

City of Highland

Weekly Report



April 1, 2016

Redlands Bicycle Classic is Back!

The City of Highland will be hosting Stage 1 and Stage 3 of the Redlands Bicycle Classic this year.

Stage 1 - Highland Circuit Race will take place on **Wednesday, April 6th** and **Stage 3 - Greenspot Time Trial** will take place on **Friday, April 8th**. Each stage will require some streets be closed to all but emergency vehicles, local residents and businesses while the races are in progress. This effort is to provide both a safe racing environment for the participants, while causing a minimum of inconvenience to residents and business owners/patrons.

Here is some important race day information:

- ⇒ Cyclists will be traveling along the race route at various times during the race. **You are encouraged to watch and enjoy the competition.** Spectators may walk along the roadways to see and enjoy all aspects of this exciting event. Please feel free to encourage these athletes in their quest to reach the finish line!
- ⇒ If you anticipate leaving your business or residence during race time, please expect the possibility of a delay until the course is clear of cyclists. At that time **you will be allowed onto the course in the direction of the race and asked to exit the course as soon as possible.** If you have a particular problem while getting to a location, please contact the nearest Police Officer or other traffic official.
- ⇒ If at all possible, please park your vehicle on a street off of the course. This will enable you to quickly exit the area.
- ⇒ To reduce the inconvenience to motorists, Race Marshals have been placed in various locations throughout the course to assist you in getting around. It is most important that any vehicle departures from a driveway onto the race course be assisted by a Race Marshal.
- ⇒ **Loose dogs on a bicycle course present a significant threat to cyclists traveling at speeds in excess of 50 miles an hour.** Please insure that your pet is controlled throughout the event. Please alert gardeners and special delivery people of the potential delays that may be encountered along the race course.



ROAD CLOSURES / NO PARKING INFORMATION

Wednesday 4/6/16 – Highland Circuit Race

6:00 am-5:00 pm

Eastbound Baseline Street between Streater Avenue and Church Street will be closed.
Westbound Baseline Street will be reduced to one lane in this location (Immanuel Baptist Church access will be via the Streater Avenue driveway only).
Greenspot Road and Highland Avenue are the best alternate routes.

8:00 am-3:00 pm

Jack Rabbit Lane between Church Street and Foxtail Way
Foxtail Way between Jack Rabbit Lane and Glenheather Drive
Glenheather Drive between Foxtail Way and Tonner Drive
Tonner Drive between Glenheather Drive and Orange Street
Orange Street between Tonner Drive and Sycamore Drive
Sycamore Drive between Orange Street and Webster Street
Webster Street between Sycamore Drive and Baseline Street

8:05 am-2:00 pm

Church Street between Baseline Road and Greenspot Road will be closed in both directions
Arroyo Verde traffic (including Kindergarten pickup/drop-off) should access the lower parking lot using northbound Church Street from Greenspot Road. Church Street will reopen as soon as the race ends to facilitate end-of-school dismissal.

Friday 4/8/16 – Greenspot Time Trial

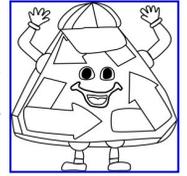
8:00 am-4:00 pm

Greenspot Road from San Benito Street to Highway 38 will be closed to through traffic

Please visit www.redlandsclassic.com for a complete list of Race Schedules, road closures, no parking schedules, along with any additional information that you might be interested in. If you have questions or concerns please contact the Redlands Bicycle Classic at info@redlandsclassic.com.



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.

Engineering

Highland Hills Grading Begins

Rough grading work is scheduled to begin the first week of April, 2016, on the vacant property which is bounded by Water Street on the north, Aplin Street to the west, North Fork Road to the east and Santa Ana Canyon Road to the south. Pre-watering of the lower portion of the site began on Friday, March 25, 2016, and is expected to last about 8 continuous days, then, pre-watering of the upper portion of the site will begin on Monday, April 2, 2016, and continue for another 7 continuous days.

Pre-watering is necessary in order to loosen the soil and to mitigate dust during grading operations. After pre-watering, the rough grading work will be performed to establish grade for the future street and level "pads" for housing construction and is expected to take about 4 to 6 weeks. This project, which is the second phase of the subdivision known as Highland Hills, will consist of 69 lots for single family residential units.

