



City of Highland Weekly Report

April 26, 2012

Highland Has Safe Routes To school May 9th at Cypress Elementary

Volunteer Services

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL



Rain or Shine, Cypress Crusaders walk to school. This week marked the second Walk to School Day this year for students at Cypress Elementary. Many students and parents were still enthusiastic to walk in the rain. Students that participate this week and on the Walk to School Day on May 9 will be eligible, along with their families, to participate in a Family Night at the Highland YMCA. Corner Captains gave students different colored tickets along the designated walking route. Students wrote their name and teacher's name on the ticket and deposited them at the front of the school. The information on the tickets will determine who can participate in the Family Night.

A special **Thank You** to the staff at Cypress Elementary, San Bernardino Unified School District Police, Highland Fire, Highland Police, City Staff, community members and the many parents who support and help with the Walk to School Days.

Please mark your calendar for our next Walk to School Day on Wednesday, May 9. Volunteers are still needed and welcome to help with the event on May 9 from 8:00 am to 9:00 am. Please contact Volunteer Services at 909-864-6861 extension 203 for more information about our Walk to School Day events or the Safe Routes to School program!

BLOOD DRIVE COMMITTEE

Help Highland increase blood donations! Volunteer to donate blood at our May blood drive. Highland partners with LifeStream to hold blood drives six times a year. LifeStream is a non-profit company who is the primary organization serving hospitals in San Bernardino and Riverside Counties. It is crucial to increase blood donations in our area, as over 600 units per day are vital in fulfilling the need in our area. Please, think about giving back to your community by becoming a blood donor.



Highland's next blood drive is Monday, May 21, 2012 at the Jerry Lewis Community Center (7793 Central Avenue) from 1:30pm to 6:30pm. Please contact Volunteer Services at 909-864-

6861 ext. 203 for more information.

Community Development

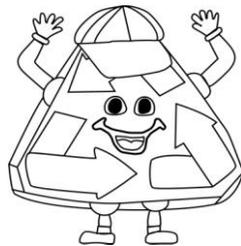
Community Trails Day Event was a HUGE success!!! The weather was clear, sunny and warm. In the wee early morning hours, people were buzzing like bees in the last minute preparation for the celebration of the EIGHTEENTH Annual Trails Day Event held last Saturday on April 21, 2012, from 7:30 a.m. to 10:30a.m. The Event was staged near the Eastern Terminus of Base Line utilizing the City of Highland's New Natural Parkland. The attendance was approximately 126 Participants and inclusive of 28 children. There were opening welcoming comments made by Chairwoman Margaret Wright and City Staff Assistant Planner Sean Kelleher, followed by the free Guided Trail Tours, which were led by the City of Highland Community Trails Committee Members and Planning Staff that shared points of interest and facts about local Trails and the environment along the way. The Tour lasted approximately 1½ hours.

Public Services

REPETE'S WISDOM OF THE WEEK

Water Conservation Tip of the Month: Understanding Your Irrigation Controller

You can literally save thousands of gallons of water in your landscape, and save your plants from drowning, with the proper setting of your irrigation controller. But you can't just set it and forget it. You need to change the watering schedules as plants become established, with the changing seasons, and when it rains. Here are some basics about irrigation controller features



you may find helpful before programming your irrigation controller:

► **Stations** control the valves that release the water to the irrigation **Zones** in your yard or garden. Put plants with similar water needs on the same station or zone. This allows for more efficient watering since all emitters and/or sprinklers on a single valve will run for the same amount of time. Multiple stations or zones allow you to customize watering amounts for different types of plants by allowing for different run times for different valves.

► The **Start Time** is the time at which a specific valve will open to irrigate a station or zone.

► The **Run Time** or **Station Duration** is the time, in minutes, a specific valve will stay open and therefore water a zone.

► **Semi-Auto** lets you run through an entire program (A, B, or C) whenever you want a supplemental watering.

► **Off** or **Stop** will stop programs from running until you toggle back to 'Run'. Your programs will be saved. This is great during rainy periods.

► The **Manual** button allows you to run a single valve for the amount of time you select. This is helpful when you want to tune-up your irrigation system and check for leaks, misaligned sprinkler heads, or clogged drip emitters.

► A **Program** is where you store all of your settings. It consists of a set of stations set to specific start times and run times. Here, multiple programs A, B, & C allow you to run different valves on different days with different run times. Make sure each program runs stations with similar plant water needs to maximize irrigation efficiency.

