



# City of Highland Weekly Report

May 6, 2011

## Going Green for Spring

### Public Services

#### REPETE'S WISDOM OF THE WEEK

Ways to go Green this Spring.



If your countertops and tabletops haven't seen the light of day in weeks because they're covered with books, magazines, catalogs and mail, then it's time for a change. There's nothing we love more than great weather, sunlight and the perfect excuse to get back to nature. While "spring cleaning" may not be a new phrase, the task is no doubt daunting. What do you toss? What should you donate? What can be reused? And, finally, what can you recycle?

Here is a list of simple changes you can make this month that not only reduce your impact, but can also actually save you money.

#### Declutter Your Life

**Keep It:** A good rule of thumb is, if you have used it in the past year, chances are you'll use it again. We're always advocates for hanging on to the "essentials," i.e. your flavorful wrought-iron skillet, the wicker basket in the corner that's great for storage or your favorite book that's perfect on a rainy afternoon.

But while spring may mean a fresh start, it doesn't have to mean new stuff. If it's not broken, why replace it?

**Donate It:** Taking an inventory of your belongings shows you that tastes change and upgrades happen. Even though these things are disposable to you, they may have many useful miles left. Keep items out of overcrowded landfills by asking family and friends if they have use for any of your unwanted items or donate them to a thrift store.

**Recycle It:** Old magazines and unread books are common clutter items that can be recycled. Consider this: A family of four uses 1.25 tons of paper per year on average, and the U.S. EPA reports that recycling 1 ton of paper saves 3.3 cubic yards of landfill space, as well as enough energy to power the average American home for six months.



**Trash It:** Landfills should be used for items that truly have no other useful purpose. Be cautious when disposing of hazardous materials, as inappropriate distribution can cause toxic components to leach into the soil and groundwater. But even if something isn't recyclable, chances are it may be reused in some creative capacity.

#### Spring Clean The Natural Way

Now that you've cleared the clutter and can actually see those countertops and hardwood floors,



you still have to scrub off the grit and grime from the winter. You can most likely find “green” or “natural” cleaning products at your grocery store. But you can save some money and make your own cleaning product from supplies you already have.

For spray cleaner: Combine and store in a spray bottle 2 cups water 1/4 cup white vinegar; 1/4 tsp. tea tree oil; 1/4 tsp. lavender oil

For deodorizing cleaning: Mix one part vinegar and one part water in a spray bottle to clean countertops, floors, stovetops and other appliances. Scrub dishes, surfaces and stains with a lemon that has been cut in half and sprinkled with baking soda on the flat side

### Go For an Energy Upgrade

If you're looking for savings on your electric bill, install a programmable thermostat that automatically adjusts your home's temp. If the initial cost of a programmable thermostat deters you, keep in mind that it can reduce your energy usage by more than 15 percent in the summer and up to 25 percent in the winter. For those of you that need hard numbers, that's up to \$250 in heating and cooling costs every year you use it and \$2,500 over the course of 10 years.



### Wash Your Car

While you may think you're doing your car (and your wallet) a favor by hand-washing it at home, it's actually the opposite. According to the International Car Wash Association, automatic car washes use less than half the water used when washing your car at home. The average home wash uses 80-140 gallons of water while the commercial average is 45 gallons.

Commercial car washes often reuse water and send the runoff to treatment centers instead of nearby lakes and streams. They also use high-pressure nozzles that require less water usage.



But if you're dead-set on washing your car at home, here's how to keep the impact at a minimum:

- Park on gravel or grass so soapy water soaks into the ground, becomes filtered and recharges groundwater.

Avoid soaps with labels that say “harmful, danger or poison.”

- Turn off the hose when you're not using the water. During a 15-minute car wash, you could use 150 gallons of water if there isn't an automatic shut-off nozzle.

### Plant The Garden You've Always Wanted

Want the freshest, most affordable, organic vegetables possible with absolutely no food miles? The simple solution is to grow your own. It may seem like a lot of work, but the outcome will yield more than just fresh produce. Having a backyard garden reduces fuel usage associated with transporting fruits and veggies to the grocery store. But now we'll get to the best part: You can save up to \$800 per year!



