

# City of Highland

## Weekly Report



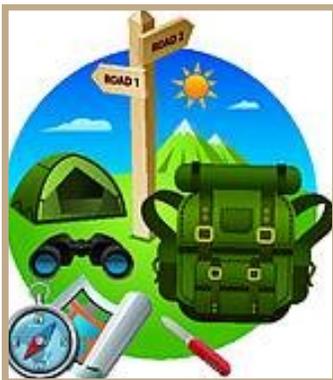
April 8, 2016

### Planning

The City of Highland will be hosting their 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

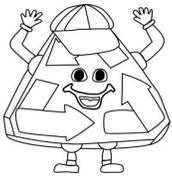
**22<sup>nd</sup> Annual  
Community Trails Day  
Saturday, April 9, 2016  
8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.**

That reuse proposed is the Harmony Specific Plan which 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 then 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 proposed 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.

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 be vigilant for wildlife on the trail. For more information, contact Tom Thornsley at (909) 864-6861 or visit the City's Website at <http://www.cityofhighland/Events/>.



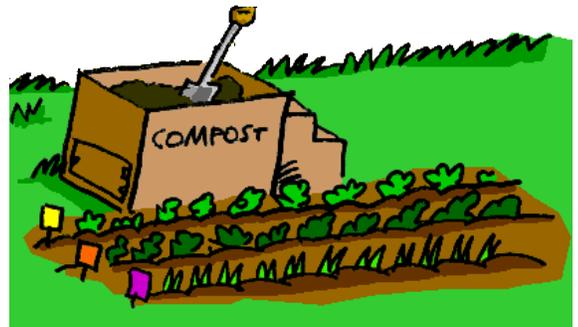
# Repete's Wisdom of the Week

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.

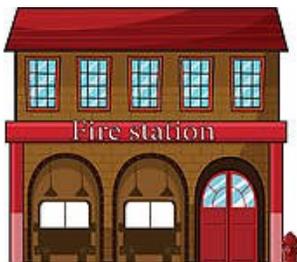
## Here is how it works:

- ◆ 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.



## **VOLUNTEER SERVICES**



### **FIRE STATION #2 OPEN HOUSE**

Fire Station #2 will host their annual Open House this 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

### THIRD ANNUAL COMMUNITY DAY OF SERVICE

**C**ome out and join the Highland Improvement Team and community members on Saturday, April 16, 2016 for your chance to spruce up Cypress Elementary! The service projects will include painting and minor landscaping refreshing. Individuals, families and groups of all ages are welcome to participate. All volunteers will sign in at Cypress Elementary School, 26825 Cypress. beginning at 7:00am. The service projects will take place from 8am to Noon. Volunteers will be provided with free lunch for their service. Parking is limited so carpooling is recommended! As supplies will be limited we encourage you to bring your own work gloves. Contact Volunteer Services at 909-864-6861 extension 203 for more information or to sign-up for the April cleanup.

## BLOOD DRIVE

**T**here 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](http://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](http://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*

**H**ave 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.

# HEALTHY HIGHLAND

## WORLD HEALTH DAY 2016: BEAT DIABETES

World Health Organization (WHO) calls for global or global action to halt rise in and improve care for people with diabetes.

Action needed to halt rise in diabetes -- The number of people living with diabetes has nearly quadrupled since 1980 to 422 million adults, with most living in developing countries. WHO is marking World Health Day, 7 April, by calling for action on diabetes. In its first "Global report on diabetes", WHO highlights the need to step up prevention and treatment of the disease.

*Read the WHO report on diabetes and find out more information at [www.who.int](http://www.who.int)*



## FINANCE

### ***Commercial Business License Applications***

There were no new commercial Business Licenses for the week of 4/4/16 to 4/8/16

# Public Works

**During the period of March 28, 2016 through March 31, 2016,** graffiti was made known to Public Works staff by the following means and removed:

**Routine:** Westside of Sterling Avenue, North of 9<sup>th</sup> Street, 7190 Olive Drive, Northside 9<sup>th</sup> Street east of Elmwood, 9<sup>th</sup> Street and Lankershim, Vine and Base Line, Del Rosa Drive to Fisher, Pacific to Osbun, Westside Del Rosa Drive and County Flood Control, North of 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Eastside of 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Northside 4<sup>th</sup> Street and west of Del Rosa Drive, 4<sup>th</sup> Street and Del Rosa Drive, Stratford and Central, Central and 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Olive and 14<sup>th</sup> Street, 28030 Base Line Street, Westside Del Rosa Drive and West of Flood Control at Flood Control Bridge.

