



City of Highland Weekly Report

March 7, 2014

Set Your Clocks - Spring Forward One Hour Sunday, March 9th

Administration

Emergency Preparedness - Spring Cleaning Takes on a New Meaning Spring begins on the 20th of March and that means longer days—thanks to daylight saving time! On Sunday March 9th when we spring 1 hour ahead,



make sure to change batteries in all your home safety devices (smoke alarms, carbon monoxide detectors, flashlights, etc.). Working smoke alarms are critical to helping save your life. Each month news reports have stressed how important smoke alarms were in either saving a life or unfortunately reporting that someone had died in a home with non-working or no smoke alarms.

If you installed the 10 year lithium smoke alarms then you have eliminated the need for batteries every year; however, a little spring cleaning for your home safety devices will ensure they are free of dust or defect. Make sure your other devices have new batteries or just check to see if batteries are present. Checking all your home safety devices can be a family activity which will reinforce to all that safety is a top priority. Having the devices is the first step, but

making sure they are working and having a plan brings safety full circle.

Other steps to help your family stay safe include a fire extinguisher, residential home sprinklers, a home escape plan, and general preparedness for various natural disasters, such as wildfires, floods, earthquakes, etc. Having a plan and making sure you have all the equipment/items you need, will help in your family's safety. For more life safety information, visit www.sbcfire.org.

Volunteers Needed to Don Their Eagle Eyes - Volunteers are needed to help count bald eagles for the annual winter bald eagle counts in and near the San Bernardino and San Jacinto Mountains! Come join us for the fun and excitement in seeing one of our beautiful national birds!

Concurrent Bald Eagle counts are held at Big Bear Lake, Lake Arrowhead, Lake Silverwood, Lake Perris, and Lake Hemet. Volunteers are stationed at vantage points around the lakes, where they watch for bald eagles during a 1-hour period on the count mornings. Volunteers record their observations on maps and data sheets. This is a wonderful opportunity to catch

a glimpse of our breath-taking national symbol. Brief orientations are conducted prior to the count so volunteers know where to go and what to do.



During the February count, fifteen eagles were seen, including 10 at Big Bear Lake, 1 at Lake Arrowhead, 2 at Silverwood Lake, and 2 at Lake Hemet. Some of the sites have been conducting eagle counts since 1978.

The last bald eagle count for this winter is scheduled for Saturday March 8. No experience is needed. Signing up ahead of time is unnecessary - just show up at the designated time and location, dress warmly, bring binoculars and a watch.

- Big Bear Lake area volunteers will meet at 8:00 a.m. at the Forest Service's Big Bear Discovery Center on North Shore Drive for orientation. Contact Drew Farr at dpfarr@fs.fed.us or 909-382-2816 or Robin Eliason at reliason@fs.fed.us or 909-382-2832 for more information. Please call 909-382-2832 for cancellation due to winter weather conditions - an outgoing message will be left by 6:30 am on the morning of the count if it has to be cancelled. Contact the Discovery Center 909-382-2790 for information about Eagle Celebrations.
- Lake Arrowhead/Lake Gregory volunteers will meet at 8:00 a.m. at the Skyforest Ranger Station for orientation. Contact Drew Farr at dpfarr@fs.fed.us or 909-382-2816 for more information. Please call 909-382-2832 for cancellation due to winter weather conditions - an outgoing message will be left by 6:30 am on the morning of the count if it has to be cancelled.
- Silverwood Lake State Recreation Area volunteers should plan to meet at the Visitor Center at 8:00 a.m. for orientation. Contact

Kathy Williams or Mark Wright for more information about volunteering or taking an eagle tour at 760-389-2303 between 8:00 and 4:00; or email: khwilliams@parks.ca.gov.

- Lake Hemet volunteers should plan on meeting at the Lake Hemet Grocery Store at 8:30 a.m. for orientation. Contact Anne Poopatanapong at apoopatanapong@fs.fed.us or 909-382-2935 for more information.
- Lake Perris State Recreation Area volunteers should plan to meet at the Lake Perris Regional Indian Museum at 8:00 for orientation. Contact the office for more information at 951-940-5600.

About the U.S. Forest Service: The mission of the Forest Service is to sustain the health, diversity and productivity of the nation's forests and grasslands to meet the needs of present and future generations. The agency manages 193 million acres of public land, provides assistance to state and private landowners, and maintains the largest forestry research organization in the world. Public lands the Forest Service manages contribute more than \$13 billion to the economy each year through visitor spending alone. Those same lands provide 20 percent of the nation's clean water supply, a value estimated at \$7.2 billion per year. The agency has either a direct or indirect role in stewardship of about 80 percent of the 850 million forested acres within the U.S., of which 100 million acres are urban forests where most Americans live. Learn more at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/sbnf>

Volunteer Services



Blood Drive Committee - Highland will host its second blood drive of the year on Monday, March 24, 2014. Donating blood is a quick and easy process. It is done in four easy steps, taking only about an hour to complete.

- Step 1: Sign in and health history questionnaire
- Step 2: Free mini physical
- Step 3: Blood donation
- Step 4: Canteen (Refreshments)

The process is pretty simple. Please consider becoming a Highland donor. Highland blood drives are hosted at the Highland Police Station, located at 26985 Base Line Street. Donation times are from 1:30PM to 6:30PM. Please remember to bring a picture ID and drink plenty of water!

Incentives for Highland... 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!

