



City of Highland Weekly Report

March 28, 2013

Public Safety Appreciation Week April 2 - April 5, 2013

Volunteer Services

Public Safety Appreciation Week...POTLUCK CELEBRATION! Tuesday, April 2, 2013 - Friday, April 5, 2013. The City of Highland will be honoring our Police and Fire Personnel during the City's Annual Public Safety Appreciation Week. Each day during the week, the City will host a potluck luncheon at one of the stations. The festivities begin



on Tuesday at the Highland Police Station, followed by Fire Station #1 on Wednesday, Fire Station #2 on Thursday and Fire Station #3 on Friday. Community members, businesses and organizations are invited to join us at one or all four lunches. Please come out and show your support by contributing a favorite dish to share and by staying to enjoy lunch among Highland's Police and Fire personnel. This is just a small way we can show our gratitude for their commitment to our community...everyday.

The DATES and SCHEDULES are as follows:
LUNCH - 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm with Food Prep - 11:00 am to 12:00 pm

Tuesday, April 2, 2013 - Highland Police Station - 26985 Base Line - 909-425-9793

Wednesday, April 3, 2013 - Fire Station #1 - 26974 Base Line (west) - 909-862-3031

Thursday, April 4, 2013 - Fire Station #2 - 29507 Base Line (east) - 909-862-1760

Friday, April 5, 2013 - Fire Station #3 - 7649 Sterling Avenue - 909-884-4100

To find out more information, please contact Volunteer Services Coordinator, Denise Moreno at 909-864-6861 extension 203.

Citrus Harvest Festival - The 17th Annual Citrus Harvest Festival is this Saturday, March 30, 2013 from 10:00am to 3:30pm in the Historic District located on Palm and Main. Please visit Volunteer Services at **Booth #32** to find out how you can volunteer in Highland! See you there!

Highland Blood Drive,
Donors receive a Panera Bread gift certificate!

Highland had over forty members of the community come in to donate blood this past Monday. Each donor received a 3oz yogurt from Brain Freeze in Highland, a \$10 coupon to Panera Bread and a discount coupon for Knott's Soak City. Thanks to



these dedicated donors, LifeStream received 32 units of blood to add to the demand of the community.

Please consider becoming a donor...Right now, blood donations is crucial in our area. All types of blood are needed especially Type O-negative. 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.

The next blood drive is Monday, May 20, 2013 at the Highland Police Station - 26985 Base Line, from 1:30pm to 6:30pm. Hope to see you there! Contact Volunteer Services at 909-864-6861 extension 203 to find out more information.

Highland Improvement Team - Volunteers were hard at work on Saturday, March 23rd. They cleared the neighborhood gutters of trash and weeds, mowed lawns, weeded sidewalks and helped neighbors haul bulky items away. Way to go volunteers! The historic district is ready for this Saturday's 17th Annual Citrus Harvest Festival!

New Volunteers Always WELCOME! To sign up for this cleanup or for more information regarding the Highland Improvement Team, please contact Volunteer Services at 909-864-6861 extension 203.

Community Development

The Citrus Harvest Festival is THIS SATURDAY!!! Staff has been very busy working on the 17th 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

inclusive of a citrus-themed Coloring, Poetry and Citrus Label Design Contests and announcing the winners.

Residents will be able to enjoy a Historic Home Tour, Antique & Classic Car Show, Costume and Citrus Growing Contests and there will live entertainment scheduled throughout the day. Come join us because the Historic District will be filled with crafters, shopping, delicious food, kids' games and rides and lots of area residents. The Festival is scheduled for this Saturday, March 30, 2013, from 10:00am to 3:30pm. in the Highland Historic District at the intersection of Palm Avenue and Main Street up to Pacific Street

For more information, about the Festival, please contact Kim Stater at (909) 864-8732 Extension 204. You may also visit the City's Website at www.cityofhighland.org under the Events Section. Hope to see you there!!!

