



City of Highland Weekly Report

April 4, 2014

It's a Month Long Earth Day Celebration At Highland Sam J. Racadio Library

Library

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Earth Day celebration at the
Highland Sam J. Racadio
Library & Environmental Learning Center!



Weekly Programs:

Tuesdays at 4pm

Crafts and Projects

April 15: Recycle for Rainforest Flowers

April 22: Magazine Envelopes

April 29: Up-cycled Journals

Tuesdays 5 to 3:30pm

Discovery Time

April 15: Seed Productivity

April 22: A Tall Drink of Water

April 29: Giant Pangea Reptiles

Wednesdays 6:30 to 7:30pm

Master Gardener Workshops

April 16: Edible Landscaping

April 23: Creative Wildlife Habitats

April 30: Succulents & Cacti

Fridays at 5 to 5:30pm

Animal Ambassadors featuring the following:

April 11: Slinkers

April 18: Those Fabulous Furs

April 25: Do You Tweet?

Month Long Recycling Drive: Bring in those empty bottles, aluminum cans and discarded cell phones. The planet will thank you.

DVD & Book Display: Don't forget to check out our special display with Earth Day themed DVDs and books all month long. Book displays feature recommended books for kids from the Earth Day Network.

Main Event

Monday, April 22, 2014 Eco

Finale! 4:00pm to 7:00pm

4:00 - 6:00pm Interactive Stations:

- Rainforest Scratchers
- Cloth Pin Chip Clips
- Glitter Face Painting
- Seed Planting
- Garden Stroll & Refreshments (Free popcorn and cotton candy)
- Master Gardeners Q&A Booth

- Andy Ant's in town! Bring your cameras for a photo shoot with Andy Ant or just give a hug!

6:15 - 7:00pm Performer: Wild Life Company: The Mighty Rainforest

Public Services



Repete's Wisdom of the Week - April 26th is National Prescription Drug Take Back Day. On April 26th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. the Highland Police Station and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will give the public its eighth opportunity in three years to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs.

Bring your medications for disposal to the **Highland Police Station located at 26985 Base Line Highland, CA 92346.** The service is free and anonymous, *no questions asked.*

This initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet. In addition, Americans are now advised that their usual methods for disposing of unused medicines—flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash—both pose potential safety and health hazards.

For information on how to properly dispose of medications and other materials that could potentially harm the environment, such as cleaning products, paints, fertilizers/pesticides, automotive products like used motor oil and filters. Please contact Public Services

Coordinator, Andrea Saavedra at 909-864-8732 at extension 271.

And The Results Are In..... The Public Services Division hosted its fifth free Compost Give-A-Way at City Hall on Saturday, April 5, 2014. We are proud to announce that 87 Highland residents participated in the event.

For those of you who missed the event, the Public Services Division will advertise the 2015 Compost Give-a-Way in the Re-Pete Newsletter, which comes out in your March/April solid waste bill. A flyer will also be posted on the City's Facebook page beginning in March. So keep an eye out next year!

Listed below are a few examples of the benefits of using compost:

- Improves the soil structure, porosity, and density, thus creating a better plant root environment.
- Increases moisture infiltration and permeability of heavy soils, thus reducing erosion and runoff.
- Improves water-holding capacity, thus reducing water loss and leaching in sandy soils.
- Supplies a variety of macro and micronutrients.
- May control or suppress certain soil-borne plant pathogens.
- Supplies significant quantities of organic matter.
- Improves cation exchange capacity (CEC) of soils and growing media, thus improving their ability to hold nutrients for plant use.
- Supplies beneficial micro-organisms to soils and growing media.
- Improves and stabilizes soil pH.
- Can bind and degrade specific pollutants.

We would like to thank those who participated in helping keep Highland a cleaner and beautiful community!

Volunteer Services

Highland Improvement Team and Community Day of Service Event - There has been a slight change in the date for the next Highland Improvement Team (HIT) cleanup. The April HIT cleanup will take place on Saturday, April 26, so that HIT members can participate in the city wide Community Day of Service project at Community Park. HIT along with other volunteer and service groups, local churches and businesses will join forces to serve the community of Highland. The plan is to completely revamp the park. This will include updating restrooms, improving electrical, overhauling the baseball fields and painting...lots of painting!

All volunteers will sign-in at Community Park the morning of the cleanup beginning at 7:00am. The cleanup is scheduled from 8:00am to 1:00pm. Community Park is located at 27003 Hibiscus Street. Please contact Volunteer Services at 909-864-6861 ext. 203 for more information about this awesome community service event!