## Library

Show Your Love. Support the Animals of the Highland ELC

Do you love animals but don't want a pet of your own? Is your favorite part of the Highland Library and ELC the live animal exhibits? Show your support through the new Adopt-an-Animal Program! The Highland Environmental Education Coalition invites all patrons to support the efforts of the Highland Environmental Learning Center by providing monetary support directly to the rescued animals of the ELC. Participants choose their own level of support and are thanked with a personalized certificate, photograph of the animal with their story, and other goodies depending on the amount of support given. All of the animals are waiting for you to show you care

so swing by the Library and ELC or visit HEEC's web-site at [www.ecoheec.com](http://www.ecoheec.com) today!  
 For more information about the Adopt-an-Animal Program, please contact the Highland Environmental Education Coalition at [heecinfo@yahoo.com](mailto:heecinfo@yahoo.com) or (909) 425-4706.

## Community Development

Planning Commission determination: At its May 3, 2011, Regular Meeting, the Commission considered the following items:

1. A Design Review Application (DRA 011-001) submitted for the conversion of an existing commercial structure into a single family residence. The property is located at 26709 Base Line, an approximate 5,175 square foot parcel located at the southeast corner of Base Line and Cunningham Street (APN: 1192-341-12). Representative: Mr. Agripino Perez Lora, Property Owner



The Planning Commission approved Design Review Application (DRA-011-001), subject to the recommended Conditions of Approval, as amended, and the Findings of Fact.

The Application may now proceed forward in the process.

Building and Safety Division Activity Update.  
 The following statistics were provided by the Building and Safety Division for the number of permit totals and valuations for the month of March, 2011.

### Description / No. of Units

Plumbing, Electrical, Mechanical, Reroofs, Patio Covers, Special Inspections, etc. / 70  
 Single Family Additions, Alterations / 15  
 Single Family Residence / 3

Detached Garages / 2  
 Single Family Residence Demolition / 1  
 Commercial Additions, Alterations / 3  
 All Other Buildings and Structures / 12

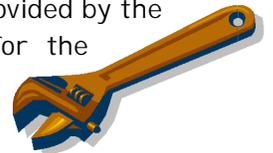
Grand Total Valuation \$2,123,490.00

### Building and Safety Division in Total Fees collected

|                  |              |
|------------------|--------------|
| Plan Check       | \$ 5,207.45  |
| Building Permits | \$ 31,440.64 |
| S.M.I.           | \$ 73.15     |
| Microfilm        | \$ 384.10    |
| Green Building   | \$ 96.00     |
| Code Enforcement | \$ 7,179.43  |
| Lien Release     | \$ 360.00    |
| Police Fee       | \$ 1,068.10  |

### Total Inspections Performed for the month of March: 220

Building and Safety Division Activity Update.  
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### Description / No. of Units

Plumbing, Electrical, Mechanical, Reroofs, Patio Covers, Special Inspections, etc. / 79  
 Single Family Additions, Alterations / 12  
 Single Family Residence / 0  
 Single Family Residence Demolitions / 1  
 Other Demolitions / 1  
 Commercial Additions, Alterations / 2  
 All Other Buildings and Structures / 15

Grand Total Valuation \$729,495.00

Building and Safety Division in Total Fees collected

|                  |              |
|------------------|--------------|
| Plan Check       | \$ 4,586.85  |
| Building Permits | \$ 27,521.17 |
| S.M.I .          | \$ 27.76     |
| Microfilm        | \$ 664.15    |
| Green Building   | \$ 87.00     |
| Code Enforcement | \$ 3,473.14  |
| Lien Release     | \$ 280.00    |
| Police Fee       | \$ 534.05    |

Total Inspections Performed for the month of April: 461

If you want additional information, please contact the Building and Safety Division at (909) 864-8732.

| Year  | # of Permits | Total Fees Collected | Total Inspections | Plan Checks |
|-------|--------------|----------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| 2011  |              |                      |                   |             |
| Jan   | 94           | \$47,173.84          | 157               | 12          |
| Feb   | 71           | \$24,480.74          | 288               | 11          |
| March | 106          | \$45,808.87          | 220               | 15          |
| April | 112          | \$37,174.12          | 461               | 21          |
| May   |              |                      |                   |             |
| June  |              |                      |                   |             |
| July  |              |                      |                   |             |
| Aug   |              |                      |                   |             |
| Sept  |              |                      |                   |             |
| Oct   |              |                      |                   |             |
| Nov   |              |                      |                   |             |
| Dec   |              |                      |                   |             |

Fire Prevention Division Activity Update.