Public Services

Composting At Home

Compost is organic material that can be added to soil to help plants grow. Food scraps and yard waste currently make up 20 to 30 percent of what we throw away, and should be composted instead. Making compost keeps these materials out of landfills where they take up space and release methane, a potent greenhouse gas.

Recipe for Composting — There are four basic ingredients for composting: nitrogen, carbon, water, and air. The easiest compost recipe calls for:

- * Layering or mixing roughly 1 part green material (which is high in nitrogen) and 3 parts brown or dry material (which is high in carbon) in a pile or enclosure.
- * Watering.
- * Turning to add air.
- * Letting microorganisms and insects break down the material over time.

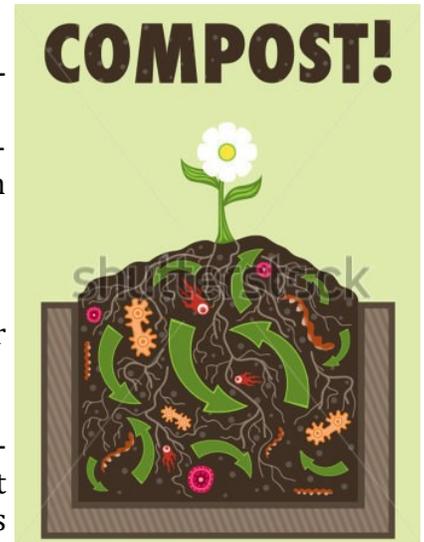
Nitrogen — Green materials such as grass clippings, landscape trimmings, and garden waste are ideal sources of nitrogen (once they dry out they become a carbon source). Vegetable and fruit trimmings and peels can also provide nitrogen. To reduce the potential for pests or odors, it is best to avoid meat or dairy scraps and to bury other food scraps deep within the compost pile.

Carbon — Brown (dry) yard and garden material such as dry leaves, twigs, or hay can provide the carbon balance for a compost pile. Chop or shred large pieces to 12 inches or shorter (thick, woody branches should be chipped, ground up, or left out). Untreated wood chips and sawdust are a powerful carbon source which may be useful if the pile contains excess nitrogen.

Water - Your compost pile should be “moist as a wrung-out sponge.” A moisture content of 40 to 60 percent is preferable. To test for adequate moisture, reach into your compost pile, grab a handful of material, and squeeze it; if a few drops of water come out, the pile probably has enough moisture; if not, add water.

When you water, it is best to put a hose into the pile so that you aren't just wetting the top. You can also water as you are turning the pile. During dry weather, you may have to add water regularly. During wet weather, you may need to cover your pile. A properly constructed compost pile will drain excess water and not become soggy.

Air — The bacteria and fungi that are in your compost pile need oxygen to live and work. If your pile is too dense or becomes too wet, the air supply to the inside is cut off and the beneficial organisms die. To avoid odor and speed the process, turn and fluff the pile with a pitch fork. You can also turn the pile by just re-piling it into a new pile. Many compost bins come apart to make re-piling easier. You simply move the bin and re-pile your material back into it.



Size— Ideally, the compost pile should be at least three feet wide by three feet deep by three feet tall (one cubic yard). This size provides enough food and insulation to keep the organisms warm and happy and working hard.

How to Tell When it's Done - Your compost is finished when the original material has been transformed into a uniform, dark brown, crumbly product with a pleasant, earthy aroma. It should no longer heat up when turned. There may be a few chunks of woody material left; these can be screened out and put back into a new pile. You may want to stop adding to your compost pile after it gets to optimal size and start a new pile so that your first pile can finish decomposing (during which time the temperature will drop).

Give it a Try! - Home composting is best learned by doing. Through practice and observation, you will find what works best for your home situation, and you can modify the process to suit your needs.

For more information of composting at home please visit: <http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/homecompost/> and <https://www.epa.gov/recycle/composting-home>



FINANCE

Commercial Business License Applications

There was one new commercial Business Licenses for the week of 3/28/16 to 4/1/16

Cali Arts located at 7750 Palm Avenue, Suite E

Planning

City of Highland's
22nd Annual Community Trails Day
Saturday, April 9, 2016
(8:00a.m to 11:00 a.m.)

Community Trails Day – The City of Highland will be hosting their 22nd Annual Community Trails Day event at the proposed Harmony Specific Plan project site, on the east side of the City, on Saturday, April 9, 2016, from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. with access to the site at the north end of Emerald Avenue by way of Greenspot Rd., Florida St., Garnet Ave., and Newport Ave. This year's event permits special access onto the project site where attendees will enjoy the surrounding mountains and views of the canyons and the Santa Ana river corridor that flows through our City.

