

City of Highland

Weekly Report



April 23, 2015

REPETE'S WISDOM OF THE WEEK

Earth Day 101: Baby Steps To Going Green

If you're considering becoming more eco-conscious, Earth Day is the perfect opportunity to dip your toe into the "green" world — it's not as intimidating as you think! Make a commitment to be kinder to the planet with these baby steps. While some of these may seem like givens, even the smallest change or changes can add up.

Ditch plastic— You're probably using more plastic in your daily routine than you're even aware of and we're willing to bet cutting back won't inconvenience you *that* much. One of the easiest ways to reduce plastic use is to stop buying bulk plastic water bottles and instead invest in a refillable BPA-free water bottle that you can use again and again. Instead of accepting those plastic bags at the grocery, bring your own reusable bags, and utilize reusable containers for lunches instead of multiple plastic bags.

Cut down on paper—Technology can be a huge helper when it comes to cutting down on resources. There are numerous (free!) apps that can help you eliminate your paper calendar, notebook and sticky notes. You know you have a smartphone — put it to its full potential and help the planet in the meanwhile!

Conserve energy—This is an easy one. Reduce energy easily by turning off lights or the television when you're not in the room. Open the windows and take advantage of natural light (and weather!) when you have the chance. Reminding everyone in your family to turn off lights and other electronics when leaving the room or when not in use is a no-brainer that is easy for even toddlers to implement.

Visit a farmers' market—Instead of buying your fruits and veggies from a huge grocery chain, support your local growers by visiting a farmers' market to pick up some fresh organic produce.

Clean up your beauty routine—All those beauty products and cosmetics you're using could be filled with chemicals that aren't good for you or the planet. Do some research on how natural oils and even foods can serve to perfect your beauty regimen without damaging your skin or Mother Earth!+



Truth be told, there are many shades of "green." But doing small things to reduce your footprint on the planet can help you reach a deeper shade day by day!

Volunteer Services

14th Annual Public Safety Appreciation Week

May 4, 2015 - May 7, 2015

The City of Highland will be honoring our Police Officers and our Firefighters by celebrating Public Safety Appreciation Week. During this week, the City will host a potluck lunch each day at a different location. Please join us and show your support by contributing your favorite dish to share, then stay and 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!

The SCHEDULE is as follows:



11:00 am – 12:00 pm – Preparation
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm - Lunch

~ Monday, May 4, 2015
Highland Police Station - 26985 Base Line

~ Tuesday, May 5, 2015
Fire Station #1 - 26974 Base Line (west)

~ Wednesday, May 6, 2015
Fire Station #2 - 29507 Base Line (east)

~ Thursday, May 7, 2015
Fire Station #3 - 7649 Sterling Avenue



FINANCE

Commercial Business License Applications —
There were no new commercial business licenses
for the week of 4/20/15 to 4/24/15.

Administration

Emergency Preparedness ~ Food

When a disaster occurs, you might not have access to food, water and electricity for days, or even weeks. Store enough emergency food to provide for your family for at least 3 days.

- Store food items that are familiar, rather than buying special emergency food. Consider any dietary restrictions and preferences you may have.
- Ideal foods are: Shelf-stable (no refrigeration required), low in salt, and do not require cooking (e.g. canned fruit, vegetables, peanut butter, jam, low-salt crackers, cookies, cereals, nuts, dried fruit, canned soup or meats, juices and non-fat dry milk).
- Mark a rotation date on any food container that does not already have an expiration date on the package.
- Rotate stored food items using the FIFO (first in, first out) method.

San Bernardino County Scam Alert: California Newspaper Subscription / Target: All Seniors

The Attorney General of California has issued a consumer alert regarding a recent scam involving fake newspaper subscription mailings. Seniors and other residents are being sent deceptive bills, invoices or renewal notices from a local newspaper that appears to be legitimate; however, the notice may be a scam! Scam artists are attempting to obtain your personal information and access to your bank accounts!

