



City of Highland Weekly Report

February 24, 2012

Safe Routes to School Event Wednesday, February 29, 2012

Volunteer Services

Safe Routes to School - Cypress Elementary Walk to School Day... Cypress Elementary will hold the first Safe Routes to School (SRTS) event in Highland. On Wednesday, February 29, students at Cypress will participate in a special walk to school day. There will be parent volunteers strategically placed along the walking routes. These volunteers will guide and encourage the children as they walk to school.



Safe Routes to School is a new program to Highland. SRTS promotes health and physical fitness for school age children as well as traffic and pollution reduction in school areas. You can find more information about this program at www.saferoutesinfo.org

Volunteers play an important roll in the success of any SRTS program. If you are interested in becoming involved or would like more information, please contact Volunteer Services at 909-864-6861 extension 203.

Highland Improvement Team - February Cleanup a SUCCESS... Highland Improvement Team volunteers were hard at work helping a Highland resident with yard cleanup this past Saturday. A few months back, strong winds had knocked over a tree in his back yard. Volunteers dismantled the tree and hauled away the tree remnants. In addition to completing this task, volunteers trimmed, raked and weeded his entire front and back yards. Everyone involved, the resident and volunteers, were proud of their efforts and the outcome.

Anyone can participate with the Highland Improvement Team cleanup projects. New volunteers are always welcome to join. For more information, contact Volunteer Services at 909-864-6861 extension 203.

Residential Cleanups **April Cleanup 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.

Blood Drive Committee - Join our Committee...The next Blood Drive Committee meeting is coming up! We are always accepting new volunteer committee members. Join us at City Hall, 27215 Baseline this Monday, February 27 at 4:00pm. We will be discussing stats from our January blood drive and planning for the blood drive in March. If you would like more information contact Volunteer Services at 909-864-6861 extension 203.

Community Development

Planning Commission determination: At its February 21, 2012, regular Meeting, the Commission considered the following Items:

1. An Amendment to Conditional Use Permit (CUP 00-009) to increase the Height and of number of Wireless Facilities on an Existing Unmanned Co-locatable Wireless Telecommunication Facility (Mono-Pine Tree) (CUP 011-006 and DRA 011-005). The Project is located on the southeast corner of Church Street and Merris Street. The address is 8061 Church Street, Highland,

CA 92346. APN: 1210-211-01. Representative: John Beke, MetroPCS

The Planning Commission:

1. Adopted a Negative Declaration and direct Staff to File a Notice of Determination with the San Bernardino County Clerk of the Board, and;
2. Adopted Resolution No. 12-003 approving Conditional Use Permit Application (CUP 011-006) (amending CUP 00-009) and Design Review Application (DRA-011-005), subject to the recommended Conditions of Approval, and the Findings of Fact.

The Application may now proceed forward in the process.

The Citrus Harvest Festival (CHF) is just a short time 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.

Engineering

Progress on Boulder Bridge Construction! Construction of Boulder Bridge and street improvements are well underway. Work that has taken place to date includes installation of fencing to establish limits of construction and delineate environmentally sensitive areas; initial environmental enhancement of six acres land adjunct to Boulder Avenue south of City Creek; and clearing operations along the west side of Boulder Avenue south of City Creek. Work currently underway includes demolition of the remaining portion of the existing bridge structure and excavation for the foundation (footings) for the new bridge. Stay tuned for further updates as work continues!



Public Services

Repete's Wisdom of the Week - Lunch inside the Box. In decades past, lunchboxes were a big deal for kids as a carrying case and as a status symbol, but by the 1990's the disposable brown bag filled with disposable plastic bags began to rule the school. This lunchtime change up is explored in, [A Brief History of the Lunchbox](http://www.lunchboxes.com/history.html) (www.lunchboxes.com/history.html). But what they don't really talk about is how much waste this change has caused. According to Nubius Organics each person's brown bag lunch can cause between 4 and 8 ounces of garbage adding up to as much as 100 pounds per year.

