

City of Highland

Weekly Report



May 29, 2015

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Historic and Cultural Preservation Board: Congratulations Colin Child! At the May 25, 2015, regular meeting, the City Council appointed Colin Child to

serve as a member on the Historic and Cultural Preservation Board. The next regularly scheduled Historic and Cultural Preservation Board meeting is on June 4, 2015 at 5:00 in the Leo Donahue Council Chambers. Welcome Colin!

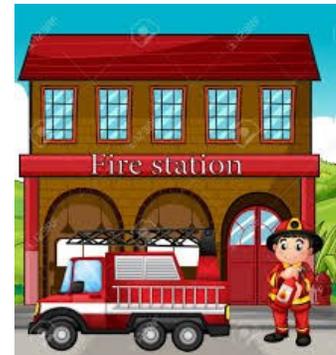
Congratulations

OPEN HOUSE FIRE STATION #1

Fire Station #1 is hosting 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.



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HIGHLAND IMPROVEMENT TEAM

Mark your calendars...the Highland Improvement Team (HIT) cleanup in June is RESIDENTIAL! Volunteers will

be helping a disabled homeowner with yard work, weeding and with bulky item removal. This is a perfect project for family and youth volunteer groups!



Remember...EVERYONE is welcome to join and help with any and all HIT projects. Interested Volunteers can contact Volunteer Services to sign up. You can also help in another way by being on the lookout for areas in Highland that the HIT can beautify. We would love to hear from you. We can all work together to keep Highland clean and in tiptop shape! Please contact Volunteer Services Coordinator, Denise Moreno, with any questions or for more information regarding this cleanup or the Highland Improvement Team at 909-864-6861 extension 203.

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Commercial Business License Applications

— There was one new commercial business licenses for the week of 5/25/15 to 5/29/15. El Potrero located 26483 Base Line, Suite C.

Public Works

Various Street Roadway Paving - There was a slight delay due to rain, but the pavement overlay has been completed at the following locations:

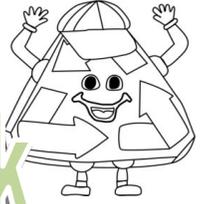
- Greenspot Road from Orange Street to Gold Buckle Road (both sides)
- Del Rosa Drive from 3rd Street to 6th Street (both sides)
- Sterling Avenue from 6th Street to approximately 210' south of 6th Street (southbound only)
- Base Line from Del Rosa Drive to Osbun Road (westbound only)
- Highland Avenue from Victoria Avenue to Rockford Avenue (westbound only)

Next week, the roads will be cat-tracked in preparation of final striping. The contractor will also install traffic signal loops. Project completion is anticipated June 12, 2015.

Greenspot Road Pavement Widening— With removal of the power poles on the south side of Greenspot Road between Webster Street and SR-210 by Edison, improvements have been underway to complete the widening to open the third eastbound lane. This week, the contractor removed the k-rail, constructed curb/gutter and sidewalk in the areas where the poles were removed, and paved the road. On Tuesday, June 2 the traffic control devices will be removed, and new striping and signs will be done to open this lane to vehicles, which will complete the improvements on Greenspot Road.



9th Street Safety Improvements — The pavement widening was completed this week along three segments of 9th Street: 1) south side between Victoria Avenue and approximately 200' west of Valaria Drive, 2) south side between Central Avenue and Lillian Lane, and 3) north side between Cunningham Street and approximately 250' east of Hillview Street. Next week, pole foundations will be poured for two in-pavement lighted crosswalks on 9th Street, concrete and asphalt driveways constructed, adjustment of sewer manholes, and striping will be removed to prepare for slurry seal the week of June 8th. The project is approximately 28% complete is on schedule to be completed in July of 2015.



Repete's Wisdom of the Week

Home Hacks: 5 Ways To Simplify Your Home (And Minimize Waste Too) Human beings can make literally thousands of decisions in a single day, and it's no wonder that we sometimes experience what is known as "decision fatigue".

One of the simplest ways to make your life easier - and more Eco-friendly - is by taking some of those decisions off the table and making the machines and electronics in your home, work for you. Three words - simplify your home. Here are five easy ways to simplify your home by making a few easy one-time decisions, and creating a greener home with very little effort in the process.

1. Adjust your hot water tank to 49C or 120F. The default setting for many hot water tanks is 60C or 140F, but you can save almost a quarter of the heating cost by lowering it to 49C or 120F. Any higher than that and you're wasting water by heating it unnecessarily, any lower and you may find an increased risk of some bacteria in your home.

2. Use a cold water wash. For everyday loads of laundry, set your washer to use a cold water wash. It's been proven that they are just as effective at cleaning clothes and removing stains, than warm or hot washes. The average household can save approximately 350 lbs of carbon each year simply by switching to cold water washes. Save the hot water cycles for items like kitchen cloths that may need disinfecting.

