



# City of Highland Weekly Report

May 16, 2014

## Annual Public Safety Appreciation Week was a Success due to the Community's Support

### Volunteer Services

**Public Safety Appreciation Week** - Last week the City of Highland celebrated its Thirteenth Annual Public Safety Appreciation Week. Potluck luncheons were held throughout the week to honor our many Police Officers and Firefighters at our City's Police and Fire Departments. The support shown by residents, community members, businesses and City staff was tremendous. Not only did we receive an abundance of food donations, but we had a great team of volunteers which included Brenda Borges, Laura Lopez, Jeri Rich and members of the Radiant Rubies. They helped with set-up, food prep and cleanup each day during the week. Thank you ladies!

**THANK YOU**

All those who contributed to the many potlucks during this past week deserve a special thank you as well. Thank you to the many Highland Residents and Community Members, Antonio Pizza, Farmer Boys, Juanito's Tacos, Open Kitchen Buffet, Pepper Steak Restaurant, Pho T&T, Rosa Maria's #2, Sabroso Grill, Sportswatch Bar and Grill, Stater Bros #182, Thai Spoon Restaurant, The Green Frog, Two Guys Pasta and

Pizza, Albertson's, Amigos Recycling, Big Mikes Rooter and Plumbing, Brightwater Senior Living, Budget Transmission, Burrtec Waste Industries, Cal Disposal, Highland Community News, Immanuel Baptist Church, Kiwanis Club of Highland, Radiant Rubies of Highland, Highland City Council Members and the many City Staff who helped support this very important event.

Thank you again, to everyone who generously contributed in making these luncheons a success including all police and fire personnel for welcoming us in to their busy schedules and for all their assistance during the luncheons

**Blood Drive** - Highland's next blood drive is **Tuesday, May 27, 2012**. Donating blood is a quick and easy process. Blood donation is done in four easy steps, taking only about an hour to complete.

- Step 1: Sign in and health history questionnaire
- Step 2: Free mini physical
- Step 3: Blood donation
- Step 4: Canteen (Refreshments)



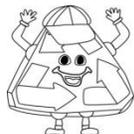
The process is pretty simple. Please consider becoming a Highland donor. Highland

blood drives are hosted at the Highland Police Station, located at 26985 Base Line Street. Donation times are from 1:30PM to 6:30PM. Please remember to bring a picture ID and drink plenty of water!

Should you have any questions or need more information about becoming a new donor or volunteer, please contact Volunteer Services Coordinator, Denise Moreno at 909-864-6861 extension 203.

**Highland Improvement Team** - The May HIT cleanup will take place this Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. Our project this month is litter abatement. Saturday is going to be warm, so remember to wear a hat and sunscreen! The city will provide all other supplies needed for the cleanup. Volunteers are asked to meet at Highland city Hall (27215 Base Line) to sign-in from 7:30am to 8:00am.

The cleanup is scheduled from 8:00am to noon. Lunch will be provided for volunteers immediately following the cleanup. Please remember that all volunteers will need to provide their own transportation to and from the cleanup site and minors will need to be accompanied by someone over 18 years of age. Please contact Volunteer Services at 909-864-6861 ext. 203 for more information about this awesome community service event!



## Public Services

**Repete's Wisdom of the Week - Mow Down Air Pollution 2014 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 closest events for Highland residents will be in Riverside on June 14, 2014. 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.

## Finance

**Commercial Business License Applications** - There were no new commercial business licenses for the week of 5/12 to 5/16/14.

## Administration

**Emergency Preparedness - Maintaining your kit** - Just as important as putting your supplies together is maintaining them so they are safe to use when needed. Here are some tips to keep your supplies ready and in good condition:



- Keep canned [food](#) in a cool, dry place.
- Store boxed food in tightly closed plastic or metal containers to protect from pests and to extend its shelf life.
- Throw out any canned good that becomes swollen, dented or corroded.
- Use foods before they go bad and replace them with fresh supplies.

- Place new items at the back of the storage area and older ones in the front.
- Change stored food and [water supplies](#) every six months. Be sure to write the date you store it on all containers.
- Re-think your needs every year and update your kit as your family's needs change.
- Check batteries. Throw out any that are corroded or discharged and replace with fresh ones.
- Check medication and first aid items. Throw out any that are beyond their expiration date and replace.

Keep items in airtight plastic bags and put your entire disaster supplies kit in one or two easy-to-carry containers, such as an unused trashcan, camping backpack, plastic tote bin or duffel bag. For more information about disaster preparedness, please visit [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov).

## Public Works

**5<sup>th</sup> Street Joint Storm Drain and Water Pipeline.** Construction continues at the intersection of 5<sup>th</sup> Street and Palm Avenue. Next week the contractor will tie into an existing 12-inch water line located at the southwest corner of the 5<sup>th</sup> Street and Palm Avenue. In order to make this connection, water will be temporarily shut down on Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> from approximately 7 am to 5 pm. Seven customers are affected by this shut down. Notifications have been hand delivered to these customers and the City's contractor will provide them with cases of water. The project remains on schedule to be completed November 2014.

**City-Wide Concrete Maintenance** - Bids were opened on May 15<sup>th</sup> for a City-Wide Concrete Maintenance contract. This project includes removal and replacement on an on-call basis of existing sidewalk, curbs, gutters and driveways. It also includes grinding of concrete

sidewalk. Bid award is anticipated to be made by the City Council meeting on May 27, 2014, with construction beginning in June 2014.

**Public Works Report - April 2014**

Total Man-hours	921.5
Compensated Man-hours	871
Un-compensated Man-hours	50.5
<b>Man-Hours per Activity</b>	
General Clean-up	95.25
Parkway Maintenance	0.5
Potholes	65
Sidewalk	1.25
Storm Drains	2.5
Signs/Traffic Control	77.5
Trees Trimmed	10.5
Vehicle/Tool Maintenance	17.75
Building/Grounds Maintenance	159
Landscape Maintenance District	17.75
Park Maintenance	181.5
Trail Maintenance	34.25
Special Maintenance	12.25
Crack Sealing	0
Graffiti	111
USA Markings	24
Weed Spraying	19.75
Staff Meetings	91.8
Safety Training	0
Personal Time Off	0

SPECIAL: Transported wood chips to Community Park.

**Mark Your Calendar**

**Saturday, May 17, 2014**

8am to Noon - Highland Improvement Team Cleanup (registration begins at 7:30am) Highland City Hall located at 27215 Base Line

**Tuesday, May 20, 2014**

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

**Monday, May 26, 2014**

Memorial Day Observance - City Offices are closed

**Tuesday, May 27, 2014**

1:30pm to 6:30pm - Blood Drive at the Highland Police Station, 26985 Base Line  
6pm - Regular City Council Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

**Tuesday, June 3, 2014**

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

**Thursday, June 5, 2014**

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

**Tuesday, June 10, 2014**

6pm - Regular City Council Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

**Thursday, June 12, 2014**

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

**Tuesday, June 17, 2014**

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

**Tuesday, June 24, 2014**

6pm - Regular City Council Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

**Tuesday, July 1, 2014**

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

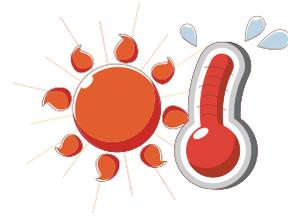
**Thursday, July 10, 2014**

4pm - Public Nuisance Hearing Board Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers  
5pm - Community Trails Committee Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

**Tuesday, July 15, 2014**

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting,  
Donahue Council Chambers

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