The following statistics were provided by the Fire Prevention Division for the number of permit totals and valuations for the month of March, 2011.

Some of the permits / inspections include, but are not limited to the following: Fire Suppression, Various Types of Fire Sprinklers, UL 300, Fire Alarms, Various Types of Certificates of Occupancy, and Fire Construction Review.

Fire Prevention Division in Total Fees collected

|            |             |
|------------|-------------|
| Plan Check | \$ 2,624.00 |
| Inspection | \$ 4,478.00 |
| Micro Film | \$ 142.25   |
| Total      | \$ 7,244.25 |

Total Inspections Performed for the month of March: 30

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Fire Prevention Division in Total Fees collected

|            |             |
|------------|-------------|
| Plan Check | \$ 1,920.00 |
| Inspection | \$ 1,256.00 |
| Micro Film | \$ 65.55    |
| Total      | \$ 3,241.55 |

Total Inspections Performed for the month of April: 30

If you want additional information, please contact the Fire Prevention Division at (909) 864-8732.

Mark Your Calendar



Saturday, May 7, 2011

9am to 2pm - Open House for Fire Station #1  
26974 Base Line (west)

Tuesday, May 10, 2011

6pm - City Council Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Thursday, May 12, 2011  
5pm - Community Trails Committee Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers



May 15-21, 2011  
National Public Works Week

Tuesday, May 17, 2011

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Saturday, May 21, 2011

8:00am to Noon - Highland Improvement Team Cleanup, meet @ Highland City Hall  
27215 Base Line

Saturday, May 21-22, 2011

9am to 9am (24 Hour Event) - Highland Relay for Life, Highland Community Park, 27003 Hibiscus



Monday, May 23, 2011  
1:30pm to 6:30pm - Community Blood Drive  
Jerry Lewis Community Center. 7793 Central Avenue

Tuesday, May 24, 2011

6pm - City Council Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Monday, May 30, 2011

Memorial Day Observance - City Offices are closed



Thursday, June 2, 2011

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

Tuesday, June 7, 2011

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chamber

Thursday, June 9, 2011

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



Tuesday, June 14, 2011  
Flag Day

Tuesday, June 21, 2011

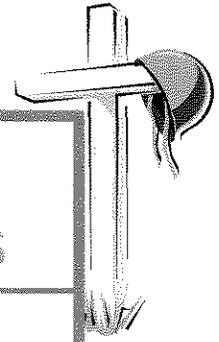
First Day of Summer

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Assembled by: Brandy Littleton



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# Volunteer Services

City of Highland

## HIGHLAND COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE MONDAY, MAY 23, 2011

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### Happy Birthday 2 U...

David Diaz

Ada Scott

Nicki Young

#### Famous Birthdays:

Harry S. Truman • Florence  
Nightingale • Yogi Berra • John  
Wayne • Bob Hope •  
John F. Kennedy



### Quote of the Month

*A man loves his sweetheart  
the most, his wife the best  
but his mother the longest.*

*-Irish Proverb*

## Highland Improvement Team

The Highland Improvement Team (H.I.T.) is looking for a few good homes to clean up. If you know of a Highland home in need of a little help, give us a call. The H.I.T.'s goal is to help seniors (65 yrs or older) and disabled homeowners. Past projects include yard cleanup, minor landscaping and garage cleanout. Please give Volunteer Services a call if you are interested or know someone that may need our help. We look forward to hearing from you!



