

City of Highland Weekly Report



March 04, 2016

HIGHLAND IMPROVEMENT TEAM

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!



Our next Highland Improvement Team (HIT) cleanup is just around the corner. This will be our annual cleanup of the Historic District. This community cleanup project will include removal of weeds and litter along with some yard cleanup assistance. The cleanup is scheduled every year in preparation for the Annual Citrus Harvest Festival. The festival lines many streets in the historic neighborhood and sprucing up the area beforehand helps maintain a level of cleanliness during the festival which makes cleanup after a whole lot easier.

So, what do you say? Come out and join the Highland Improvement Team on **Saturday, March 19, 2016** 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, the City hosts a BBQ following the cleanup for all those volunteering their time.

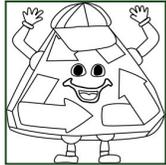
If you should have questions, please contact Denise Moreno, Volunteer Services Coordinator, at 909-864-6861 extension 203.



Repete's Wisdom of the Week

Used Oil Filter Exchange and Recycling Event

The San Bernardino County Fire Departments Household Hazardous Waste Program and the City of Highland's Public Services Division are hosting a free **Used Oil Filter Exchange and Recycling Event**.

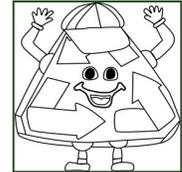


Join Us On...

Date: March 12, 2016

Time: 9am to 2pm

Location: AutoZone (27292 Base Line Highland, CA 92346)



Keep in Mind...

1. Bring up to 3 used oil filters to recycle and exchange for new oil filters
2. Expiration: Saturday, March 12th at 2pm
3. Valid In-Store Only at the address listed above
4. No exchanges or refunds
5. Recycle oil filter safely: drain for 12 hours and transport in non-leaking container or bag.
6. Bring ID or utility bill for residency verification.

Oil filters are composed of steel and are 100% recyclable; if all the filters sold each year in the U.S. were recycled, **160,000 tons of steel would be recovered**. Recycling one ton of filters yields 1,700 pounds of steel, 30 gallons of used oil and saves 10 cubic yards of landfill space. Used oil filters can be recycled into new steel products, such as steel cans, cars, appliances and construction materials (for example, rebar). For more information call 909-382-5401 or 1-800-Oily Cat (645.9228)

BLOOD DRIVE

Two great opportunities are available for you to give back to your community! Now is your chance to join the Highland Blood Drive Committee and/or donate blood! It's easy to do both!

Interested volunteers simply need to attend a committee meeting to sign-up. The next committee meeting is at 4pm this **Monday, March 7th** at Highland City Hall, 27215 Base Line. To donate, come down to Highland's next community blood drive on **Monday, March 21, 2016** from 1:30pm to 6:30pm at the Highland Police Station, located at 26985 Base Line.

In addition to there being a shortage of blood donations in our region, LifeStream is also in urgent need of O-Negative donations. A special incentive program has been set-up especially for O-Negative donors. Details can be found on the LifeStream website www.LStream.org or by contacting Volunteer Services. Please spread the word to family, friends and co-workers to come down and donate in Highland! The entire process takes less than an hour. All you need to bring with you is your I.D. Students can also donate beginning at the age of 15 years. They just need ID and a signed parental consent form. The form can be found online at www.LStream.org and will also be available during the blood drive.

Contact Volunteer Services at 909-864-6861 ext. 203 for more information or to make your appointment for donation at our Highland Blood Drive!

Public Works

- Greenspot Road Habitat Restoration -

As an environmental mitigation measure for construction of the Greenspot Road Bridge over Santa Ana River and roadway improvements, the City was required by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to restore 4.15 acres of disturbed habitat on-site. This work consists of removing weeds by hand, broadcasting native seeds and spreading a thin layer of top soil along both sides of the new roadway realignment. Construction will begin Monday, March 7th.

This work is anticipated to take 4 weeks to complete. Both directions of traffic at the east end of Greenspot Road will remain open to traffic during construction but expect delays as the contractor will implement traffic control devices when working along the shoulders.



The Annual Citrus Harvest Festival ~BAKING CONTEST~



Thursday, March 10, 2016

Entries need to be submitted on Thursday, March 10, 2016, at Highland City Hall between the hours of 7:30am and 12:30pm — Judging is from 12:30pm to 1:30pm. *Entries must be homemade and contain a citrus product.*

ADULT CATEGORY

- ◆ Cookie/Bar
- ◆ Pie/Tart
- ◆ Cake/Cupcake
- ◆ Bread/Muffin
- ◆ Jam/Jelly/Relish/Salsa

CHILD CATEGORY

- ◆ Cookie/Bar
- ◆ Pie/Tart

Cake/Cupcake Refrigeration is available for those entries that need to stay cold. Entries forms are available at Highland City Hall, 27215 Base Line. Ribbons will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each Adult and Child category and Winners will be announced in the Highland Community News and awards will be given at the Main Stage during the Citrus Harvest Festival on Saturday, March 26, 2016.

Judges are needed! To sign up to judge or for more information, please contact Volunteer Services at 909-864-6861 extension 203.

