adult are Cookie/Bar, Pie/Tart, Cake/Cupcake, Bread/Muffin and Jam/Jelly/Relish.
- Child categories are Cookie/Bar, Pie/Tart and Cake/Cupcake.

Refrigeration is available for those entries that need to stay cold. Entries forms are available at Highland City Hall, 27215 Baseline.



Ribbons will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place entries. Winners will be announced on Saturday, March 29, 2014 at the Main Stage during the Annual Citrus Harvest Festival.

For more information, please contact Cindy Calvert at 909-862-4837.

Administration

Preparing makes sense - Preparing makes sense. The likelihood that you and your family will survive a house fire depends as much on having a working smoke detector and an exit strategy, as on a well-trained fire department. The same is true for surviving a natural disaster or other emergency.

We must have the tools and plans in place to make it on our own, at least for a period of time, no matter where we are when disaster strikes. FEMA urges all Americans to: build a kit of emergency supplies; make a plan for what you will do in an emergency; and be informed about what might happen. Just like having a working smoke detector, preparing for the unexpected makes sense. *Get Ready Now.* For more information, visit www.ready.gov.

Public Works

Greenspot Road Improvements Update.

This week a pre-job meeting was held with the contractor and Caltrans staff, to discuss the work at Greenspot Road and SR-210 on/off ramps. The outcome of the meeting is that a temporary left-turn lane needs to be added for the SR-210 westbound off ramp during phase one of the work, to widen the east side of both ramps.

The temporary ramp widening is scheduled to be done next week and it includes demolition of existing pavement, grading, relocation of facilities, paving, striping and modifications to signal detectors. Once this temporary work is complete, the contractor will install k-rail at both on/off ramps. Phase 1 of the work at the interchange is anticipated to take 3 months. Phase II of the interchange includes widening

of the ramps on the west side. This phase is anticipated to take one month to complete.

Graffiti Report: During the period of 02/03/14 - 02/13/14, graffiti made known to Public Works staff, by the following means, was removed: **Reported to Hotline:** 7554 Valaria;

Reported by Staff: 26544 Goodman Ct.; Mansfield w/o San Francisco;

Routine Observation by Public Works: East side of Sterling to Byron; north side of Base Line/Guthrie; Sterling s/o Fisher and Jane St.; 25608 Base Line; R&R Tire

(Elm/Base Line); Central/5th; Cunningham/5th; Orange/Pacific; 8023 Del Rosa Dr; Del Rosa Dr./Base Line; 7177 Victoria; 7161 Victoria; Pacific/Olive; 9th/Bonnie; Sterling n/o Base Line at Flood Control; Sterling liquor store, trailer park, USA Checks; Valaria/Base Line; 26531, 26539 , 26575, 26783 Base Line - eastbound to Cunningham; LMD #34; Highland auto Body; Base Line/Olive alley; 5th St. Bridge; 13th/Central; Fisher/Sterling; Central/Base Line; 25374, 26630, 26654, 26578, 25979, 26001, 26037, 26063, 26297, 26383, 26471 Base Line; McKinley/Base Line; Barnes/Base Line; Del Rosa Ave./9th; Victoria/Base Line; Shirley/5th; Central/Cypress; 26180 9th; Seeley Ct./Base Line; Base Line/Golondrina at Flood Control; 5th/Central; 27084 3rd St.; Central/ 3rd; Central/13th; Central/14th; Sterling/13th; Vine/Base Line.



Finance

Commercial Business License Applications - There was one new commercial business licenses for the week of 2/17 to 2/21/14. Aguitas Tire and Auto Repair located at 8170 Shirley Avenue.

Mark Your Calendar



Tuesday, February 25, 2014

4:45pm - Finance Subcommittee Meeting, Upright Conference Room

5:15pm - Special City Council Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

6pm - Regular City Council Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

6pm - Regular Meeting of the Successor Agency to Highland Redevelopment Agency, Donahue Council Chambers

Tuesday, March 4, 2014

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Monday, March 10, 2014

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

Tuesday, March 11, 2014

6pm - Regular City Council Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Thursday, March 13, 2014

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

Tuesday, March 18, 2014

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Thursday, March 20, 2014

Citrus Harvest Festival Baking Contest
Entries accepted from 7:30am to 12:30pm at Highland City Hall - 27215 Base Line

Saturday, March 22, 2014

8am to 12 Noon - Highland Improvement Team Cleanup, Community Cross Church

Monday, March 24, 2014

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

Tuesday, March 25, 2014

6pm - Regular City Council Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Saturday, March 29, 2014

9am to 3pm - Annual Citrus Harvest Festival in the Highland Historic District. Located at the intersection of Palm Avenue and Main Street up to Pacific Street. For further information and Applications, please contact the Highland Area Chamber of Commerce at (909) 864-4073 or the Chamber's Website at the following web address <http://www:highlandchamber.org>

Tuesday, April 1, 2014

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Thursday, April 3, 2014

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

Thursday, April 10, 2014

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

Tuesday, April 15, 2014

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

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