

City of Highland Weekly Report



April 15, 2016

Public Services

April 30th is National Prescription Drug Take Back Day

On **April 30th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** the Highland Police Station and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will give the public its 11th opportunity in six 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.

Last September, Americans turned in 350 tons (over 702,000 pounds) of prescription drugs at more than 5,000 sites operated by the DEA and more than 3,800 of its state and local law enforcement partners. Overall, in its 10 previous Take Back events, DEA and its partners have taken in over 5.5 million pounds—more than 2,750 tons—of pills.

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 the City of Highland Public Services Division at 909-864-8732 ext. 271 .



VOLUNTEER SERVICES

ARBOR DAY



Our annual Arbor Day tree planting is scheduled for Thursday, April 28th. The City of Highland is a designated "Tree City USA" city and in honor of this, we plant a tree each year for Arbor Day.

This year, we will also be dedicating the tree in memory of long-time volunteer Pearl Crump. Please join us at 9:00am at the Highland Family YMCA located at 7793 Central Avenue.

All are welcome!

THIRD ANNUAL COMMUNITY DAY OF SERVICE

Come 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, and beginning at 7:00 a.m. 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.

V O L U N T E E R

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Engineering

The City was pleased to learn that the SANBAG Board, at its 4/6/12 meeting, approved both of the City's applications for TDA Article 3 grant funding in the total amount of \$176,283.

The City's two projects are:

- Sterling Avenue – Construct 170' of new curbs, gutters and sidewalks on the west side of Sterling Avenue across from Warm Springs Elementary School, and construct minor sidewalk modifications in front of the School.
- Water Street – Construct 660' of new curbs, gutters and sidewalks on the north side of Water Street west of Weaver Street, and construct one mile of bike lanes from Church Street to Weaver Street.

The City did well in competing for TDA Article 3 grant funding. Under the Transit Stop Access Program Category, 15 projects were selected for funding, and the City's \$85,300 Sterling Avenue Project received the highest grant amount of \$55,123.

Under the Bike/Ped Infrastructure Program Category, 5 projects were selected for funding out of 9 applications, and the City's \$186,400 Water Street Project was ranked No. 3 receiving \$121,160 of grant amount.



BLOOD DRIVE



The Blood Drive Committee assists LifeStream at every Highland blood drive. The Blood Drive Committee is a volunteer group that meets with a LifeStream representative every other month to discuss blood drive stats, donor recruitment and receive blood drive education. The committees members volunteer their time during each blood drive to help with set-up, clean-up, and registration. They also assist in the canteen by handing out snacks and drinks and keeping donor time.

Our next blood drive committee meeting is Monday, May 9th at 4pm at Highland City Hall, 27215 Base Line. New members are always welcome!

Contact Volunteer Services at **909-864-6861 ext. 203** for more information!



FINANCE

Commercial Business License Applications

There were three new commercial Business Licenses for the week of 4/11/16 to 4/15/16

- ◆ Spotless Car Wash located at 7955 Webster Street
- ◆ Payless Insurance Services located at 27210 Base Line
- ◆ Laundry Day Laundromat located at 25765 Base Line
- ◆ Divas Nail Spa located at 7354 Stoney Creek Avenue

all NEW!

Community Development

Community Trails Committee: At the April 14, 2016 regular meeting, the Community Trails Committee considered the following items:

1. Citrus Harvest Festival and Community Trails Day Wrap-Up

The Community Trails Committee provided Staff with feedback regarding participation in the Citrus Harvest Festival and hosting of the 21st Annual Community Trails Day event.

2. Grant Funding Request for the City Creek / Alabama Street Bikeway Project

The Community Trails Committee supported the City's pursuit of grant funding for the City Creek / Alabama Street Bikeways Project

ADMINISTRATION

Emergency Preparedness

SPRING CLEANING TAKES ON A NEW MEANING

Spring has begun! Now is the time to make sure to change batteries in all your home safety devices (smoke alarms, carbon monoxide detectors, flashlights, etc.). Working smoke alarms are critical to helping save your life. Each month news reports have stressed how important smoke alarms were in either saving a life or unfortunately reporting that someone had died in a home with non-working or no smoke alarms.

If you installed the 10 year lithium smoke alarms then you have eliminated the need for batteries every year; however, a little spring cleaning for your home safety devices will ensure they are free of dust or defect. Make sure your other devices have new batteries or just check to see if batteries are present. Checking all your home safety devices can be a family activity which will reinforce to all that safety is a top priority. Having the devices is the first step, but making sure they are working and having a plan brings safety full circle.

Other steps to help your family stay safe include a fire extinguisher, residential home sprinklers, a home escape plan, and general preparedness for various natural disasters, such as wildfires, floods, earthquakes, etc. Having a plan and making sure you have all the equipment/items you need will help in your family's safety. For more life safety information, visit www.sbcfire.org.



alendar of Events



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.

April 28, 2016

9am—Arbor Day Tree Planting, Highland Family YMCA, 7793 Central Avenue

May 3, 2016

6pm – Planning Commission Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

May 6, 2016

10 am— Community Oriented Problem Solving , Highland Police Department

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 1, 2016

4pm—Public Nuisance Hearing Board Meeting Donahue Council Chambers

June 2, 2016

5pm—Historic Board Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

June 3, 2016

10 am—Community Oriented Problem Solving, Highland Grove Elementary

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

July 1, 2016

Community Oriented Problem Solving - DARK

July 5, 2016

6pm – Planning Commission Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

July 14, 2016

5pm – Community Trails Committee Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

July 19, 2016

6pm – Planning Commission Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers



SCAM ALERT

Scam: Income Tax Collection Calls

Target: All Seniors

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has issued a warning regarding a group of criminals who are telephoning taxpayers and impersonating IRS agents. These scam artists may have tampered with the Caller ID feature on your telephone to make it appear as if the IRS is calling. These callers may state that you owe delinquent taxes and threaten arrest, deportation and/or suspension of your drivers license unless you provide immediate payment over the telephone.

These criminals may call back numerous times and pretend to be Law Enforcement or United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) officials or send emails appearing to be from the IRS claiming the need for debt collection. *Do not respond to these calls or emails. This is a scam!*

Scam Artists threaten Seniors with legal action if phantom taxes are not paid!

The IRS recommends that you protect yourself and your personal information by:

- Knowing that the IRS, Law Enforcement and USCIS do not initiate contact through email, text messages or social media.
- Politely asking for their call back information and then hang up.
- Never opening any attachments in unexpected emails that say they are from the IRS.
- Contacting the IRS directly if you have concerns about your account.
- Being aware that the IRS will never ask for your Personal Identification Number (PIN), password, or any confidential access information for your credit or bank accounts.

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.