Remember...

The controller controls the irrigation system, but

YOU control the controller.

Stay tuned for next month's water conservation tip.

If you have any questions on what you can do to conserve water and prevent storm water pollution, please contact Public Services Coordinator, Andrea Saavedra at 909-864-8732 ext 271.

COMPOST GIVE-AWAY RESULTS

The Public Services Division hosted its third annual, free Compost Give-Away at City Hall on Saturday, April 21, 2012. We are proud to announce that 48 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 this event, the Public Services Division is currently evaluating the possibility of hosting this event two times a year. If you would like to be notified of upcoming events, please send your e-mail address to 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!

Public Works

Graffiti Report- During the period of 4/2 - 4/16/12, graffiti made known to Public Works staff, by the following means, was removed: **Reported to Hotline:** Bangor/14th, Olive/14th, Cole/Cypress, back of Community Park, Palm Plaza by Flood Control, Palm at City Creek, Ward Street alley, south Palm toward Alabama (Redlands), south side of Palm to Norwood, Sterling/Del Rosa, Bangor/14th; **Reported by Staff:** Community Park/YMCA; **Routine Observation by Public Works:** Sterling n/o Jane, 27211 Cypress, Cypress w/o Palm, Fisher/Central, Cypress/Central, Sterling/Base Line, Seeley Ct./Base Line, 27064 Cypress, 27088 Cypress, 7436 Cunningham, CeeVee Liquor Store (Palm Plaza), Palm/9th to Norwood, Sterling n/o 14th, Byron, Sterling Liquor Store.

Engineering

The #215BIGSHIFT weekend is less than two weeks away! In preparation for the May 7th shift,



full freeway closures are planned starting Friday, May 4 at 11 p.m. and continuing through the weekend. These closures are necessary to allow construction crews to complete paving connections,

re-stripe lanes and ramps, and install signs and other safety items for the new traffic pattern.

Northbound I-215 Closure: Full closure of northbound I-215 between Baseline Street and Mt. Vernon Avenue. **Detour:** Motorists traveling north on I-215 will exit the new Baseline Street off-ramp using the left lane. Northbound I-215 travelers will turn left onto Baseline Street and go straight to Mt. Vernon Avenue. At Mt. Vernon Avenue, turn right and go north to the 27th Street northbound I-215 on-ramp.

Northbound I-215 to Northbound SR-259

Closure: Full closure of northbound I-215 between Baseline Street and Highland Avenue on northbound SR-259. **Detour:** Northbound SR-259 motorists will exit the new Baseline Street off-ramp using the right lane. Turn right onto Baseline Street, go to H Street and turn left. Head north to Highland Avenue and turn left. Go to the northbound SR-259/eastbound SR-210 on-ramp.

Southbound SR-259 Closure: Full closure of southbound SR-259 between Highland Avenue and the I-215 connector. **Detour:** Motorists traveling southbound on SR-259 will exit on Highland Avenue and make a left turn. Go east to H Street and make a right turn. Head south to 5th Street and turn right. Go to the southbound I-215 on-ramp.



Mark Your Calendar

Tuesday, May 1, 2012

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Tuesday, May 8, 2012

6pm - Regular City Council Meeting, Council Chambers

Thursday, May 10, 2012

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

Tuesday, May 15, 2012

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Saturday, May 19, 2012

8am to 12noon - Highland Improvement Team Cleanup, Meet at City Hall - 27215 Base Line

Monday, May 21, 2012

1:30pm to 6:30pm - Blood Drive at Jerry Lewis Community Center - 7793 Central Avenue

Tuesday, May 22, 2012

6pm - Regular City Council Meeting, Council Chambers

Monday, May 28, 2012

Memorial Day Observed - City Offices are closed

Tuesday, June 5, 2012

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Thursday, June 7, 2012

Historic and Cultural Preservation Board Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Tuesday, June 12, 2012

6pm - Regular City Council Meeting, Council Chambers

Thursday, June 14, 2012

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

Tuesday, June 19, 2012

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Tuesday, June 26, 2012

6pm - Regular City Council Meeting, Council Chambers

Tuesday, July 3, 2012

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting,
Donahue Council Chambers

Wednesday, July 4, 2012

4th of July Holiday - City Offices are closed

Wednesday, July 11, 2012

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

Thursday, July 12, 2012

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

Tuesday, July 17, 2012

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting,
Donahue Council Chambers



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