3. Use exterior motion detector lights and timers. Rather than leaving exterior lights on all night, use a motion sensor to light up your yard as needed. Set holiday lights on an automatic timer that turns on at dusk and shuts off at midnight, so you aren't wasting energy lighting up your house for no one to see.

4. Turn off the auto-dry feature on your dishwasher. You can save about 15% of the energy used by your dishwasher simply by letting dishes air dry instead of using the dishwasher's heated dry cycle. Letting dishes air dry also protects any plastic items you may have washed, and prevents any food particles that got missed in the wash cycle from being baking on.

5. Use a smart thermostat. Automated thermostats like Nest allow you to customize the heating and cooling cycles of your home with the touch of a finger. These devices actually learn the routines of your home and make adjustments in advance, lowering heat during periods the house is unoccupied, as well as responding to pre-determined schedules. You can even access the thermostat remotely from a smartphone.



ADMINISTRATION

Emergency Preparedness - Water. In a disaster, water supplies may be cut off or contaminated. Store enough water for everyone in your family to last **for at least 3 days**.

- Store one gallon of water per person, per day. Three gallons per person per day will give you enough to drink and for limited cooking and personal hygiene. Remember to plan for pets.

If you store tap water:

- Tap water from a municipal water system can be safely stored without additional treatment.
- Store water in food grade plastic containers, such as clean 2-liter soft drink bottles. Heavy duty, reusable plastic water containers are also available at sporting goods stores. Empty milk bottles are not recommended because their lids do not seal well and bottles may develop leaks.
- Label and store in a cool, dark place.
- Replace water at least once every six months.

If you buy commercially bottled “spring” or “drinking” water:

- Keep water in its original container, and don’t re-store a bottle once it’s been opened.
- Store in a cool, dark place.
- If bottles are not marked with the manufacturer’s expiration date, label with the date and replace bottles at least once per year.



Treating Water after Disaster:

If you run out of stored drinking water, strain and treat water from your water heater or the toilet reservoir tank (except if you use toilet tank cleaners). Swimming pool or spa water should not be consumed but you can use it for flushing toilets or washing.

Treatment Process:

Strain any large particles of dirt by pouring the water through layers of paper towels or clean cloth. Next, purify the water one of two ways:

- Boil – bring to a rolling boil and maintain for 3-5 minutes. After the water cools, pour it back and forth between two clean containers to add oxygen back; this will improve its taste.
- Disinfect – If the water is clear, add 8 drops (1/8 teaspoon) of bleach per gallon of water. If it is cloudy, add 16 drops (1/4 teaspoon) per gallon. Make sure you are using regular bleach— 5.25% percent sodium hypochlorite— rather than the “ultra” or “color safe” bleaches. Shake or stir, then let stand 30 minutes. A slight chlorine taste and smell is normal.

For more information on disaster preparedness, please visit www.ready.gov or www.72hours.org.

alendar of Events

June 2, 2015

6pm - Planning Commission Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

June 4, 2015

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

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 20, 2015

8am to 12 Noon—Highland Improvement Team Cleanup
Registration 7:30am to 8:00am
Highland City Hall - 27215 Base Line

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 15, 2015

Public Nuisance Hearing Board, 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 12, 2015

3pm— Street Naming Committee, 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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SCAM ALERT

Scam: Mortgage Modification Offers Target: All Seniors

Scammers are contacting homeowners and pretending to be associated with the government or a non-profit agency and offering to modify their home loans regardless of the homeowners' circumstance.

These companies are attempting to scam senior homeowners since they typically charge high upfront fees for a loan modification and then disappear with the homeowner's money, bank account information, social security number and other sensitive identifiable information.

If you are interested in a loan modification or are struggling to pay your mortgage, there are legitimate programs that can help. Speak to your lender to find out more.

Scammers target senior homeowners with loan modification offers!

Some tips to avoid a mortgage relief scam:

- ⚠️ At no time should you pay an upfront fee to get help with a mortgage modification. It is against the law for companies that provide mortgage relief services to charge you before they have given you a written offer from your lender and you have accepted the offer.
- ⚠️ Never send your mortgage payment to anyone other than your lender. Some fraudulent companies may ask you to send your mortgage payment to them while they negotiate. If your lender doesn't get your payment, you could lose your home!
- ⚠️ Do not stop making your mortgage payments! If a company tells you to stop paying your mortgage, it could cause you to lose your home and damage your credit!
- ⚠️ Be cautious of official sounding names. Some shady organizations try to make themselves sound legitimate with names that include words associated with the government.
- ⚠️ Do not do business with a company that guarantees to get you a loan modification. The law requires that companies inform you that your lender may not agree to change your loan.

**If you think you may be a victim of a scam, contact
San Bernardino County Adult Protective Services (APS) at
877-565-2020, or your local police department.**