Looking back, it's great to see the cool looking shapes and graphics of these lunch boxes. And looking forward, well made, stylish and reusable food containers are still great accessories for kids—and adults—who are trying to create less waste while eating on-the-go. If you're not really feeling that 1980's He-Man lunch box on eBay, there are lots of great contemporary options for fun and functional reusable lunch containers.

Here are 5 tips to having a waste-free lunch:

1. Start by getting a reusable lunch bag. With so many sizes and styles out there today you shouldn't have any trouble finding something that fits your needs. Whether it's insulated or made from recycled materials, be sure and check that it's lead-free, just to be in the safe side.



2. The next item you are going to need is a reusable bottle. The US purchases 25 billion disposable plastic bottles each year. Filter your water at home. Buy bulk containers of juice instead of the small juice boxes. If you like sports drinks bring powder or tablets with you so you can refill that reusable bottle throughout the day.

3. Pick up or make reusable snack and sandwich bags. These cut back on the amount of plastic bags you are going to use in a year. According to the Sierra Club, most families spend about \$85 on disposable bags each year.

4. Food containers are a must. There are tons of choices, like stainless steel, aluminum, microwavable plastic, salad and pasta bowls. For those of you with kids, if you let them pack their own lunch you will waste a lot less food.

5. Last items you will need to complete your lunch kit are a napkin and utensils. You can pick up a pack of reusable cloth napkins and wash them at the end of the week. Utensils come in a variety of options. Bamboo is a great option because it's naturally antibacterial. You can also pick up a set that snap together.

Even better, these tips and tricks can work for any meal. Once you get into the swing of a zero waste lunch, why not carry your reusable bags to dinner to instead of asking your waiter for a to-go box? You will be on your way to a waste-free meal, saving money and helping reduce your impact on the environment before you know it.

Public Works

Graffiti Report: During the period of 2/1 - 2/21/12, graffiti made known to Public Works staff, by the following means, was removed: **Reported to Hotline:** Victoria/Pacific, Powell/Church, Rogers Ln./Pacific, 7612 Cunningham, 14th/Alice, Stratford/Central; **Reported by Staff:** Cypress/Bonita, 7526 Victoria; **Routine Observation by Public Works:** 7935 Central, Central north and south of Cypress, underneath SR210 at Victoria, Millar/Victoria, 26080 Base Line, 13th to Byron, 25646 Base Line, 9th/Del Rosa Dr., Central s/o Jeffrey Court, Elmwood/Base Line, Central s/o Corporate Yard, Clifton/Orange, 14th/Victoria, Palm n/o 5th St., Palm n/o Cypress, Norwood w/o Church, Church n/o 5th, 27409 5th, Base Line e/o Del Rosa Ave., Cunningham/9th, 7130 Victoria, 7100 Victoria, Sterling Ave. to Pacific, Central/Cypress, Central/Hibiscus, 5th/Del Rosa Dr., Base Line to McKinley, Base Line/Guthrie, Elm/Base Line, Argyle/Byron, 26630 Base Line, Alice/15th, Pacific w/o Olive, MIP Bar at Victoria, Cole/Base Line, Sterling n/o Base Line, 15th/Alice, Palm to 10th, 7484 Palm, Golondrina/Base Line, 26080 Base Line, Base Line Burgers at Base Line, 7th/Del Rosa Ave., 7697 Sterling, Cypress/Bonita, 26840, 26122, 26080 Base Line, empty lot at 9th/Del Rosa Dr., Del Rosa Dr./Curtis.

Mark Your Calendar



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

Planning Commission Meeting - Canceled

Thursday, March 8, 2012

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

March 14, 2012

3pm - Street Naming Committee Special Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Tuesday, March 20, 2012

Planning Commission Meeting - Canceled

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
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Tuesday, April 24, 2012

6pm - Regular City Council Meeting, Council
Chambers

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