Should you have any questions or need more information about becoming a new donor or volunteer, please contact Volunteer Services Coordinator, Denise Moreno at 909-864-6861 extension 203.

Highland Improvement Team Historic District Community Cleanup... Join the HIGHLAND IMPROVEMENT TEAM, (HIT) for the Historic District Community Cleanup on Saturday, March 22, 2014 from 8am to noon. This cleanup is scheduled every year in preparation for the Annual Citrus Harvest Festival. The festival lines many streets in this neighborhood and sprucing up the area before the event helps maintain a level of cleanliness during the festival and makes cleanup after, a whole lot easier. HIT 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.

Volunteers can begin registering at 7:30am the morning of the cleanup at Community Cross Church - 6695 Palm Avenue.

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 event, please contact Denise Moreno, Volunteer Services Coordinator at 909-864-6861, extension 203.

Cleanup Locations Needed... 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.

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... will be held on Thursday, March 20, 2014.

- 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.

Community Development

Planning Commission determination: At its March 4, 2014, regular Meeting, the Commission approved the following Items:

1. Adopted Resolution 14-004 to permit a Type 41 On-Sale Beer and Wine ABC License from the State of California for Baseline Burgers Restaurant located at 25578 Base Line. Representative: Mr. Jorge Rebolgar, Business Owner.

2. Approved a Design Review Application and related Accessory Sign Application Review with modifications and directives for Phase I of a Three-phased Project on the reconstruction of a Gas Station and Convenience Store and one (1) Monument, Building-Mounted and Canopy Signage located at 26492 Highland Avenue (on the northwest corner of Victoria Avenue / Highland Avenue. Representative: Mr. Balbir Jhawar, Applicant / Owner.

Public Works

Greenspot Road Improvements Update Ramp Closure Notification - The contractor constructed a temporary left-turn lane for the westbound SR-210 off-ramp, which included demolition of existing pavement, grading, relocation of facilities, and paving.

Beginning Sunday, March 9, 2014, the westbound SR-210 off-ramp to Greenspot Road, and the Greenspot Road on-ramp to westbound SR-210 will be closed from 9:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. This night closure of the westbound on and off ramps will continue through Thursday, March 13, 2014 during the same times.

The contractor will be installing k-rail during these night closures of the westbound on and off ramp. This is Phase 1 of the work at Greenspot Road and SR-210, which will widen the east side of both ramps. It is anticipated

to take 3 months. Phase II includes widening of the ramps on the west side. This phase is anticipated to take one month to complete.

5th Street Joint Storm Drain and Water Pipeline Construction. This week the contractor completed construction of the sewer main and laterals on 5th Street between Palm Avenue and Central Avenue. Next week, they will begin construction of the storm drain within this segment of 5th Street. It is anticipated the contractor will be able to move the k-rail on the south side of 5th Street into the roadway beginning Wednesday, March 12, 2014, to widen the eastbound lane for motorists traveling through 5th Street. Residents are reminded of the reduced speed limit to 25 mph within the construction zone. This project is on schedule to be completed by November 2014.

Graffiti Report: During the period of 02/18/14 - 02/27/14, graffiti made known to Public Works staff, by the following means, was removed: **Reported to Hotline:** old Highland Library; Pacific/Palm ; Stratford/Central; Pacific/Osbun; **Reported by Staff:** 25718 9th; 13th/Cole ; **Routine Observation by Public Works:** Seeley Ct./Base Line; Sterling/Base Line; Del Rosa Ave./Base Line; Del Rosa Drive/Base Line; 25509 Base Line; Guthrie/Base Line; west side of Sterling n/o 9th; 26080 Base Line; Sterling n/o Byron; Sterling/Pacific; 25667 Pacific; Hillview/Base Line; "Mac's Springs" on Base Line; Elmwood/Base Line; Palm/Main; Victoria n/o Base Line; 26999 5th; Cypress/Palm (Cee Vees); Sweetmeadow/Norwood; Palm southbound; Palm/Norwood; Palm n/o 5th St.; Cole/Base Line; Central/14th; Central at YMCA; San Francisco/Pacific; south side of Pacific to Olive;9th/Central; Mira Vista/Vase Line; Sterling/Vine; Palm/Pacific; Messina/Cole; Cunningham/Union; Fisher/Central; Vine/Sterling;Clifton/Central; Sterling/Byron; 26188 9th; 6th/Lankershim.

Finance

Commercial Business License Applications - There were no new commercial business licenses for the week of 3/3 to 3/7/14.

Mark Your Calendar



Monday, March 10, 2014

4pm to 5pm - Blood Drive Committee Meeting
(New Members are always welcomed)
Highland City Hall, 27215 Base Line

Tuesday, March 11, 2014

6pm - Regular City Council Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Thursday, March 13, 2014

4pm - Oversight Board Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers
5pm - Community Trails Committee Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Tuesday, March 18, 2014

Canceled - Planning Commission Meeting

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

Tuesday, April 8, 2014

6pm - Regular City Council 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

Tuesday, April 22, 2014

6pm - Regular City Council Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Saturday, May 3, 2014

8am - 20th Annual Community Trails Day & Ribbon Cutting Event, Located at the easterly terminus of Base Line. Watch for further information!

Tuesday, May 6, 2014

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Thursday, May 9, 2014

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

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Tuesday, March 25, 2014

6pm - Regular City Council Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Monday, May 26, 2014

Memorial Day Observance - City Offices are closed

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