



# City of Highland Weekly Report

April 25, 2013

## Free Adult Arts & Crafts Project Saturday, May 4, 2013

### Library News

**Adult Craft gives new life to Old Medicine Bottles!** Do you have a pile of empty medicine bottles just hanging around house? Well don't toss them out just yet. We have just the reuse solution for you! Join the Highland Environmental Education Coalition (HEEC) on Saturday, May 4, 2013 at 10am in the Community Room as we present Creative Craft for Adults, "Medicine Bottle Reuse Made Easy."

Learn how to convert those old empty medicine bottles into some very handy items, such as a mini first aid kits, pin holder with a pin cushion, travel sewing kits, bamboo vase, etc. With a little time, creativity and personal touch you will

have a new stylish yet functional container in no time!



This craft program is **FREE** to participate and all necessary supplies will be provided. Patrons

are encouraged to bring any scrap material and any embellishments they might like to add.

For more information please send HEEC a message on Facebook or email us at [heecinfo@yahoo.com](mailto:heecinfo@yahoo.com).

### Volunteer Services

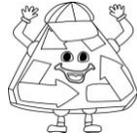
**Arbor Day** - As part of Tree City USA, the City of Highland planted trees in honor of Arbor Day. There were two trees planted at Highland Community Park. Both trees were donated and planted by West Coast Arborists. Highland Community Park is located at 27003 Hibiscus in Highland.



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** - The Highland Improvement Team picked up a tremendous amount of litter at the park, in and around the parking area and in a vacant lot west of the park. Much of the litter was plastic bags and wrappers that were blown against fencing to the east. Highland Community Park is equipped with many trash receptacles throughout the entire park. Please remember to put food wrappers, bags, newspaper and other litter in the trash. Let's keep Highland litter free!

The next Highland Improvement Team cleanup will be on Saturday, May 18, 2013. Interested volunteers can contact Volunteer Services to sign up or sign-in on the morning of the cleanup. Volunteer Services can be reached at 909-864-6861 extension 203.



## Public Services

**Repete's Wisdom of the Week - Earth Day Celebration Successful!!!! We Did It!** Highland celebrated its Fifth Earth Day on April 19, 2013.

At 10:00 am a group of 180 fifth and sixth grade students from Warm Spring Elementary School attended the Earth Day celebration. The students sat through a 45 minute presentation from Michael Kluboc from the Malibu Foundation and viewed 6 education stations put on by staff from the Inland Empire Resource Conservation District, City of Highland Volunteer Services Division, California Turtle and Tortoise Club, Burrtec Waste Industries, Inc., East Valley Water District and 4H. There was a lot of positive feedback from the students and teachers throughout the event.

At 2:00pm patrons visited interactive education stations that included information on turtle and tortoise identification and care, garden maintenance and seed planting, fire prevention, solid waste services and recycling, cross walk safety, clean air programs and water conservation. One booth that attracted a lot of attention throughout the afternoon was Earth Day t-tote bag making and Smokey Bear made a special guest appearance.

Patrons were asked, "What is one thing you would change to save the earth." Here are just a few examples of what they said:

- Carpool to work
- Plant trees and conserve water
- Recycle

- Turn off the lights in rooms that are not in use

We hope this Earth Day celebration inspired people to make one small change to help the community and overall environment be a happy, healthy place to live!

**April 27<sup>th</sup> is National Prescription Drug Take Back Day** - When cleaning out your medicine cabinet, what do you do with your expired medication? Many people flush them down the toilet or toss them into the trash can. Although this seems convenient, these simple actions may be contaminating your water supply.

DEA has scheduled another National Prescription Drug Take Back Day on Saturday, April 27, 2013, from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. to provide a venue for persons who want to dispose of unwanted and unused prescription drugs.

The DEA will coordinate a collaborative effort with state and local law enforcement agencies to remove potentially dangerous controlled substances from our nation's medicine cabinets. The National Take-Back Day provides an opportunity for the public to surrender expired, unwanted, or unused pharmaceutical controlled substances and other medications for destruction. These drugs are a potential source of supply for illegal use and an unacceptable risk to public health and safety.

Join us at the Highland Police Station (located at 26985 Baseline Highland, CA 92346) on April 27, 2013 from 10am to 2pm to turn in any unused, unwanted or expired medications. This take back event is FREE and open to the public.

The best way to ensure safe water is to keep our water resources clean. Consumers should never dispose of unused medications in the toilet, down sink or in the trash. Instead, contact the San Bernardino County Fire Department Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility at (909

382-5401, for information about proper disposal of medications and other materials that could potentially harm the environment, such as cleaning products, pesticides, and automotive products.

## Engineering

**Base Line Town Center Beautification Construction Update** - The contractor continued with concrete removals needed for installation of the new decorative street lights in the parkway.



Decorative street lights in the parkway on the south side of Base Line between Cole Avenue and Palm Avenue were installed, including concrete sidewalk. The Contractor has installed median atrium drains.

Next week, Edison will continue to remove existing street lights and construct foundations for new street lights. The contractor will continue to install conduit for street lights and irrigation. They will also construct concrete sidewalk and curb ramps.

