

City of Highland Weekly Report



March 24, 2016

Community Development



The Citrus Harvest Festival is celebrating its 20th Year!!!

2016 will mark the 20th 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.

There will be numerous vendors, citrus-themed Coloring, Poetry and Citrus Label Design Contests. Residents can enjoy a Historic Home Tour, Antique & Classic Car Show, Costume and Citrus Growing Contests. Live entertainment will be non-stop including three (3) local School bands and dancers.

Remember to visit
**Volunteer Services in
Booth#34**
Palm Avenue and Main Street

The Festival is scheduled for March 26, 2016, from 10:00 am to 3:30 pm. in the Highland Historic District at the intersection of Palm Avenue and Main Street up to Pacific Street. For more information, contact Kim Stater at (909) 864-8732 Extension 204 or the Events Section of the City's Website at www.cityofhighland.org/Events.



Community Development

DEVELOPMENT AND NEW BUSINESS CORNER

18 NEW HOUSING UNITS SOLD BEFORE CONSTRUCTION:

Glenrose Ranch (Richmond American Homes) location at the n/e corner of Greenspot Road and Boulder Avenue is finishing up their model home complex and some of the final site work will be finished this week. The City recently issued building permits for Phases 1 and 2, totally 18 new residential units. According to a project representative all 18 units have been sold although construction has not yet started. When completed, this gated motor court residential community will be home to **120** new Highland families.



MAKING ROOM FOR NEW HIGHLAND RESIDENTS:

Highland Hills (Diversified Pacific Homes) located on the s/e corner of Water Street and Aplin Street across from Cram Elementary School finished their first phase of 9 homes including 4 model homes and now 5 families are calling Highland home. The second phase will include **69** new homes. The existing orange grove and structures have been removed from the property and rough grading will start in a couple of weeks. Diversified Pacific Home informed the City that they have completed updates to their home plans as directed by the City's Planning Commission, and will be submitting construction plans to the City of plan check in a couple of weeks.

Repete's Wisdom of the Week

GET YOUR FREE COMPOST ON APRIL 9, 2016

Highland residents this is an opportunity for you to tackle those lawn and garden projects for spring. The City of Highland Public Services Division and Burrtec Waste Industries, Inc. are teaming up to host a one-day compost give-a-way. Join us on **April 9, 2016** from **8:00am to 12:00 (noon)** at **Highland City Hall (27215 Base Line)** to pick up your FREE compost.

Here is how it works:

Open to Highland Residents ONLY (proof of residency will be required).

This is a self-service program, therefore participants must provide their own shovels and assistance to load their vehicles.

Available on a first come first serve basis.

Wait time could be up to 2 hours.

A tarp is recommended for open bed trucks or trailers.

City reserves the right to end the event at any time due to product availability.

Compost can be used as a soil additive in gardens and flower beds to give plants additional nutrients and acts as a natural fertilizer. Compost helps grow stronger, healthier flowers, plants and vegetables.

For more information on this event please call the Public Services Division at 909-864-8732 ext. 271.

HOW DOES COMPOST HELP IMPROVE SOIL CONDITIONS?

Soil Amendment

Compost provides many chemical, physical, and biological benefits to the soil. First, compost supplies nutrients essential to plant growth. Compost contains small amounts of nitrogen, which is often the missing soil element for optimum plant growth. Compost supplies many other plant-essential elements such as phosphorus, potassium, calcium, sulfur, and micro-nutrients.

Soil structure—the arrangement of the solid parts of the soil and the pore space between them—is critical to how the soil functions. Organic matter causes soil to clump and form soil aggregates, which improves soil structure. With better soil structure, permeability (infiltration of water through the soil) improves, in turn improving the soil's ability to take up and hold water.

Water-Holding Capacity and Drought Conservation

Research has demonstrated that compost can allow soil to hold up to 30% more water, which can significantly help during periods of drought and provide more efficient water utilization overall. Compost is comprised of 50% organic matter, which has relatively large surface areas (in comparison to other soil particles), and strong adhesive forces, which significantly increase the amount of water it can hold. More water stays in the root zone, for a longer period of time, where it is needed by the plants the most.