This area was once home to several private and commercial agricultural (citrus) ranches. By the 1960s agricultural activities had declined considerably, and in the following decades most of the groves and crops had been abandoned. In the early 1990s portions of the property were used as borrow sites for materials needed to construct the Seven Oaks Dam. After completion of the dam, borrow activities ceased and the property has been vacant since that time and awaiting a reuse.

That reuse proposed is the Harmony Specific Plan with includes an extensive network of trails and paseos throughout the proposed community. The trails traversing the open space area have been chosen for this year Trails Day event. Hiking will begin in the area with mostly gentle sloping and rolling terrain leading into moderate to steep sloping terrain to the north and northeast.

The three trails selected are of various lengths and intensity for Trails Day visitors to walk or ride with trail bikes. The shortest trail, at approximately 1.8 miles, leads to a breathtaking lookout over the river corridor and valley. The central trail will take you directly up to the north ridge and toward the lookout (approximately 3.5 miles) while the perimeter trail makes a 5.25-mile trek easterly through the rolling hills them up along the northern ridge (Morton Front Line trail) with unobstructed vistas of the valley. All three trails lead to the lookout vista point (and future park site) affording breathtaking views of the Old Iron Bridge, Seven Oaks Dam, the confluences of Mill Creek and the Santa Ana River and the City of Highland.

HIKING TRAIL



These trails will take hikers into the wilds of the natural open space adjacent and into the San Bernardino National Forest. All attendees are asked to stay on the trails. As with all outdoor excursions, those participating should be prepared with good shoes, water, sun protection, and always vigilant for wild-life on the trail. For more information, contact Tom Thornsley at the City of Highland at (909) 864-6861 or visit the City's Website at <http://www.cityofhighland/Events/>.

BLOOD DRIVE



There is a shortage of available O-Negative blood. For this reason, LifeStream has set up a special incentive program specifically for O-Negative donors. Details can be found on the LifeStream website www.LStream.org or by contacting Volunteer Services.

Mark your calendar! Donate blood in Highland at our next Community Blood Drive on 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!

FIRE STATION #2 OPEN HOUSE

Fire Station #2 will host their annual Open House next 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.



VOLUNTEER SERVICES



Have you heard about the Highland Improvement Team? The Highland Improvement Team, otherwise known as H.I.T., may be able to help you with some much needed work around the house. We can help with home projects such as yard clean-ups, minor landscaping and garage clean outs. There are only three easy ways to qualify for a H.I.T. clean-up you must (1) be a Highland resident 55 years and older or disabled, (2) you must own the project home and (3) you must reside in the project home.

Clean ups are scheduled on the third Saturday of each month from 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon. Selected cleanup sites must utilize the allotted four-hour time slot to qualify.

If you would like to find out how you can qualify for a HIT cleanup, contact Denise Moreno, Volunteer Services Coordinator, at (909) 864-6861 ext. 203.

Come out and join the Highland Improvement Team next month on Saturday, April 16, 2016 for your chance to spruce up our community! Interested Volunteers can sign that morning from 7:30am to 8:00am at Cypress Elementary School, 26825 Cypress. The cleanup is scheduled for 8:00am to 12:00 noon.

Contact Volunteer Services at 909-864-6861 extension 203 for more information or to sign-up for the April cleanup.



HEALTHY HIGHLAND

Highland YMCA – Nutrition Education Program
Free to the Community, please register at Highland YMCA.



The Highland YMCA is excited to offer a nutrition education program geared toward keeping families in our community healthy and active. Learn about meal planning, how to safely prepare foods and stretch your food budget. Each week participants will sample delicious nutritious meals. Sign up at the Highland YMCA today!

When: Tuesdays, April 5 – May 24, 2016
Time: 6pm – 7pm
Where: Room #2

For more information, contact Jamila Coulson, Wellness Director at 909-425-9622 ext. 210 or at the following email address: jcoulson@ymcaeastvalley.org Learn more about the YMCA's Healthy Living classes at www.ymcaeastvalley/programs/healthy-living-classes

Community Development

Planning Commission: At the March 31, 2016 special meeting, the Planning Commission considered the following items:

1. Adoption of the Harmony Specific Plan to Facilitate the Development of a Master Planned Community within the Seven Oaks Community Policy Area. Land Use Entitlements Include Certification of an Environmental Impact Report, Adoption of a General Plan Amendment, Zone Change, Specific Plan, Development Agreement, and Two Tentative Tract Maps.

