



City of Highland Weekly Report

March 09, 2012

Annual H.I.T. Clean Up Saturday, March 24, 2012

Volunteer Services

Highland Improvement Team - March Cleanup... Our annual cleanup of the Highland Historic District is fast approaching. Every year, HIT members and volunteers spruce up the historic neighborhood in preparation for the Citrus Harvest Festival. On this day lawns



are mowed, yards are weeded and trimmed and gutters are cleared of weeds and litter. In addition, volunteers assist neighbors with removing and hauling away large bulky items and trash.

Please spread the word to family and friends to join us in preparing for our Annual festival while at the same time keeping Highland clean! Join us Saturday, March 24, 2012 from 8am to noon. Registration begins at 7:30am at Community Cross Church - 6955 Palm Avenue.

New Volunteers Always WELCOME!

For more information regarding the Highland Improvement Team, please contact Volunteer Services at 909-864-6861 extension 203.

Safe Routes to School - Cypress Will Walk Again... Cypress Elementary Walk to School Day = Huge Success! The school just reported that 84% of the students walked to school that day. In fact, along with students, many parents and school staff are eager to do it all over again! The school has decided to add two additional Walk to School Days before the end of the school year. Mark you calendars for Wednesday, April 25, 2012 and Wednesday, May 9, 2012.

Volunteers play a key role in this program and are encouraged to help with Safe Routes to School events such as the Cypress Walk to School Days.

If you are interested in becoming involved or would like more information, please 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 - Become a Highland Donor... Join us as we host our second blood drive of the year. New donors and volunteers are always welcome. Please consider



becoming Highland's newest donor. Right now, our region requires at least 600 units of blood a day to fulfill the need at local hospitals. The friendly staff from LifeStream will explain and walk you through the donation process, which takes approximately 45 minutes to an hour. In addition, donors receive points as part of the "Gift of Life" Donor Loyalty Program each time they donate. Points can be redeemed for items, such as gift cards and gas cards, at LifeStream's online store, www.LStream.org

The blood drive is Monday, March 26, 2012 at the Jerry Lewis Community Center, 7793 Central Ave, from 1:30pm to 6:30pm.

Please, contact Volunteer Services at 909-864-6861 ext. 203 for more information.



Public Services

REPETE'S WISDOM OF THE WEEK - Water Conservation Tip of the Month: Technologies for Conserving Water. Are you a "gadget person" who likes to tinker with technology, from the simple to the complex? Then you'll be excited to learn about the many new water-conserving technologies that make it easier (and sometimes even more fun) to save water.

Irrigation: Smart irrigation controllers tailor watering schedules and run times automatically to meet specific landscape needs. These controllers are a proven technology to improve outdoor water use efficiencies. Smart irrigation controllers have been shown to save up to 25% more water than traditional irrigation controllers.

Reuse: Rain barrels have been around for years, but new ones on the market boast barrels made from 100% recycled materials, no pumps or mechanical devices, built-in overflow ports and screen traps to keep out mosquitoes, and of course child-resistant lid with built-in lock channels.

Turf Alternatives: Having a low-maintenance backyard is a great way to have a property you can be proud of, without using a lot of water and without having to spend a lot of time you'd otherwise rather be spending on other interests. Here are a few examples of alternatives: Artificial Grass or Drought Tolerant Landscape.

Indoor Plumbing: Installing low-flow shower heads and faucet aerators is the most effective water conservation savings you can do for your home. Inexpensive and simple to install, low-flow shower heads and faucet aerators can reduce your home water consumption as much as 50%, and reduce your energy cost of heating the water also by as much as 50%.

Conservation of water is not only good for the

environment, but the savings in your utility bill will pay for the cost of the technology you selected in no time. From then on, you enjoy continued savings.

Stay tuned for next months water conservation tip. If you have any questions on what you can do to conserve water and prevent storm water pollution, please contact Public Services Coordinator, Andrea Saavedra at 909-864-8732 ext 271.

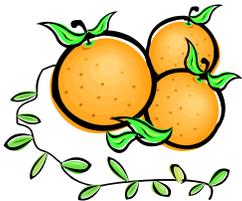
Community Development

Applications Submitted. The following Application was submitted to the City for review:

CUP 012 002 / DRA 012-003 - Operation and Design Review for a Retail Store (Family Dollar) located on the northeast corner of Base Line and Palm. APNs 1200-380-04 &, 05. Rep: David Morse

The above referenced Application has to be reviewed by the Planning Staff for completeness prior to proceeding any further in the process.

The Citrus Harvest Festival (CHF) is just three weeks away!!! Staff has been busy working on 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, about the Festival 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.