Mulching may be even more important to conserving water. A thick layer of mulch on top of soil reduces the need for watering in the following ways:

- It reduces soil temperature fluctuations.
- It reduces the effect of winds on soil moisture.
- It smothers weeds, which compete for water and nutrients.
- It protects soil organisms from the elements.



Organisms and What They Do

- **Bacteria:** Feed on organic matter, store and cycle nitrogen, and decompose pesticides.
- **Fungi:** Up to 3,000 species of fungi are in the soil. Some feed on dead organic matter like crop residues that are more difficult to break down. Others are parasites that attack other microbes. Some fan out from the root to get more nutrients and hold more water for the plant, delivering nutrients to the plant in exchange for carbon.
- **Protozoa:** Eat bacteria, fungi, and algae. When they eat bacteria, their main food source, they unlock nitrogen that's released into the soil environment slowly. They convert organic nitrogen to inorganic nitrogen that's available to plants.
- **Mites:** Decompose and shred organic matter as an important part of the nitrogen cycle.
- **Nematodes:** These microscopic worms are an important part of the nitrogen cycle. Most are non-pathogenic and don't cause disease. They eat other organisms in the soil.
- **Earthworms:** Expel partially decomposed organic matter, produce nutrient-rich casts, and make lubricated tunnels that aid soil structure and water movement in the soil.

For more information please visit: <http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Organics/CompostMulch/BenefitsOf.htm>

FINANCE

Commercial Business License Applications

There were no new commercial Business Licenses for the week of 3/21/16 to 3/25/16

GRAFFITI REMOVAL REPORT



During the period of March 14, 2016 through March 18, 2016, graffiti was made known to Public Works staff by the following means and removed:

Routine: Del Rosa Avenue and 9th Street, Golondrina and 9th, 6th and Cunningham Street, Ward Street Alley, Atlantic and Boulder, 9th Street and Lankershim, North side of 9th Street to East of Elmwood, 9th Street and Elmwood, 9th Street and Del Rosa Drive, 26149 Base Line east bound, East Bound at Eucalyptus, Union and Elmwood, West side of Victoria to North of 14th Street, F&T Market on 14th Street and Victoria, South side of Base Line, 25308 Base Line, 6th Street and Victoria, North east corner to Southeast corner to Northwest corner of 6th Street and Victoria.

Hotline: Webster and Cherokee Rose, Base Line and Palm, Palm and 9th Street, 26187 Base Line.

FIRE OPEN HOUSE

Fire Station #2 will host their annual Open House on Saturday, April 9, 2016 from 9am to 2pm. This is always a fun filled day, both for the kids and adults. Come down and meet your local firefighters, tour the facility and sit in a real fire truck. There will also be important information available to residents regarding fire prevention and safety, games and refreshments. Fire Station #2 is located at 29507 Base Line (east) in Highland. Hope to see you there!

Questions or information, please contact Fire Station #2 at 909-862-1760.



Emergency Preparedness - Water

In a disaster, water supplies may be cut off or contaminated. Store enough water for everyone in your family to last **for at least 3 days**.

- Store one gallon of water per person, per day. Three gallons per person per day will give you enough to drink and for limited cooking and personal hygiene. Remember to plan for pets.

If you store tap water:

- Tap water from a municipal water system can be safely stored without additional treatment.
- Store water in food grade plastic containers, such as clean 2-liter soft drink bottles. Heavy duty, reusable plastic water containers are also available at sporting goods stores. Empty milk bottles are not recommended because their lids do not seal well and bottles may develop leaks.
- Label and store in a cool, dark place.
- Replace water at least once every six months.



If you buy commercially bottled “spring” or “drinking” water:

- Keep water in its original container, and don't re-store a bottle once it's been opened.
- Store in a cool, dark place.
- If bottles are not marked with the manufacturer's expiration date, label with the date and replace bottles at least once per year.