The Planning Commission continued the item until April 19, 2016.



Public Works

During the period of March 21, 2016 through March 23, 2016, graffiti was made known to Public Works staff by the following means and removed:

Routine: South side of Base Line west of Webster, 25300 Base Line west of Elmwood, 25977 9th Street, Rogers Lane and 9th Street, 6th Street and Lankershim, 26158 6th Street, West side of Sterling and south of Fisher, Eucalyptus and 9th Street, 26178 9th Street, 25308 Base Line Street, Elmwood and Base Line Street, 9th Street and Del Rosa Drive, 9th Street and west of Golondrina, 9th Street and north of Golondrina, 25374 Base Line Drive, North side of 9th Street, 25652 9th Street, West side of Sterling to Jane, Mission Street to Wash, West side of Sterling to south side of Base Line, Sterling and 9th Street at Donut Shop.

Hotline: North side of Greenspot and Lowes.



ADMINISTRATION

Emergency Preparedness - Preparation for Seniors

The likelihood that you and your family will recover from an emergency tomorrow often depends on the planning and preparation done today. While each person's abilities and needs are unique, every individual can take steps to prepare for all kinds of emergencies. By evaluating your own personal needs and making an emergency plan that fits those needs, you and your loved ones can be better prepared. There are commonsense measures older Americans can take to start preparing for emergencies before they happen.

Create a network of neighbors, relatives, friends and co-workers to aid you in an emergency. Discuss your needs and make sure everyone knows how to operate necessary equipment. If appropriate, discuss your needs with your employer.

In addition to a regular emergency supplies kit, seniors should keep specialized items ready, including extra wheelchair batteries, oxygen, catheters, medication, food for service animals and any other items you might need. Keep a list of the type and model numbers of the medical devices you require, as well as medication. Be sure to make provisions for medications that require refrigeration. Make arrangements for any assistance to get to a shelter. For more information regarding emergency preparedness, please visit <http://www.ready.gov>



San Bernardino County Scam Alert

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) have expressed concern regarding recent scams associated with charitable donations. Countless swindlers pose as charitable organizations and try to obtain not only your donation, but often your personal information. Scam artists may offer inflated deduction values if you donate to their charity, this is a scam! Inflating charitable deduction values may result in a tax audit and associated fines.

The IRS and FTC suggest you do some research before you donate to ensure you are donating to a reputable cause and that your donation will benefit the group you intend. Be wary of telephone and email solicitors. Do not give them your personal information!

Consider these suggestions before you donate to charity:

- Never give our personal or financial information
- Never send cash, you will have no record it was received or for your taxes
- Donate to charities you know and trust
- Be alert for charities that sprung up overnight whenever there is a holiday or tragedy
- Check out the charity with the Better Business Bureau Wise Giving Alliance

If you think you may be a victim of a scam, contact San Bernardino County Adult Protective Services (APS) at 877-565-2020, or your local police department.

alendar of Events



April 5, 2016

6pm—Planning Commission Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

April 7, 2016

5pm— Historic Board Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Saturday, April 9, 2016

8am to 11am—22nd Annual Community Trails Day

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

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

April 12, 2016

6pm—City Council Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

April 14, 2016

6pm—Community Trails Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

April 16, 2016

8am to 12pm Noon — HIT Clean Up, Cypress Elementary School, 26825 Cypress, Highland

April 19, 2016

6pm—Planning Commission Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

April 26, 2016

6pm—City Council Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers.

May 3, 2016

6pm - Planning Commission Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

May 4, 2016

4pm—Public Nuisance Hearing Board Meeting Donahue Council Chambers

May 6, 2016

10 am— Community Oriented Problem Solving , location TBD

May 10, 2016

6pm—City Council Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

May 12, 2016

5pm — Community Trails Committee Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

May 17, 2016

6pm - Planning Commission Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

May 24, 2016

6pm—City Council Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

June 2, 2016

5pm—Historic Board Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

June 3, 2016

10 am—Community Oriented Problem Solving, location TBD

June 7, 2016

6pm — Planning Commission Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

June 9, 2016

5pm— Community Trails Committee Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

June 14, 2016

6pm— City Council Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

June 21, 2016

6pm — Planning Commission Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

June 28, 2016

6pm - City Council Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