The Community Trails Day Event is TWO WEEKS AWAY!!! You are invited to participate in the City of Highland Community Trails Committee's 19th Annual Trails Day Event, to be held on Saturday, April 13, 2013. This year, the City will be utilizing the City of Highland's Natural Parkland Staging Area near the easterly terminus on the north side of Base Line, approximately 375 linear feet east of Brookwood Lane, in the City of Highland.

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. For more information, about the Trails Day Event, please contact Assistant Planner, Sean Kelleher, at (909) 864-8732 Extension 210 or drop by the Community Trails Booth No. 22 at the Citrus Harvest Festival on Saturday, March 30th. You may also visit the City's Website at www.cityofhighland.org under the Events Section.

Engineering

Base Line Town Center Beautification Construction Update. The Contractor completed installation of electrical and irrigation conduit on the medians the entire length of the project. They have started with concrete removals on the south side of Base Line between Cole Avenue and Palm Avenue. Water services were completed by EVWD on the north side of Base Line at Bonita Drive, site of the new Family Dollar store. Next week, parkway removals will continue in order for electrical and irrigation conduit to be installed on the south side of Base Line between Cole Avenue and Palm Avenue. There has been a slight delay with Edison installing the median lights but coordination will be made to set a date for Edison to begin construction of the foundation for the median lights. Finally, this is a friendly reminder for motorists to please observe reduced posted speed limit on Base Line within the construction limits. The City thanks you for your continued patience during construction of this project.

Public Services

Repete's Wisdom of the Week - Get Your FREE Compost on April 6, 2013. 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 one day compost give-a-way. Join us on **April 6, 2013** from **8:00am to 12:00 (noon)** at **Highland City Hall (27215 Baseline)** 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
- A tarp is recommended for open bed truck 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 contact Public Services Coordinator, Andrea A. Saavedra at 909-864-8732 ext 271.

How Do I Drain My Pool Properly? Swimming pools and hot tubs are enjoyable and also popular in the City of Highland, but they must be maintained properly to ensure that harsh pool chemicals aren't allowed to enter the street!

If yours is not treated through the sanitation system, follow these simple tips for proper disposal of hot tub and pool water:

- **De-chlorinate** - Chlorine naturally dissipates over time and should be completely gone if the water is left standing for 3-5 days. Use a pool testing kit prior to discharge to ensure the concentration of chlorine is zero.
- **Check pH** - determine the pH of the pool water before discharge on your own or ask your pool maintenance company to check it for you. It should be between 6.5 and 8.5.

- **Free and clear** - Make certain the water is free of any discoloration, dirt or algae.
- **Use your grass** - When discharging to a grassy area, the flow should be controlled so it doesn't cause any erosion problems or enter a neighbor's property.

For questions regarding pool/ spa draining or how you can help keep pollutants from entering our storm drain system, please contact Andrea Saavedra, Public Services Coordinator at 909-864-8732 ext 271.

Library News



It's a month long Earth Day celebration at the Highland Sam J. Racadio Library & Environmental Learning Center!

Weekly Programs -

Thursdays at 4:00pm- Crafts and projects
 April 4: From Scraps to Elegance: Papermaking
 April 11: Tree's Company Puppet Show
 April 18: Up-cycled Treasure Box
 April 25: Recycled Sculpture

Every Friday at 3:30pm- Animal Ambassadors featuring the following:

April 5: Stick-It-To-You! Walking Sticks
 Insects
 April 12: Hiss or Miss: Madagascar Hissing Cockroaches
 April 19: Slip-Slidin' Away: Incredible Snakes
 April 26: Furry Friends with Fabulous Fur

Other Programs -

Friday, April 19th - Fifth Annual Earth Day Celebration. Join us from 2-4:30pm and learn how to lessen your impact on the Earth, Water use, and Air quality and prevent Fires by visiting all of the free interactive booths and activities throughout the children's library and the rooftop gardens.

4:30pm - Teen Eco-Poetry Slam in the Community Room

Saturday, April 20th - The University of California Cooperative Extension Master Gardeners will present 2 workshops: 9-12 pm: Sustainable Landscapes and 1-4 pm: Edible Landscapes

The Main Event - Monday, April 22nd - 2013 Eco Finale! 4:00pm to 7:00pm

4:00-6:00 Interactive stations: Eco Button Making, Newspaper Origami Planters, Glimmer Body Art, Temporary body tattoos that sparkle

4:00-6:00 Garden Stroll & Refreshments, stroll through the beautiful gardens and view the turtle and tortoise habitats. While there, enjoy popcorn and cotton candy as you enjoy the rooftop views.