If you receive a suspicious notice, here are some recommendations on what to do:

- Do not pay it
- Do not call the number listed on the suspicious bill

- Include baby food and formula or other diet items for infants, seniors, or those with special dietary needs
- Store the food in airtight, pest-resistant containers in a cool, dark place.
- Most canned foods can safely be stored for at least 18 months. Low acid foods like meat products, fruits or vegetables will normally last at least 2 years. Use dry products, like boxed cereal, crackers, cookies, dried milk or dried fruit within six months.
- After a power outage, refrigerated food will stay cold longer if you keep the door closed. Food should generally be consumed within 4 hours. Food in the freezer will normally remain safe for 2 days.

Make sure to include a can opener or two with your stored food items. For more information on disaster preparedness, please visit www.72hours.org or www.ready.gov.

- If you currently have a subscription for the newspaper listed and are concerned, call the company directly. You may look up the direct number:
 - In the newspaper itself,
 - In the telephone book, or
 - On the internet
- Never provide companies or individuals with your personal information including your:
 - Driver's License, Social Security or Bank Account numbers or
 - Address, telephone numbers or any information that might identify you.

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.

March 2015— Maintenance Report

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| Total Maintenance Man-hours | 894.75 |
| Compensated Maintenance Man-hours | 894.75 |
| Un-compensated Maintenance Man-hours | 0 |
| MAN-HOURS PER ACTIVITY: | |
| General Clean-up | 40.5 |
| Parkway Maintenance | 20.5 |
| Potholes | 40.75 |
| Sidewalk | .5 |
| Storm Drains | 0.25 |
| Signs/Traffic Control | 82.5 |
| Trees Trimmed | 5 |
| Vehicle/Tool Maintenance | 47.75 |
| Building/Grounds Maintenance | 160.25 |
| Landscape Maintenance District | 26 |
| Park Maintenance | 89.25 |
| Trail Maintenance | 3 |
| Special Maintenance | 59.75 |
| Crack Sealing | 4 |
| Graffiti | 143 |
| USA Markings | 16 |
| Weed Spraying | 51.75 |
| Staff Meetings | 94.5 |
| Safety Training | 3.25 |
| Personal Time Off | 4 |

SPECIAL: Sealed electrical boxes on Greenspot with foam, to prevent theft of wiring.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT



Base Line Paver Repairs— Paver repairs are needed at the intersections of Base Line/Palm Avenue and Base Line/Church Avenue. The work will begin Monday, April 27, 2015 at 7:00 a.m. and continue through 5:00 p.m. Friday, May 1, 2015. Detour signs at these intersections have been posted to alert motorists of this work. The through lanes on Base Line (east-west direction) will be open at all times during construction. However, Palm Avenue at Base Line will be closed beginning at 7:00 a.m. April 27, 2015 through 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 29, 2015. Next, Church Avenue at Base Line will be closed beginning at 7:00 a.m. Thursday, April 30, 2015 through 5:00 p.m. Friday, May 1, 2015. The City thanks you for your cooperation and patience during construction of these repairs.

Calendar of Events



April 25, 2015

7am - Community Day of Service Cleanup, Registration (register at www.justserve.org)

8am - 12 Noon Cleanup at

Aurantia Park, 29624 Greenspot Road - Highland

April 28, 2015

6pm - City Council Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

May 5, 2015

6pm - Planning Commission Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

May 6, 2015

4pm - Public Nuisance Hearing Board Special Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

May 12, 2015

6pm - City Council Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

May 14, 2015

5pm - Community Trails Committee Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

May 19, 2015

6pm - Planning Commission Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

May 26, 2015

6pm - City Council Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

June 2, 2015

6pm - Planning Commission Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

June 4, 2015

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

June 9, 2015

6pm - City Council Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

June 11, 2015

5pm - Community Trails Committee Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

June 16, 2015

6pm - Planning Commission Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

June 23, 2015

6pm - City Council Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

July 7, 2015

6pm - Planning Commission, Donahue Council Chambers

July 9, 2015

5pm - Community Trails Committee, Donahue Council Chambers

July 21, 2015

6pm - Planning Commission, Donahue Council Chambers

August 11, 2015

6pm - City Council Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

August 25, 2015

6pm - City Council Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers



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