



City of Highland Weekly Report

May 24, 2012

Memorial Day Program Monday, May 28, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.

Administration

Memorial Day Program - American Legion Highland Post 421. The American Legion Highland Post 421 is proud to work with the City of Highland and the Highland Sheriff's Station this year in holding the annual Memorial Day service at Highland Memorial Park on May 28, 2012, at 10:00 a.m., 26985 Base Line, Highland.

This year's service will closely mirror our past Memorial Day programs in remembering and honoring those ten Highland boys who lost their lives in the Vietnam War.

The program starts with the Posting of the Colors and the National Anthem. Mayor Larry McCallon will begin with a welcoming address to Highland residents and guests attending. A memorial will then be placed honoring those who died in our nation's wars. Next will be a short Memorial Day address by American Legion Post 421 Commander Josie Thomas, followed by the placement of a wreath in remembrance of those who died.

A Roll Call of these ten Highland boys will be held along with a placing of rose for each one in the memorial cross. An eleventh rose will be placed in honor of all Americans who died in all wars.

Closing out the program will be a closing prayer, followed by the echoing sound of "Taps" and a song, "Proud to be An American," as recorded by Lee Greenwood.

Memorial Day Weekend Marks the Start of the Camping Season - Camping in national forests can be a year-round endeavor, but for many people Memorial Day weekend is the deadline to air out the tents, dust off the hiking boots and load up on the makings for s'mores.

Kids are out of school, or nearly so, and the days are warmer and longer. It is a perfect time to start reintroducing yourself to the fun and excitement and the calm and peacefulness national forests and grasslands have to offer.

Most of the recreation sites on the San Bernardino National Forest will be open for forest visitors by Memorial Day weekend. "The forest is ready for the 2012 summer recreation season," said Forest Supervisor Jody Noiron. "We



encourage people to enjoy the outdoors while camping, hiking, mountain biking, fishing or a variety of other recreational activities on our forest."

As always, forest officials encourage visitors to be aware of their surroundings and responsibilities when visiting the forest. "We want to ensure that everyone has a safe and enjoyable visit while always remaining aware of the current situation outdoors and the potential for wildfire and wildlife, and call ahead to check the status of places you plan to visit" said Supervisor Noiron. *"Know Before You Go"*

Campfires

Campfires are only permitted at developed sites in the designated fire rings in campgrounds, picnic grounds and Yellow Post Sites. Outside of developed sites, only propane or gas cooking stoves are permitted. Always call ahead to check on the current fire restrictions.

Campgrounds

Campgrounds are popular for three-day weekend getaways, so reserving early is sometimes key, so you need to plan. Campground reservations can be made online through Reserve USA at: www.recreation.gov or by calling toll free 1-877-444-6777.



Recreation Use Fees

The Forest Adventure Pass must be displayed on a visitor's parked vehicle when recreating in Standard Amenity Fee Areas and certain developed sites like campgrounds and picnic areas. An on-line source of designated fee sites, areas and fee information is available on our new Forest Adventure Pass website at: www.fs.usda.gov/adventurepass

Off-Highway Vehicles

Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) users should call ahead to the Ranger Station to call ahead to

confirm their OHV plans and verify rules and regulations. OHV riding area maps are available on the San Bernardino National Forest website. "Red Sticker" vehicle riding season has closed in the San Bernardino Mountains for the summer and will resume on October 1. (San Jacinto mountains "red sticker areas close on May 31).

All Visitor Centers will be open on the holiday weekend, including Monday. Please call or stop by for the latest conditions and recreation information at the following offices:

Barton Flats Visitor Center

Hwy 38, 7 miles East of Angelus Oaks
(909) 794-4891

Big Bear Discovery Center

41397 North Shore Drive / Highway 38, Fawnskin
(909) 382-2790

Idyllwild Ranger Station

54270 Pine Crest, Idyllwild
(909) 382-2922

Lytle Creek Ranger Station

1209 Lytle Creek Road, Lytle Creek
(909) 382-2851

Mill Creek Visitor Center

34701 Mill Creek Road, Mentone
(909) 382-2882

Santa Rosa & San Jacinto Mountains National Monument Visitor Center

51-500 Highway 74 Palm Desert
(760) 862-9984

For additional information about the San Bernardino National Forest, please visit: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/sbnf>

Volunteer Services

BLOOD DRIVE COMMITTEE. The support we received at the blood drive this week was OUTSTANDING! For the second drive in a row, our numbers have been up...way up! We had 46 people register to donate blood on Monday. Out of those, 38 people were able to complete the process and donate blood to LifeStream on

behalf of the community of Highland. LifeStream has a demand of over 600 units of blood per day to fulfill the needs of our local hospitals. The increase in donors in Highland is fantastic and what a wonderful way to give back to the community! If you have not participated in a Highland Blood Drive, please consider doing so. Thank you to all the wonderful donors for making this blood drive so successful!

Highland's next blood drive is Monday, July 23rd! Please contact Volunteer Services Coordinator, Denise Moreno, at 909-864-6861 ext. 203 for more information.

HIGHLAND IMPROVEMENT TEAM.

Now is your chance to join the Highland Improvement Team (HIT). The Highland Improvement Team is currently signing up new members. Would you like to belong to a great team, make new friends and help the community at the same time?

Highland Improvement Team members dedicate one Saturday morning per month to HIT projects. Each project lasts approximately four hours, usually from 8 a.m. to noon. Clean up projects may include yard clean up, minor landscaping, garage clean out and some painting. The Highland Improvement Team (HIT) consists of all Volunteers who work on the different projects, typically for senior or disabled homeowners, at no charge. The City provides all tools and supplies needed to complete each HIT project. Volunteers are treated to lunch after each project as a token of appreciation for all their hard work.

If you would like to join the Highland Improvement Team or would like more information, please contact Denise Moreno, Volunteer Services Coordinator, at 909-864-6861 extension 203.

OPEN HOUSE - Fire Station #1 will host its annual Open House on Saturday, June

23rd 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 Baseline (west). Hope to see you there!

Questions or information, please contact Fire Station #1 at 909-862-3031.



Public Services

REPETE'S WISDOM OF THE WEEK -

Mow Down Air Pollution, 2012 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), Riverside County, and 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 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 6 exchange events have been scheduled. The closet events for Highland residents will be in **Rancho Cucamonga on June 16, 2012 and Riverside on July 14, 2012**. To participate, residents must pre-register. You will be given a registration number and a half-hour time slot during which to conduct your exchange. 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 or call 1-888-425-6247, Tuesday - Friday from 8am to 5pm.

Mark Your Calendar

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

Saturday, June 9, 2012

7:30am - 11:30am - Highland Improvement Team Cleanup. Meet @ Highland City Hall - 27215 Baseline

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

Saturday June 23, 2012

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

Monday, June 25, 2012

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

Tuesday, June 26, 2012

6pm - Regular City Council Meeting, Council Chambers

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