Arbor Day - The City of Highland belongs to Tree City, USA and hosts an annual tree planting ceremony in honor of Arbor Day. You're invited to Community Park on Thursday, April 24th at 9:00am for the special tree planting. Please consider taking the time to join us as we dedicate another tree into the great City of Highland. Please contact Volunteer Services for more information at 909-864-6861 ext. 203.

Public Safety Appreciation Week...Potluck Celebration! Tuesday, April 29, 2014 - Friday, May 2, 2014. 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...every day.

The DATES and SCHEDULES are as follows:

LUNCH - 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm

Food Prep - 11:00 am to 12:00 pm

Tuesday, April 29, 2014 - Highland Police Station - 26985 Base Line - 909-425-9793

Wednesday, April 30, 2014 - Fire Station #1 - 26974 Base Line (west) - 909-862-3031

Thursday, May 1, 2014 - Fire Station #2 - 29507 Base Line (east) - 909-862-1760

Friday, May 2, 2014 - 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.

Engineering

Greenspot Road Bridge Progress - Work continues at a brisk pace to construct a new bridge and realign Greenspot Road at Santa Ana River. And it shows. Work has progressed to the point that it looks like a bridge project. Concrete has been placed for the north and south abutments as well as the footings and columns for pier 3. Excavation for the footings for pier 2 has been completed and forms placed constructed for the footings. It is expected that reinforcing steel and concrete for pier 2 footings and columns will be placed this week and next week.

Rough grading for the realigned road is to the point where one can see the new road alignment

and where the new road will join the existing road. Installation of roadway drainage improvements is currently underway along the new roadway.

As a reminder, Greenspot Road will be closed April 18 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. to allow the contractor and design engineer evaluate and identify the extent of repairs needed on the existing iron bridge. The repair work is part of the rehabilitation of the existing iron bridge that will take place after construction of the new bridge and road realignment is completed. Advance warning signs have been placed to alert the public of the closure. There will be no access across the bridge during the five hour scheduled closure.

5th Street Joint Storm Drain and Water Pipeline Construction Update - This week the contractor will be removing the k-rail on 5th Street between Palm Avenue and Central Avenue. However, approximately 200' of k-rail will remain in place on 5th Street just west of Palm Avenue. Next week, the contractor will continue with construction of the storm drain and water pipeline on 5th Street from Palm Avenue to approximately 350' west of Palm Avenue. This project remains on schedule to be completed by November 2014.

Administration

Emergency Preparedness - Why Prepare? More than 82% of U.S. residents are aware that emergency preparedness is important to handle disasters. Yet of these, most have made little, if any, actual preparations! What about you? Are you ready?

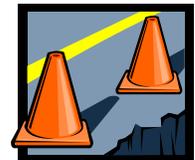
All of us need to take a role in helping protect each other and our families and friends in the event of an emergency. From fires to landslides to ever-present earthquakes, we continuously face emergency situations.

Disasters disrupt hundreds of thousands of lives every year. Each disaster has lasting effects, both to people and property. If a disaster occurs in your community, local government and disaster relief organizations will try to help you. But you need to be ready as well. Local responders may not be able to reach you immediately or they may need to focus their efforts elsewhere. You should know how to respond to severe weather or any disaster that could occur in your area, including earthquakes, wildfires, landslides, pandemic, flooding, terrorism and more. You should also be ready to be self-sufficient for three to seven days. This may mean providing for your own shelter, first aid, food, water and sanitation.

We know that the next emergency is coming. We just don't know when or what kind it will be. But we can - and must - prepare now for the next emergency. Our family, friends and community depend on it.

For more information on getting prepared, please visit www.ready.gov.

Public Works



Graffiti Report:

During the period of 03/03/14 - 03/31/14, graffiti made known to Public Works staff, by the following means, was removed: **Reported to Hotline:** 26163 Base Line; Buckeye/Pacific; Bruce/Cunningham; Cunningham Park; Cunningham/Base Line; 25479 Pacific; Atlantic/Boulder; 26441 Robinson; Boulder n/o Webster; Highland Ave. w/o Church St.; Victoria/9th; across from 27162 9th St.; Community Park; 9th to Cypress; Bangor/14th.

