



City of Highland Weekly Report

June 7, 2012

Repete's Wisdom of the Week - Tools Around the House that Save Water

Public Services

REPETE'S WISDOM OF THE WEEK - Water Conservation Tip of the Month: Tools around the House that Save Water. Every day, on average, Americans use a total of 40 billion gallons of fresh water. Around the house, up to 70 percent of that water is used on our landscapes. That's why saving water outside the home is as important as it is inside.



There are a number of ways to save water outdoors, including setting your irrigation controller correctly and adjusting it for the season, choosing low-water use plants, and keeping your landscape in water-wise shape. In this section, we focus on simple tools you can use around the house to help you conserve water.

Common Outdoor Water-Saving Tools...

Garden Hose Nozzles - The spray from a garden hose nozzle can be directed onto the plants or shrubs that need more water. When you wash your car, use a hose nozzle to turn off the water and save more than 100 gallons.

Brooms - A broom is the right tool to clean your driveway or sidewalk between rain showers. Just sweep the dirt and spread it over your lawn or put it in the garbage. This will keep the dirt from entering the storm drain catch basins.

Sprinkler Timers - A sprinkler timer can be set to shut off your sprinkler after a set amount of time.

Screwdriver - Use a long screwdriver as a soil probe to test soil moisture. If you can push it easily into your lawn for several inches, don't water. Proper lawn watering can save thousands of gallons of water annually.

Repairing Leaks...

Hose Bibs - Hose bibs are the faucets on the outside of your home where you connect your garden hoses. We're more likely to notice leaky faucets indoors, but don't forget to check outdoor faucets, pipes, and hoses for leaks.



Hose Washers - Simply replacing a hose washer can often fix your leaking garden hose connection.

Toilet Flappers -Flappers deteriorate over time, so they need to be checked every year to make sure they are fitting tightly over the flush tube. Put food coloring in your toilet tank. If it seeps into the toilet bowl, you have a leak. It's easy to fix, and you can save more than 600 gallons a month.

Faucets - Grab a wrench and fix that leaky faucet. It's simple, inexpensive, and can save 140 gallons a week.

For more information please visit www.wateruseitwisely.com Stay tuned for next months water conservation tip.

If you have any questions on what you can do to conserve water and prevent storm water pollution, please contact Public Services Coordinator, Andrea Saavedra at 909-864-8732 ext 271.

Library News

Summer Reading Program. The 2012 Summer Reading Program is coming to the Highland Sam J. Racadio Library & Environmental Learning Center, located at 7863 Central Ave., Highland, CA 92346. We invite everyone, ages zero through adult, to come participate! For the youngest, ages 0-2, we offer the Baby Summer Reading Program.



Special activities for this age group will take place on Mondays at 1 pm, starting June 11th.

For children ages 3-12, we're offering the theme, "Dream Big. READ!" Special events for this group will be held on Wednesdays at 6 pm, beginning June 13th. The teens this summer will be reading to the theme, "Own the Night." Special activities for teens will take place Wednesdays at 3 pm and Fridays at 4 pm, beginning June 13th.

And this year the adults will be reading "Between the Covers." Programs will be offered for adults on Mondays at 6 pm, starting June 11th

New Programs. Starting in June we will be offering additional computer classes here at the library. Twice a month on Mondays, 5-6 pm, we will be offering an Introduction to Computers class. One session will introduce students to the computer itself, while the 2nd session will introduce students to other aspects of computers, such as the internet or social networking. The dates for June will be the 4th and 18th. Also twice a month, on Wednesdays from 4-5 pm, we will be offering a Job Seeking Skills class.

These will take place on June 6th and 20th. We will be offering special senior sessions of Introduction to Computers two Saturdays per month from 9:30-10:30 am. These will be held on June 2nd and 16th. Also starting in June we will begin offering a 6-week course for Microsoft WORD 2007; this course will take students from beginning to advanced skills. These will take place every Tuesday from 5-6 pm, beginning June 5th.