# Blood Drive & Marrow Screening

City of Highland

At Jerry Lewis Community Center

Highland Family YMCA

7793 Central Ave, Highland

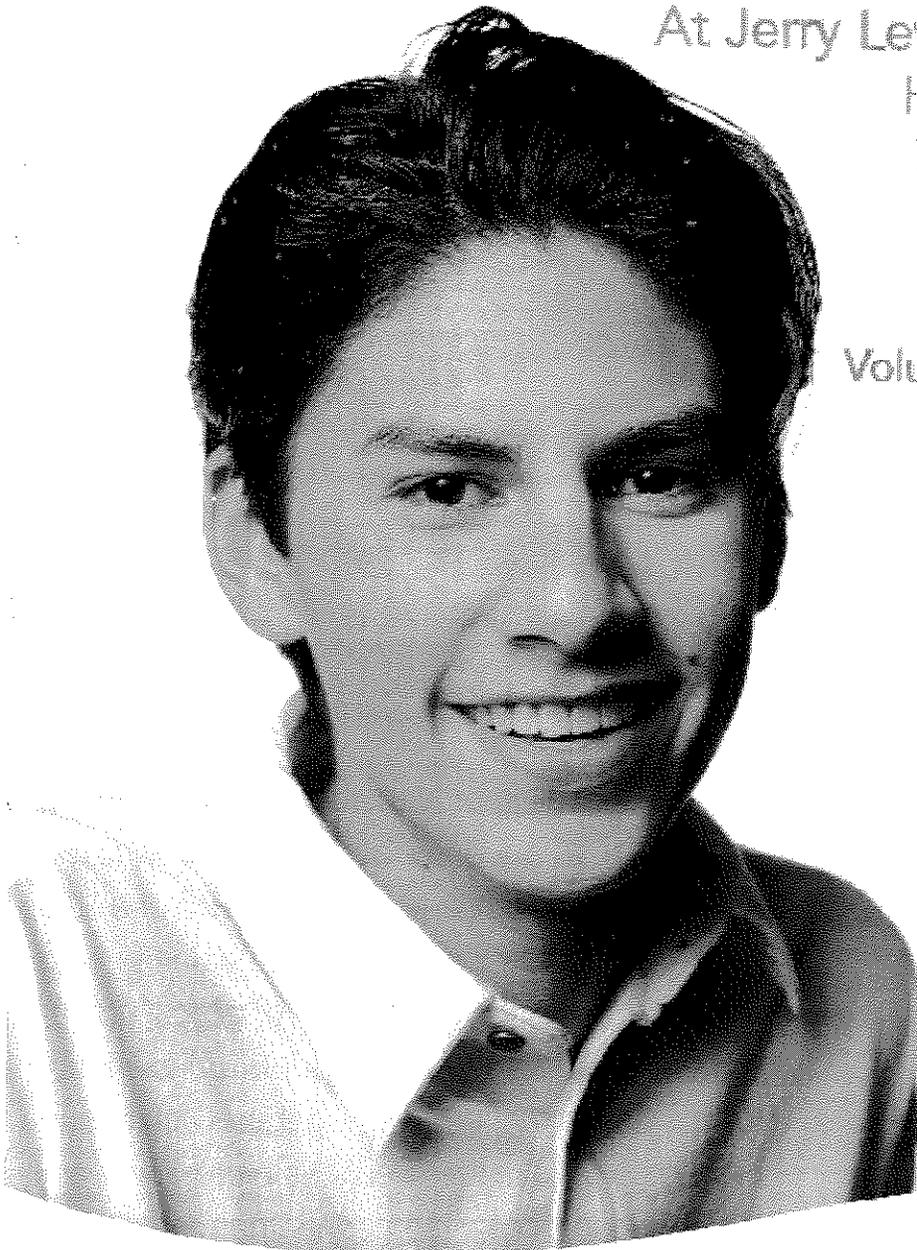
Monday, May 23, 2011

1:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Contact Denise Garnsey,

Volunteer Services Coordinator

at 909.864.6861 ext. 203



**FOR EVERY LIFESAVING  
DONATION PARTICIPANTS RECEIVE:**

\* Points as part of the "Gift of Life" Donor Loyalty Program that may be redeemed for items through LifeStream's online store at [www.LStream.org](http://www.LStream.org).

Please be sure to drink plenty of fluids and bring photo identification with you. If you are 15 or 16 years old, please bring a signed LifeStream parental consent form.

Potential Volunteer Bone Marrow Donors must be between the ages of 18 and 60, be willing to donate to any patient in need and meet health guide lines.