Treating Water after Disaster:

If you run out of stored drinking water, strain and treat water from your water heater or the toilet reservoir tank (except if you use toilet tank cleaners). Swimming pool or spa water should not be consumed but you can use it for flushing toilets or washing.

Treatment Process:

Strain any large particles of dirt by pouring the water through layers of paper towels or clean cloth. Next, purify the water one of two ways:

- **Boil** – bring to a rolling boil and maintain for 3-5 minutes. After the water cools, pour it back and forth between two clean containers to add oxygen back; this will improve its taste.
- **Disinfect** – If the water is clear, add 8 drops (1/8 teaspoon) of bleach per gallon of water. If it is cloudy, add 16 drops (1/4 teaspoon) per gallon. Make sure you are using regular bleach— 5.25% percent sodium hypochlorite— rather than the “ultra” or “color safe” bleaches. Shake or stir, then let stand 30 minutes. A slight chlorine taste and smell is normal.

For more information on disaster preparedness, please visit www.ready.gov or www.72hours.org.

VOLUNTEER SERVICES

BLOOD DRIVE

Highland had another successful Blood Drive! Twenty-eight donors signed in to give back to the community by donating blood. Donors received a free movie pass to Krikorian for their selfless donation as well as points to use for LifeStream’s online store.



Currently, there is a shortage of all blood types 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.

Did you miss the March drive? Don’t worry; you have another chance to donate in May. Our next Highland Blood Drive is Monday, May 23, 2016. 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** to make your **appointment** for the May Blood Drive and for more information!

HIGHLAND

IMPROVEMENT TEAM

The Highland Improvement Team did an awesome job this past Saturday at our annual Historic District cleanup. Every year, the Highland Improvement Team spruces up Highland’s historic neighborhood in preparation for the Annual Citrus Harvest Festival. Volunteers trimmed shrubs, pulled weeds, picked up palm fronds and litter, raked out gutters and swept sidewalks! The streets are in tip-top shape for the festival this Saturday.



Thank you to all who volunteered their time. The Highland Improvement Team was joined by volunteers from many different community groups including the Highland Kiwanis Club, Highland LDS Church, Highland Lions Club, Highland Woman’s Club, Pacific Key Club, San G Key Club as well as members of the Highland Historic & Cultural Preservation Board and City staff.

Come out and join the Highland Improvement Team next month on Saturday, April 16, 2016 for your chance to spruce up our community!

For more information about the HIT or to sign-up for the April cleanup, contact Denise Moreno, Volunteer Services Coordinator, at 909-864-6861 Ext.203.



Calendar Of Events



March 26, 2016

Citrus Harvest Festival
10:00am to 3:30pm

Saturday, April 9, 2016

8am to 11am — 22nd Annual Community Trails Day
www.cityofhighland/events

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

9am to 2pm — Open House
Fire Station #2 - 29507 Base Line

April 12, 2016

6pm — City Council Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

April 16, 2016

8am to 12pm—Highland Improvement Team
April Cleanup

April 26, 2016

6pm — City Council Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

May 10, 2016

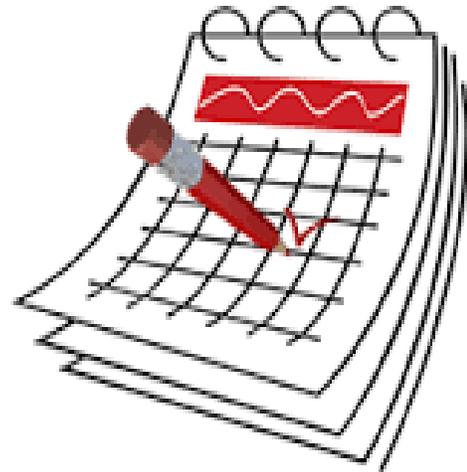
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May 23, 2016

Highland Blood Drive

May 24, 2016

6pm — City Council Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers



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