



# City of Highland Weekly Report

April 11, 2013

## Fire Station #2 Open House Saturday, April 13, 2013

### Volunteer Services

**Fire Station ~ Open House** - Fire Station #2 will host its annual Open House this Saturday, April 13th 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, games and refreshments. Fire Station #2 is located at 29507 Baseline (east). Hope to see you there!



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

**Arbor Day** - As part of Tree City USA, the City of Highland will be celebrating Arbor Day by holding a tree planting ceremony. We will be planting a tree at Highland's Community Park on Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am. Please come and join us at this annual event. Highland Community Park is located at 27003 Hibiscus in Highland.

Should you have any questions, please contact Denise Moreno, Volunteer Services Coordinator at 909-864-6861 ext. 203.

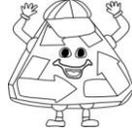
More information about National Arbor Day or Tree City USA can be found on the National Arbor Day Foundation website, [arborday.org](http://arborday.org)



**Highland Improvement Team** - This month, the Highland Improvement Team cleanup will be litter abatement around our community facilities which include Highland Community Park, the Highland YMCA and the Highland Sam J. Racadio Library and ELC. The cleanup takes place will take place before and during the YMCA Healthy Kids Day event at the park. During which time, the volunteers and community members will have an opportunity to join in the "Mayor's Walk" around Community Park at 10:45.

For more information about the Healthy Kids Day, please contact the Highland Family YMCA at 909-425-9622.

Please remember...the HIT always welcomes New Volunteers! 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.



## Public Services

**Repete's Wisdom of the Week - Compost Give-a-way Results.** The Public Services Division hosted its fourth free Compost Give-A-Way at City Hall on Saturday, April 6, 2013. We are proud to announce that 62 Highland residents participated in the event. 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.

For those of you who missed the event, the Public Services Division will advertise the 2014 Compost Give-a-Way in the Re-Pete Newsletter which comes out in your March/April solid waste bill. So keep an eye out!

If you would like to be notified of upcoming events please email us at the following website [publicservices@cityofhighland.org](mailto:publicservices@cityofhighland.org) or contact Public Services Coordinator, Andrea Saavedra at 909-864-8732 ext 271.

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

**Learn about the Elements during Highland's Earth Day Celebration.** Join the Highland Environmental Education Coalition and the City of Highland for the fifth Annual Highland Earth Day Celebration on Friday, April 19, 2013! Beginning at 2pm make a pledge to lessen your impact on the Earth, Water use, Air quality and prevent Fires by visiting all of the free interactive booths and activities throughout the children's library and the rooftop gardens.

Patrons are encouraged to participate in the recycling drive. For every 20 CRV items donated (aluminum cans or plastic bottles) you will receive a prize made from recycled plastic. All proceeds from the recycling drive benefit the animals of the Environmental Learning Center (ELC). Don't leave without stopping by the Courtyard to make your own Earth Day tote bag. For a small donation you get a tote bag and we provide all the supplies you need make a memorable keepsake.

It's back after popular demand, Teen Eco-Poetry Slam! The celebration will wrap-up with young adults showcasing their Do One Thing to help the Earth knowledge at the Teen Eco-Poetry Slam in the Community Room at 4:30pm.

We hope you will join in the celebration and agree to change one thing in your daily routine to help the earth. Even one small change can make a big difference!

The Highland Sam J Racadio Library and Environmental Learning Center is located at 7863 Central Ave Highland, CA 92346.

For more information please call the City of Highland Public Services Division at 909-864-8732, ext 271.

## Engineering

**Base Line Town Center Beautification Construction Update.** This week the Contactor completed reconstruction the northerly pavement section on Base Line east of Church Avenue to remove the tilt cross-section of the roadway to improve drainage and ride. The remaining parkway removals for installation of conduit for street lights and irrigation on Base Line between Palm Avenue and SR-210 are underway. Edison has started removals of existing street lights on Base Line between Palm Avenue and Cole Avenue. The street light will be out in this area for approximately 2 weeks in order to allow Edison to install the new decorative street lights.



Additionally, Palm Avenue at Base Line will be closed to through traffic beginning Thursday, April 11, 2013 at 8 pm thru Monday, April 15, 2013 at 10:00 am. Northbound and southbound traffic on Palm Avenue at Base Line will be detoured during this closure. However, eastbound and westbound traffic on Base Line will remain open but left-turns will not be permitted as construction will be taking place on the exterior section of the intersection.

Next week, median drains will be constructed, Edison will construct foundation for new street lights, conduit installation for street lights and

irrigation will continue, and detour of Church Avenue at Base Line will be implemented Thursday, April 18, 2013 at 8 pm through Monday, April 22, 2013 at 10 am to reconstruct the outer lanes at this intersection.

## Finance

**Commercial Business License Applications** - There were no new commercial business license applications for the week of 04/08/13 to 04/12/13.

## Administration

**What is Emergency Preparedness?**  
Emergency preparedness means taking action to be ready for emergencies before they happen. The concept of emergency preparedness encompasses actions aimed at enhancing safety and stability when an emergency occurs, such as an earthquake, hazardous material spill, or wildfire. Think of it as insurance. A person may have car insurance, homeowners insurance and health insurance. While these are not items that are used every day, they are there for a reason; to provide a safety net and make life easier in the times that they are needed. Emergency preparation is just another form of insurance.

During a disaster or emergency, many systems you rely on may not function as well as they usually do. Familiar landmarks, bridges and roads may be altered or closed. Utilities like electricity, water, gas and phone service may be disrupted. In a situation like this, it will be easy for no one. However, those that have a stocked emergency kit and a well thought out plan ahead of time will have an easier time dealing with the situation compared to those that have taken no time to prepare at all. The time to get prepared is NOW. Remember, a disaster or emergency can happen at any time. In the meantime, check out [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov) for more information on getting prepared today.

## Mark Your Calendar



### Thursday, April 11, 2013

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

### Saturday, April 13, 2013

8:30am - The 19<sup>th</sup> 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

10am to 1pm - Highland YMCA Healthy Kids Day

10:45am - Mayor's Walk, Highland YMCA - 7793 Central Avenue, Highland

### Tuesday, April 23, 2013

6pm - Regular City Council Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

### Thursday, April 25, 2013

9am - 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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