Please call and schedule your appointment today! 1.800.879.4484

**LifeStream**  
GIVE HOPE | GIVE LIFE | GIVE BLOOD

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# OPEN HOUSE

FIRE STATION #1 is hosting an Open House on Saturday, May 7, 2011.

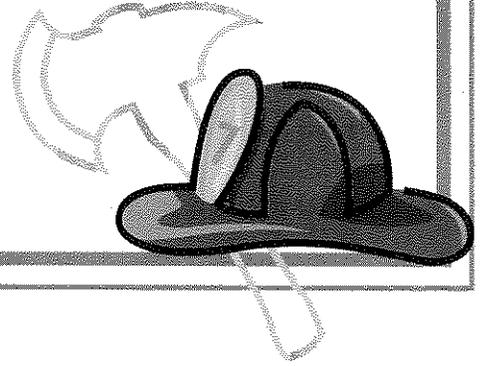
Please join us and tour the facilities, explore the engines and gain valuable information from your friendly neighborhood firefighters!

The open house takes place from 9am to 2pm. See you there!!!

Highland Fire Station #1

26974 Baseline

909-862-3031



## May Material:

Flower - *Lily of the Valley*

Birthstone - *Emerald*

Astrological Signs



Taurus: April 20 - May 20



Gemini: May 21 - June 21

May 5 - Cinco De Mayo

May 8 - Mother's Day

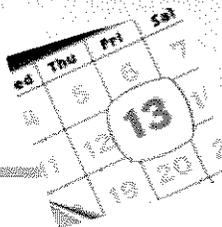
May 21 - Armed Forces Day

May 31 - Memorial Day

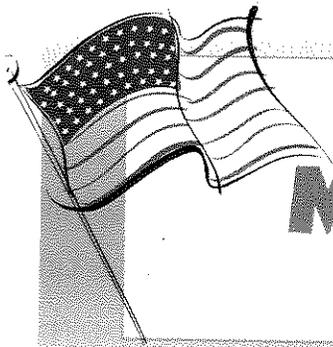


COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER SERVICES  
909-864-6861 EXT. 203

### Did You Know...



Be on the lookout...Friday the 13th lands on the calendar this month. This will be the only occurrence for 2011!!!



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- Saturday 5/7/11 - Open House - 9:00am to 2:00pm  
Fire Station #1 - 26974 Baseline
- Saturday 5/21/11 - HIT Cleanup - 8:00am to noon (sign in@ 7:30am)  
Highland City Hall - 27215 Baseline
- Saturday 5/21/11 to Sunday 5/22/11 - Relay For Life - 9am to 9am  
Highland Community Park - 6955 Palm Avenue  
Information: Mikeanddonnamatt@aol.com
- Monday 5/23/11 - Community Blood Drive - 1:30pm to 6:30pm  
Jerry Lewis Community Center - 7793 Central Avenue

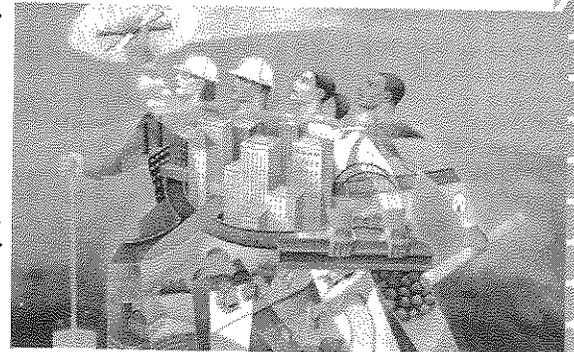
## National Public Works Week

“Public Works: Serving You and Your Community”

MAY 15 - 21, 2011

National Public Works Week (NPWW) is observed annually during the third week of May. NPWW is a time to celebrate the thousands of men and women in North America who provide and maintain the infrastructure and services known as public works. Park maintenance and improvements, roadway repair (potholes) and graffiti abatement are just a few responsibilities of our Public Works Division. Some NPWW history includes:

- 1960 - The first NPWW received a U.S. Senate resolution.
- Letters from Presidents Dwight D. Eisenhower and Lyndon B. Johnson
- 1962 - Presidential Proclamation signed by John F. Kennedy in 1962.



Want more information? Go to [www2.apwa.net](http://www2.apwa.net)