

# City of Highland Weekly Report



May 15, 2015

## VOLUNTEER SERVICES

Mark your calendars...Highland is having a Blood Drive **this Monday, May 18, 2015**. You can give back to your community by donating blood during the drive. Donors receive points that can be used at LifeStream's online store as well as a coupon for two free tacos from Jack in the Box.

The Blood Drive will take place at the Highland Police Station, 26985 Base Line **from 1:30pm to 6:30pm**. Please contact Volunteer Services Coordinator at 909-864-6861, extension 203 for more information.

### COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE



### HIGHLAND IMPROVEMENT TEAM

Join the Highland Improvement Team (HIT) as we pick up litter in Highland this Saturday. Everyone is welcome to join and help with any and all HIT projects. Interested Volunteers can contact Volunteer Services to sign up or simply sign-in that morning. Remember when you are out and about in the community to be on the lookout for our dedicated HIT members as they work to beautify and keep Highland clean and in tiptop shape!



This cleanup will take place this Saturday, May 16, 2015 from 8:00am to 12:00pm. Volunteers can sign in at Highland City Hall (27215 Base Line) from 7:30am to 8:00am. Please remember that all volunteers are asked to provide their own transportation to and from the cleanup site. The City will provide all tools and equipment needed and will host lunch afterward for all those dedicating their Saturday to this project.

Please contact Volunteer Services Coordinator, Denise Moreno, with any questions or for more information regarding the Highland Improvement Team at 909-864-6861 extension 203.

## **OPEN HOUSE ~ FIRE STATION #1**



Fire Station #1 will host its annual Open House on Saturday, June 6, 2015 from 9am to 2pm. This is always a fun filled day, both for the kids and adults. Come down and meet your local firefighters, tour the facility and sit in a real fire truck. There will also be important information available to residents regarding fire prevention, games and refreshments. Fire Station #1 is located at 26974 Base Line (east). Hope to see you there!

Questions or information, please contact Volunteer Services at 909-864-6861 ext. 203 or Fire Station #1 at 909-862-3031.

## **ADMINISTRATION**

Emergency Preparedness—Why Prepare? More than 82% of U.S. residents are aware that emergency preparedness is important to handle disasters. Yet of these, most have made little, if any, actual preparations! What about you? Are you ready?

All of us need to take a role in helping protect each other and our families and friends in the event of an emergency. From fires to landslides to ever-present earthquakes, we continuously face emergency situations.

Disasters disrupt hundreds of thousands of lives every year. Each disaster has lasting effects, both to people and property. If a disaster occurs in your community, local government and disaster relief organizations will try to help you. But you need to be ready as well. Local responders may not be able to reach you immediately or they may need to focus their efforts elsewhere. You should know how to respond to severe weather or any disaster that could occur in your area, including earthquakes, wildfires, landslides, pandemic, flooding, terrorism and more. You should also be ready to be self-sufficient for three to seven days. This may mean providing for your own shelter, first aid, food, water and sanitation.



We know that the next emergency is coming. We just don't know when or what kind it will be. But we can – and must – prepare now for the next emergency. Our family, friends and community depend on it. For more information on getting prepared, please visit [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov).

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## *Community Development*

**Community Trails Committee:** At the May 14, 2015, regular meeting, the Community Trails Committee considered the following items:

Highland/Redlands Regional Connector Project

The Community Trails Committee sent a letter of support for the City's application for grant funding for the Highland/Redlands Regional Connector Project.

Community Trails Committee Work Program and Trails Section Priority Exercise

The community Trails Committee heard staffs presentation and prioritized the trails sections with the Work Program.

The next regularly scheduled Community Trails Committee meeting is scheduled for June 11, 2015.

# Repete's Wisdom of the Week

**2015 Electric Lawn Mower Exchange Program**— The South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) is conducting a lawn mower exchange program for residents living within its 4-county jurisdiction, which includes all of Orange County, most of Los Angeles County (excluding the Antelope Valley), almost all of Riverside County, and the non-desert portion of San Bernardino County. This program allows residents to turn in their working gas-powered lawn mower and purchase a new cordless rechargeable electric mower at a discounted price.

## Who Is Eligible for the Lawn Mower Exchange?

You must be a resident living within AQMD's 4-county jurisdiction, which includes all of Orange County, most of Los Angeles County (excluding the Antelope Valley), almost all of Riverside County, and the non-desert portion of San Bernardino County. You will be asked to show proof of residency (driver's license, utility bill, etc.) when you come to exchange your mower.