Save the Date for the Community Trails Day Event!!! You are invited to participate in the City of Highland Community Trails Committee's 18th Annual Trails Day Event, to be held on Saturday, April 21, 2012. This year, the City will be utilizing the City of Highland's New Natural Parkland.

Free Guided Tours will be lead by the Community Trails Committee Members from 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. sharing points of interest and facts about local Trails and the environment. The Tour takes approximately 45 minutes to one hour. The Route is approximately 1.6 miles in length. The Route will follow unimproved dirt trails and participants should wear appropriate clothing and shoes or boots.



Please feel free to bring your off-road bicycle as at least one group will be lead by bicycle. The City will also attempt to set-up a horseback tour for those who wish to bring their horses to the Event, if interest is expressed prior to the Event.

This year's Event will be staged near the Eastern Terminus of Base Line in the City of Highland. For more information, about the Trails Day Event, please contact Sean Kelleher at (909) 864-8732 Extension 210. You may also visit the City's Website at www.ci.highland.ca.us under the Events Section.

Public Safety

Spring Forward Into Fire Safety -

It's that time again, time to spring forward into daylight savings time. This Sunday, March 11, 2012 will be the time to set your clocks forward one hour. It is also time to replace the batteries in your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors. It may seem like a bother, but it is one of the most cost effective forms of life safety insurance that you can have. On March 3rd of this year, two adults and two children died in an early morning house fire in Ohio. Fire investigators were quoted as saying "No working smoke detectors were found."



Did you know that 96% of the homes in the United States have smoke detectors but that in 23% of these homes the smoke detectors don't work primarily because of missing or dead batteries. Here in California, we have all witnessed the incredible wild land fires and extreme flames that sometimes reach to more than 200 feet in height. Yet as dangerous and deadly as these fires can be, 83% of civilian fire fatalities in the United States happen in home fires. Fires are one of the leading causes of death for children and the majority of those killed die in home fires. The peak hours for deadly home fires are between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. when people are most vulnerable. The deadly fire last week in Ohio occurred at 3:30 a.m.

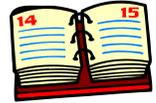
Carbon monoxide is a silent killer and California Law requires homeowners to install carbon monoxide detectors in every California home. Carbon monoxide (CO) is a colorless, odorless gas that is produced from heaters, fireplaces, furnaces and many types of appliances and cooking devices.

CAL FIRE San Bernardino Unit Chief Tim McClelland says "for the cost of a few batteries, you can protect your family from the dangers of

fire and carbon monoxide. It's an investment in safety, it's an investment in life."

For more information about smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors you can go to www.fire.ca.gov. or <http://www.nfpa.org>.

Mark Your Calendar



Tuesday, March 13, 2012

8:30am - Public Safety Subcommittee Meeting, Upright Conference Room
2pm - Finance Subcommittee Meeting, Upright Conference Room
4:15pm - Public Facilities Subcommittee Meeting, Upright Conference Room
6pm - Regular City Council Meeting, Council Chambers

Wednesday, March 14, 2012

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

Tuesday, March 20, 2012

Planning Commission Meeting - Canceled

Wednesday, March 21, 2012

4pm - Public Nuisance Hearing Board Special Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Thursday, March 22, 2012

7:30am to 1pm *Entries Accepted
1:30pm to 3pm *Judging
Baking Contest (Citrus Harvest Festival) Highland City Hall - 27215 Baseline

Saturday, March 24, 2012

8am to 12 Noon - Registration at 7:30am
Highland Improvement Team Cleanup, Meet at Community Cross Church - 6955 Palm Avenue

Monday, March 26, 2012

1:30pm to 6:30pm - Highland Community Blood Drive, Jerry Lewis Community Center - 7793 Central Avenue

Tuesday, March 27, 2012

6pm - Regular City Council Meeting, 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 - Friday, April 6, 2012

12pm to 1pm - Public Safety Appreciation Week - POTLUCK LUNCHEONS:

- Tuesday 4/3/12: Highland Police Station - 26985 Baseline
- Wednesday 4/4/12: Fire Station #1 - 26974 Baseline (west)
- Thursday, 4/5/12: Fire Station #2 - 29507 Baseline (east)
- Friday, 4/6/12: Fire Station #3 - 7649 Sterling

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 City's Natural Parkland near the eastern terminus of Base Line. Guided Tours from 8am - 8:30am.

Tuesday, April 24, 2012

6pm - Regular City Council Meeting, Council Chambers

Tuesday, May 1, 2012

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Tuesday, May 8, 2012

6pm - Regular City Council Meeting, Council Chambers

Thursday, May 10, 2012

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

Tuesday, May 15, 2012

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Tuesday, May 22, 2012

6pm - Regular City Council Meeting, Council Chambers

Monday, May 28, 2012

Memorial Day Observed - City Offices are closed

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