## Finance

**Commercial Business License Applications** - There was one new commercial business license applications for the week of 04/22/13 to 04/26/13, Smog World located at 25784 Base Line.

## Public Works

**What's New in Public Works?** The following activities were completed by Public Works Crew between 4/01/13 - 4/15/13: Completed various service requests; routine City vehicle maintenance; filled potholes on Greenspot from Orange City limits, westbound 3<sup>rd</sup> St. between Del Rosa Dr. to Marlin, westbound Base Line east & west of Seine; pickup trash at City parks; USA markings; did irrigation and landscape

maintenance at the City's Landscape Maintenance Districts and parks; trimmed bottom of doors due to new flooring, checked solar panel, worked on ADA tiles at Athletic Center; replaced lights in parking lot and cleared gutter near front door at YMCA; took down "Citrus Harvest Festival" banner, and installed "Walk for Life" banner over Base Line; did caulking around skylight, checked HVAC system, prepped door sweeps for installation work, hooked-up hot water supply/sink in animal care area at Environmental Learning Center,; re-started "flame" at Memorial Park; picked-up/dumped furniture/debris/shopping carts/etc. at Dundee s/o 14<sup>th</sup>, Bonnie n/o 9<sup>th</sup>, 26814 14<sup>th</sup>, Vine s/o 14<sup>th</sup>, 26692 14<sup>th</sup>, Hillview alley e/o Hillview n/o Base Line, City Hall, 14<sup>th</sup> e/o Alice, Cypress w/o Victoria, n/o Base Line on Osburn, Guthrie s/o Base Line; picked-up piles of palm fronds; cleared fountain head problem at Community Park; removed broken section of gate on Shelton Trail for repair; did janitorial walk-thru at City Hall; smoothed trail at Northfork; filled large cracks in cul-de-sac at Sunrise e/o Pleasant View; relocated signs at 6<sup>th</sup>/Lankershim and 3<sup>rd</sup>/Central; delivered chairs/tables to Corp. Yd. after use by City's three Fire Stations; checked-out restroom problem at Sheriff's station; sprayed for weeds at various locations; cleaned alley at Ward St./5<sup>th</sup>; repaired restroom problem at Fire Station #3; checked power at fountain on Surrey Lane; removed/replaced flags at Sheriff station; cleaned-off trucks and put signage away from Citrus Harvest Festival.

## Administration

**Build A Supply Kit** - Having a well-stocked disaster supply kit on hand before a disaster strikes will make anyone's life easier. A disaster may cause everyday necessities like food and clean water to become scarce and hard to come by. You may need to survive on your own after an emergency. This means having your own food, water and other supplies in sufficient quantity to last for **at least** three days. A week

is preferable. Local officials and relief workers will be on the scene after a disaster but they cannot reach everyone immediately. You could get help in hours or it might take days. A well-stocked disaster supply kit should have the following items:

- Water - one gallon of water per person, per day.
- Food - Canned goods, MRE's, freeze dried. Also include at least one manual can opener.
- Battery-powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA Weather
- Flashlights and extra batteries
- First aid kit
- Sanitation Items - Moist towelettes, toilet paper, feminine hygiene products, garbage bags and plastic ties, soap/detergent and bleach.
- Basic tools - wrench, pliers, screw drivers, shovel, and duct tape, etc.
- Cash and change
- A change of clothes, sturdy shoes, and rain protection for each person
- A sleeping bag and/or extra blankets
- Other supplies
  - Cups, plates, bowls, utensils, foil
  - Extra batteries
  - Plastic sheeting
  - Copies of important documents (Driver's license, passport, birth certificate, etc)
  - Fire extinguisher
  - Lighters and/or matches
  - Extra medication

These are just the basics. Everyone's kit will be different because everyone has different needs. If you have an infant, then extra bottles, formula, and diapers would be necessary. Don't forget about your pets. They'll need food and water as well. Remember that a disaster can strike at any time, but the time to get prepared is now. For more information on assembling your disaster supply kit, please visit [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov).

## Mark Your Calendar



### **Monday, May 6, 2013**

4pm to 5pm - Blood Drive Committee Meeting  
Highland City Hall - 27215 Base Line, Highland

### **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

### **Saturday, May 18, 2013**

8am to Noon - Highland Improvement Team Cleanup, Meet at City Hall - 27215 Base Line

### **Monday, May 20, 2013**

1:30pm to 6:30pm - Highland Blood Drive  
Highland Police Station - 26985 Base Line

### **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

### **Tuesday, June 4, 2013**

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting,  
Donahue Council Chambers

### **Thursday, June 6, 2013**

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

**Tuesday, June 11, 2013**

6pm - Regular City Council Meeting, Donahue  
Council Chambers

**Thursday, June 13, 2013**

5pm - Community Trails Committee Regular  
Meeting is cancelled

**Tuesday, June 18, 2013**

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting,  
Donahue Council Chambers

**Tuesday, June 25, 2013**

6pm - Regular City Council Meeting, Donahue  
Council Chambers

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