Performer - 6:15-7pm - Annie Banannie

Book Displays - Don't forget to check out the special Earth Day book displays which feature books recommended by the Earth Day Network for kids in grades K-8!

Finance

Commercial Business License Applications - There were no new commercial business license applications for the week of 3/25/13 to 3/29/13.

Public Works

Graffiti Report: During the period of 3/11/13 - 3/21/13, graffiti made known to Public Works staff, by the following means, was removed: **Reported to Hotline:** 5th/Central; 7875 Bonnie; 26710 5th; 7190 Olive; **Routine Observation by Public Works:** North side of Base Line (west bound) to Guthrie; bathroom at Aurantia Park; McKinley/Base Line; Victoria/Base

Line, Base Line/San Francisco to Cunningham; Pacific/Palm; Mira Vista/Base Line; across from 7750 Palm; "3D Donuts" at 27303 Base Line; Powell/Church; Fleming/Bonnie; Bonnie/6th; Sterling s/o Jane; Palm/Villa; Palm/Main; Olive/Base Line; across from 26091 Base Line; Fisher/Sterling, "Jolly Boys Store" on Sterling; 25899 Base Line; 26049 Base Line; 26167 Base Line; Vine/Base Line, Central/14th; 26330 Base Line; westbound Base Line to Victoria; Seeley Ct. to Sterling; Hibiscus/Lillian; 7000 Central; 27032 Cypress; north side of Cypress westbound to Central; east side of Sterling n/o 13th; 25308 Base Line; 7th/Del Rosa Ave.; Del Rosa/9th; Central s/o 13th; Vine/13th; Cal Disposal on 6th St.; Lankershim; Base Line/Elmwood; Sterling n/o Jane.

Administration

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.

Mark Your Calendar



Saturday, March 30, 2013

10am - 3:30pm - Citrus Harvest Festival, located in the Highland Historic District at the intersection of Palm Avenue and Main Street up to Pacific Street

Tuesday, April 2, 2013

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers
Public Safety Appreciation Week - Potluck Lunch
12:00pm to 1:00pm, Highland Police Station, 26985 Base Line

Wednesday, April 3, 2013

Public Safety Appreciation Week - Potluck Lunch
12:00pm to 1:00pm, Fire Station #1, 26974 Base Line

Thursday, April 4, 2013

Public Safety Appreciation Week - Potluck Lunch
12:00pm to 1:00pm, Fire Station #2, 29507 Base Line
5pm - Historic and Cultural Preservation Regular meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Friday, April 5, 2013

Public Safety Appreciation Week - Potluck Lunch
12:00pm to 1:00pm, Fire Station #3, 7649 Sterling

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

6pm - Regular City Council Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers
Community Trails Committee Regular Meeting has been cancelled

Thursday, April 11, 2013

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

Saturday, April 13, 2013

8:30am - The 19th Community Trails Day Event - Save the Date!!! Location is to be at the City's Natural Parkland near the eastern terminus on

the north side of Base Line, approximately 375 linear feet east of Brookwood Lane.
9am to 2pm - Open House at Fire Station #1 - 26974 Base Line, Highland

Tuesday, April 16, 2013

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Saturday, April 20, 2013

8am to Noon - Highland Improvement Team Cleanup, Highland City Hall - 27215 Base Line

Tuesday, April 23, 2013

6pm - Regular City Council Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Thursday, April 25, 2013

Time: TBA, Arbor Day Tree Planting Ceremony
Highland Community Park 27003 Hibiscus

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Thursday, May 9, 2013

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

Tuesday, May 14, 2013

6pm - Regular City Council Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Tuesday, May 21, 2013

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Monday, May 27, 2013

Memorial Day Observance - City Offices are closed

Tuesday, May 28, 2013

6pm - Regular City Council Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

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