Routine Observation by Public Works: Church/Pacific, Base Line/Guthrie/ Sterling N/o Jane to Byron; Base Line/Golondrina; 5th/Shirley; Fisher/Palm; Main/Church Ave.; Reedy/Palm; 6922 Palm; Main/Palm; Base Line/Del Rosa Dr./ Rogers Ln./9th; 9th/Del Rosa Dr.; Del Rosa Dr./4th; 5th/Del Rosa; 9th e/o

Elmwood; Del Rosa Ave./9th; 9th to Elm eastbound; Central/Cypress; Central/14th; Orange/Clifton; Sterling s/o Fisher; Sterling/13th; Fleming/Cunningham; Fisher/Del Rosa Ave.; Base Line/Vine; 26630 Base Line; 7755 Sterling; Fire Station #3; 25750 9th; 25608 Base Line; Elm/Base Line - R&R Tire Shop; Central/5th - Pinehurst Village perimeter wall; Cunningham/Ward; 7169 Victoria; Victoria/14th; Rogers Ln./9th; Bella Terra/9th; Seine - AM/PM Market; Victoria/Base Line; Victoria/Cypress; Sterling southbound to Flood Control; 25374 & 25481 Base Line; Pacific/Sterling; Atlantic/Seine; Boulder - Beaver Medical Clinic; Millar/Victoria; Sterling/Jane; Paloma/Del Rosa Ave; 7982 Lankershim; 4th/Del Rosa Dr.; 6th/Del Rosa Dr.; 26088, 26072 9th; 7488, 7349 McKinley; 10th/Olive Tree; 25405 Paloma; 25308 Base Line; Guthrie/9th; Guthrie/Base Line; Pacific/Church; 9th/Victoria - Rio Ranch Market; Bonnie/9th; 25444 9th; 14th/Central; Alice/14th; Fisher/Orange; 26080 Base Line; Byron/Buchanan; 26471 Base Line; Victoria/Base Line - MP's Bar; Memorial Park; Lynwood Wy/Base Line; 25578, 25374 Base Line; 7595, 7583 Elmwood; Victoria/Cypress; Bonnie/9th; Peacock/Cypress; 27395 Cypress; Pacific e/o Center.

Finance

Commercial	Business	License
Applications - There were two new commercial business licenses for the week of 4/7 to 4/11/14. Spring Communications Holdings, Inc. located at 27949 Greenspot Road, Ste-1 and Baseline Smog located at 25784 Baseline Road.		

Mark Your Calendar

Tuesday, April 15, 2014

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Tuesday, April 22, 2014

6pm - Regular City Council Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Thursday, April 24, 2014

Arbor Day Tree Planting Ceremony - Time and location to be announced

Saturday, April 26, 2014

8am to 1pm - Highland Community Day of Service at Community Park, 27003 Hibiscus Street

Tuesday, April 29, 2014

5:30pm - City Council Joint Meeting with Redlands Unified School District

Public Safety Appreciation Week - Potluck Lunches at 12:00pm to 1:00pm

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Saturday, May 3, 2014

8am - 20th Annual Community Trails Day & Ribbon Cutting Event. The Trails Day Event will take place at the City of Highland's Natural Parkland and Trail located at the easterly terminus of Base Line. In addition, this Event will serve as the official Ribbon Cutting to mark the successful completion of the Natural Parkland Interpretive Trail Project, which has Interpretative Signage along the Trail sharing points of interest and facts about local the environment and local history. After the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, you are invited to participate in the Self-Guided Tour / Trail Route, which is approximately 1.15 miles in length and follows unimproved dirt trails. Participants should wear appropriate clothing and footwear. For more information, about the Trails Day Event, please

contact Sergio Madera at (909) 864-8732 Extension 259. You may also visit the City's Website at. www.ci.highland.ca.us under the Events Section

Saturday, May 3, 2014

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

Tuesday, May 6, 2014

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting,
Donahue Council Chambers

Thursday, May 9, 2014

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

Tuesday, May 13, 2014

6pm - Regular City Council Meeting, Donahue
Council Chambers

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting,
Donahue Council Chambers

Monday, May 26, 2014

Memorial Day Observance - City Offices are
closed

Tuesday, May 27, 2014

6pm - Regular City Council Meeting, Donahue
Council Chambers

Tuesday, June 3, 2014

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting,
Donahue Council Chambers

Thursday, June 5, 2014

5pm - Historic and Cultural Preservation Board
Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Tuesday, June 10, 2014

6pm - Regular City Council Meeting, Donahue
Council Chambers

Thursday, June 12, 2014

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

Tuesday, June 17, 2014

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting,
Donahue Council Chambers

Tuesday, June 24, 2014

6pm - Regular City Council Meeting, Donahue
Council Chambers

Assembled by: Elena Rodrigues



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