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, 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

Public Works

Public Works Report—Maintenance Report

Total Maintenance Man-hours	846.50	Trail Maintenance	030.00
Compensated Maintenance Man-hours	846.50	Special Maintenance	008.50
Un-compensated Maintenance Man-hours	00.00	Crack Sealing	000.00
		Graffiti	087.50
MAN-HOURS PER ACTIVITY		USA Markings	001.50
General Clean-up	44.75	Weed Spraying	036.75
Parkway Maintenance	00.00	Staff Meetings	079.50
Potholes	52.50	Safety Training	024.25
Sidewalk	.50	Personal Time Off	000.00
Storm Drains	21.25		
Signs/Traffic Control	53.50	SPECIAL: Interview Panel for City of Redlands	
Trees Trimmed	13.00		
Vehicle/Tool Maintenance	54.50		
Building/Grounds Maintenance	201.00		
Landscape Maintenance District	030.00		
Park Maintenance	107.50		



During the period of February 16, 2016 through February 25, 2016, graffiti was made known to Public Works staff by the following means and removed:

Routine observation by Public Works: Main and Palm, 7272 Palm, 8023 Del Rosa Drive, South side of 9th and west of Del Rosa Drive, 9th and Del Rosa Drive South East Corner, East side of Bound, Del Rosa Drive and Base Line, Osbun and Pacific, South side of Pacific and East of Sterling, East Bound Sterling, West side of Sterling and South of Base Line, 7272 Sterling, Base Line and Del Rosa Drive, Del Rosa Avenue along Flood Control, North side of 9th west bound, Rogers and 9th Street, Base Line and Victoria on the West side south of Flood Control, Back side North of Knob Hill Road, Cell Structure wall north of Knob Hill, Seeley Court and Base Line, 5th Street and Del Rosa Drive, 4th Street and Del Rosa Drive, Del Rosa Drive, Community Park, South Side of 9th East of Del Rosa Ave East Bound, Golondrina and north east corner of 9th, Golondrina and south west corner of 9th, Lankershim and 6th, 7353 Valeria, Elm and Base Line, 9th eastbound from Sterling to Rogers Lane, 9th and Victoria, 6th and Lankershim, Seeley Court and Base Line, Seeley Court, 6th Street, Bonnie and 6th, Fleming and southeast corner of Bonnie, Bonnie and northeast corner of Fleming



The making of the Highland Citrus Harvest Festival: A Community Celebration of Historic Proportions

By Lawrence A. Mainez, Community Development Director

Twenty (20) years ago an idea was put forward by the City's newly formed Historic and Cultural Preservation Board. The idea was to create a small one day citrus fair that would take place within the City's Historic District with the goal of highlighting and celebrating the areas citrus history. Back then the fair included historic displays, themed demonstrators, the sale of citrus fruit harvested locally, and a short home tour designed to bring awareness to the Historic District and its rich history. The second year of the event the City invited the Highland Area Chamber of Commerce who worked diligently to attract new sponsorships and forged a new partnership that continues today. Today the Highland Citrus Harvest Festival involves the closure of a two city block area within the City's Historic District along Palm Avenue to accommodate more than 160 vendors, a car show, entertainment and contests, a food court, and plenty of room for more than 7,000 visitors over a six hour period. To make this all happen, the planning and coordination typically starts months in advance of the Festival with weekly staff meetings, fielding phone calls from sponsors and vendors, and monthly updates with the City's Historic and Cultural Preservation Board.

The person entrusted with making the Festival a success – rain or shine – is Kim Stater, the City's Assistant Community Development Director. Kim is assisted by Judith Jaurigue, the City's Housing Technician. When they are not working on their other City responsibilities, the duo team work hard to recruit the help of other City Department staff, such as the City's Public Works Department for setup and clean-up efforts, as well as help with the installation of street banners. The City's Public Services Department is called on to help with outreach efforts. The City's Fire and Police provides traffic and pedestrian control before, during, and after the Festival. There are so many other volunteers that get involved with the Citrus Harvest Festival it would be impossible to mention them all in this brief article, but this unique Highland event could not happen without their support and dedication.

When asked what is the most rewarding aspect of the Festival, Kim Stater replied, *"it has to be the childrens contests, and watching the kids interact and receive their awards really makes all the hard work payoff for me.."*. Speaking of kids, the Festival has grown into one of the City's best family events of the year, and it is not unusual to see City employees with their family members helping out at the Festival. The Festival is a great time for families to walk around and enjoy the many unique booths from local vendors and a good time to taste the various flavors at the food court while listening to local entertainment from local bands or a disc jockey. And of course visiting the

historical themed booths help educate local families about the City's rich historic past.

The City of Highland City Council, the Historic and Cultural Preservation Board, City Staff, and the hard working volunteers that make the Highland Citrus Harvest Festival an Event of Historic Proportions and a great family event, hope to see you at the Festival on March 26th.



City of Highland Historic & Cultural Preservation Board meeting to discuss the 2016 Citrus Harvest Festival. From left to right: Colin Childs, Karsten Polk, Kim Stater with son Garrett, Tony Mauricio, Pamela Bible, and Patrick Sandford

alendar of Events

March 7, 2016

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

March 8, 2016

5:30pm—Public Works Subcommittee Meeting,
Upright Conference Room
6pm—City Council Meeting, Donahue Council
Chambers

March 10, 2016

Citrus Harvest Festival BAKING CONTEST
7:30am to 12:30pm - Entries Accepted
12:30pm to 1:30pm - Judging
Highland City Hall - 27215 Base Line
5pm— Community Trails Committee, Donahue
Council Chambers

Saturday, March 12, 2016

9am to 2pm — Used Oil Filter Exchange &
Recycling Day, AutoZone - 27292 Base Line

March 15, 2016

6pm—Planning Commission, Donahue Council
Chambers

March 21, 2016

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

March 22, 2016

6pm—City Council Meeting, Donahue Council
Chambers

Saturday, April 9, 2016

8am to 12pm — Compost Give-a-Way,
Highland City Hall - 27215 Base Line

April 12, 2016

6pm—City Council Meeting, Donahue Council
Chambers

April 26, 2016

6pm—City Council Meeting, Donahue Council
Chambers