**Staff:** Del Rosa Avenue and 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Del Rosa Avenue.

**Hotline:** Palm View.

## MAINTENANCE REPORT

Total Maintenance Man-hours	1036.25
Compensated Maintenance Man-hours	1036.25
Un-compensated Maintenance Man-hours	000.00

## MAN-HOURS PER ACTIVITY

General Clean-up	44.50
Parkway Maintenance	.50
Potholes	66.25
Sidewalk	7.50
Storm Drains	31.25
Signs/Traffic Control	75.25
Trees Trimmed	15.00
Vehicle/Tool Maintenance	34.25
Building/Grounds Maintenance	237.00
Landscape Maintenance District	54.50
Park Maintenance	135.50
Trail Maintenance	27.00
Special Maintenance	2.00
Crack Sealing	0.00
Graffiti	127.00
USA Markings	2.25
Weed Spraying	25.00
Staff Meetings	112.00
Safety Training	39.50
Personal Time Off	0.00

## SPECIAL:

HAZWOPER Training, Agriculter/Pest Training (Recert)



# ADMINISTRATION

## *Caring for Animals*

If you are like millions of animal owners nationwide, your pet is an important member of your household. Unfortunately, animals are also affected by disaster.

The likelihood that you and your animals will survive an emergency such as a fire or flood, tornado or terrorist attack depends largely on emergency planning done today. Some of the things you can do to prepare for the unexpected, such as assembling an animal emergency supply kit and developing a pet care buddy system, are the same for any emergency. Whether you decide to stay put in an emergency or evacuate to a safer location, you will need to make plans in advance for your pets. Keep in mind that what's best for you is typically what's best for your animals.

*If you evacuate your home, DO NOT LEAVE YOUR PETS BEHIND!*

Pets most likely cannot survive on their own and if by some remote chance they do, you may not be able to find them when you return. If you are going to a public shelter, it is important to understand that animals may not be allowed inside. Plan in advance for shelter alternatives that will work for both you and your pets; consider loved ones or friends outside of your immediate area who would be willing to host you and your pets in an emergency.

Make a back-up emergency plan in case you can't care for your animals yourself. Develop a buddy system with neighbors, friends and relatives to make sure that someone is available to care for or evacuate your pets if you are unable to do so. Be prepared to improvise and use what you have on hand to make it on your own for at least three days, maybe longer. Don't forget to include pet supplies when planning your disaster supply kit and figuring out your water needs.

For more information regarding pets during a disaster, please visit [http://www.humanesociety.org/issues/animal\\_rescue/tips/pets-disaster.html](http://www.humanesociety.org/issues/animal_rescue/tips/pets-disaster.html)

For more information regarding disaster preparedness in general, please visit <http://www.ready.gov>



# Public Services

## Vermicomposting



**What is vermicomposting?** Let worms recycle for you. They will quickly turn your kitchen scraps into an exceptionally rich fertilizer for your houseplants or garden. Worm composting is easy. You feed the worms your banana peels, wilted lettuce or stale bread, and the worms do the rest. Worm composting, also called vermicomposting, can be done year round, indoors or outdoors.

The benefits of vermicomposting are many. Composting is recycling. You and your worms help the environment by reducing the amount of garbage you produce. A medium-sized worm box can process more than 5 pounds of food waste each week! In return, you get a valuable soil amendment good for growing just about anything.

**Getting started** — Red worms, also called red wigglers, are the best worms for worm composting. Red worms are a different species from common garden worms and night crawlers, which need large amounts of soil and cool temperatures to survive. One pound of red worms (about 1,000 worms) is enough to start a worm bin. Get your worms from a friend's bin, or buy them from a worm farm or bait shop. Once your worm bin is established, you will have enough worms to help your friends start vermicomposting too.

**Where will my worms live?** You may already have what you need to make a worm bin. A plastic storage container, wash basin, or a sturdy wooden box can be easily fashioned into a home for your worms. Or you can buy a bin specially designed for worms. Whatever you use, your worm box should be shallow, since worms like to live near the surface where they can breathe. About one foot deep with two or three square feet of surface area is best. Your bin should also have a tight-fitting lid, holes drilled in the bottom for ventilation and drainage, and a tray to collect any liquid.

Eight or ten inches of bedding inside your bin will provide the worms with a damp, aerated place to live. Common bedding materials include strips of newspaper, shredded cardboard, manure, or leached peat moss. Moisten the bedding and drain out excess water before placing it in you bin. You may want to add a handful or two of sterile soil to provide grit, which will help the worms digest food particles.

**What can I feed my worms?** Worms will eat fruit and vegetable peelings, coffee grounds, tea bags, bread, rice, and leftovers. Most people prefer to raise "vegetarian" worms to avoid odors from decaying meat scraps. Be sure to bury your food scraps in the bedding to discourage molds and fruit flies. Bury the food in a different corner of the box each feeding. The next time you look, it should be gone. If not, try feeding your worms a little less for a while.

**When do I get my compost?** After a few months, you will notice that the original bedding has disappeared and has been replaced with rich, dark, worm compost. It's harvest time. Put your worms on a diet. In a few days, you can either separate the worms from the compost by hand and start a new fresh bedding, or you can try the following: coax your worms to one side of your box by feeding only on that side for a few weeks. Then harvest the worm-free side of the box, replace it with fresh bedding, and do it again. For more information on vermicomposting please the Public Services Division at 909-864-8732 ext. 271

# alendar of Events

## **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**

4:30pm—Finance Subcommittee Meeting, Upright Conference Room

5:30pm—Special City Council Meeting, Donahue Council Chamber

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