- You must turn in a working gas mower.
- You must be at least 18 years of age.
- You must **pre-register** for one of the exchange events and have the reservation form showing your reservation number for that event.
- At the exchange event, you must pay depending on the model you choose. (Cash, Check, or Major Credit Cards Accepted).



There is a limit of one mower per residence.

## How Do I Register?

You can register online at [www.aqmd.gov](http://www.aqmd.gov) or by phone during AQMD's working hours (Tuesday through Friday, 8 am to 5:00 pm) by calling 1-(888) 425-6247.

## How Does the Exchange Event Work?

A total of 4 exchange events have been scheduled. The closet events for Highland residents will be in **Ontario on June 13, 2015**. To participate, residents must pre-register. You will be given a registration number, and a half-hour time slot during which we would like you to arrive. This reduces traffic congestion, and allows for a quick orderly flow through the exchange process. Your reservation is only good for the day and location of the event for which you registered.

There will be staff at the event to unload your old mower and load your new mower into your vehicle. You will not have to get out of your car. It is a drive-thru event. The whole process from when you arrive to when you leave typically takes less than 15 minutes.

**What Are The Air Quality Benefits of Exchanging Your Gas Mower** — Using a typical gas mower for one year can pollute as much as a car driven for 22,000 miles. All the gas mowers that are turned in for this program will be scrapped and the metal recycled.

For more information please visit [www.aqmd.gov](http://www.aqmd.gov) or call 1-888-425-6247, Tuesday – Friday from 8am to 5pm.



### SR-210 Westbound Off-Ramp at Greenspot Road

The City's contractor will be making repairs to the SR-210 westbound off-ramp at Greenspot Road beginning Tuesday, May 19, 2015. Repairs will be made to the guardrail, retaining wall, and concrete barrier. This work is anticipated to be completed within two weeks. The off-ramp will remain open during construction. However, daily week day lane closures of the far right lane will be implemented during this work from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The contractor will not be working Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> or Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup> due to the Memorial Day holiday.



### 9<sup>th</sup> Street Safety Improvements

Street Improvements on 9<sup>th</sup> Street from Del Rosa Drive to Palm Avenue will begin next week. This project will construct minor pavement widening, slurry seal, retrofitting of pedestrian heads with countdown feature at 5 signalized intersections, installation of two in-pavement lighted crosswalks, and new pavement striping with center two-way lane and bike lanes.



The contractor will begin next week with the construction of the pavement widening. Resident notices have been handed out by the contractor to alert them of this upcoming project. Traffic will remain open on 9<sup>th</sup> Street during construction. The contractor is anticipated to complete the project early July 2015.

# Public Works

### Various Street Roadway Paving

Miscellaneous pavement repairs including localized grinding to remove alligatored pavement, crack sealing and construction of a thin layer of hot mix asphalt concrete are underway at the following locations:

Greenspot Road from Orange Street to Gold Buckle Road (both sides)

Del Rosa Drive from 3<sup>rd</sup> Street to 6<sup>th</sup> Street (both sides)

Sterling Avenue from 6<sup>th</sup> Street to approximately 210' south of 6<sup>th</sup> Street (southbound only)

Base Line from Del Rosa Drive to Osburn Road (westbound only)

Highland Avenue from Victoria Avenue to Rockford Avenue (westbound only)

The pavement grinding and crack sealing was completed this week on these road segments. Next week, the contractor will complete crack sealing on Greenspot Road from Valencia Court to Gold Buckle. They will also overlay the streets with hot mix asphalt on May 21<sup>st</sup> and May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## FINANCE

### Commercial Business License Applications —

There were no new commercial business licenses for the week of 5/11/15 to 5/15/15.

# alendar of Events



## **May 16, 2015**

8am to 12pm—Highland Improvement Team Cleanup, Highland City Hall - 27215 Base Line

## **May 18, 2015**

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

## **May 19, 2015**

6pm - Planning Commission Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

## **May 26, 2015**

6pm - City Council Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

## **May 29, 2015**

8am— Closed Session City Council, Upright Conference Room

## **June 2, 2015**

6pm - Planning Commission Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

## **June 4, 2015**

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

## **Saturday, June 6, 2015**

9am to 2pm—Open House  
Highland Fire Station #1 - 26974 Base Line - Highland

## **June 9, 2015**

4:30pm— City Council Study Session, Council Chambers  
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 4, 2015**

6pm - Planning Commission, Donahue Council Chambers

## **August 6, 2015**

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

## **August 11, 2015**

6pm - City Council Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

## **August 13, 2015**

5pm - Community Trails Committee, Donahue Council Chambers

## **August 18, 2015**

6pm - Planning Commission, Donahue Council Chambers

## **August 25, 2015**

6pm - City Council Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

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