For more information call the Sam J. Racadio Library and Environmental Learning Center at 909-425-4700.

Volunteer Services

HIGHLAND IMPROVEMENT TEAM. Our next Highland Improvement Team (HIT) cleanup is this Saturday, June 9 at the Highland Sam J. Racadio Library and Environmental Learning Center. The HIT plans to adopt June as our annual rooftop gardening cleanup at the local library. The cleanup is scheduled to take place from 9:00am to noon. We will be weeding some of the gardens and possibly replanting.

It will be a hot day, so plan on wearing a hat and sunscreen as there is little shade up on the rooftop. Volunteers interested in volunteering

should meet at the Library between 8:30 am and 9:00am to sign in. We will be meeting near the north stairwell. The Highland Sam J. Racadio Library and Environmental Learning Center is located at 7863 Central Avenue.

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 23 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.

BLOOD DRIVE COMMITTEE. There are several frequently asked questions that potential donors have about the donation process. The following are questions and answers from LifeStream's fact sheet.

FAQs -Frequently asked questions about donating blood...

Q: Why should I donate blood?

Critically ill patients will benefit from your blood donation. It could be used in lifesaving treatments for cancer patients (including those with leukemia), surgery patients, organ transplant recipients, newborns, severe burn victims and trauma patients. Every time you donate, you are saving lives.

Q: Who may donate blood?

Donors must be at least 16 years of age (those who are 16 years old must provide written, parental LifeStream consent [available at www.LStream.org]; those who have celebrated their 76th birthday must provide an annual doctor's note), weigh at least 110 pounds and be in general good health and not at risk for AIDS or Hepatitis. At least 56 days must have elapsed since your last whole-blood donation. A LifeStream representative can provide additional information upon request.

Q: Is there anything special I need to do before my donation?

Please be sure to eat at your regular mealtimes and increase your decaffeinated fluid intake. You may also want to eat iron-rich foods a few days before your donation, since only donors with good iron levels may donate blood.

Q: How long is the donation process?

Actual donation is about 5-10 minutes. The entire donation process, from registration to post-donation refreshments, takes about one hour.

Q: How much blood is donated?

For a whole-blood donation, about one pint (about two cups) is collected. For a platelet or plasma donation, the amount donated depends on your height, weight and platelet count. The human body contains 10-12 pints of blood.

Be on the lookout for more frequently asked questions and answers in next week's article.

Please contact Volunteer Services if you are interested in being involved with Highland's blood drives by either volunteering or becoming our newest donor.

There is a Blood Drive Committee Meeting on Monday, June 25, 2012 at 4pm held at Highland City Hall - 27215 Baseline and Highland's next blood drive is Monday, July 23, 2012 at the Highland Police Station - 26985 Baseline. You can reach the Volunteer Services Coordinator, Denise Moreno, at 909-864-6861 ext. 203 for more information.

Community Development

New Planning Commission Chairman and Vice Chairman elected. At the June 5, 2012, Planning Commission Meeting, the Commission went through the election process and selected a new Chairman and Vice Chairman. The Commission



elected Randall Hamerly as Chairman and Trang Huynh as Vice Chairman. This is the fourth time for Randall to serve as the Commission's Chairman and Trang's third time as Vice Chairman. Staff is looking forward to continue working with both Randall and Trang in their new positions. Congratulations, Gentlemen!!!

Planning Commission determination: At its June 5, 2012, regular Meeting, the Commission considered the following Items:

1. A request to amend Conditional Use Permit (CUP-007-014) for a Planned Development

Document to allow for the construction of a 73,779 square foot Building including sixty-eight (68) Assisted Living Units and sixteen (16) Memory Care Units "BrightWater". Additionally the Applicant is requesting Approval of Design Review Application (DRA-012-004) for the design of the proposed Building and improvements. The approximate 5.2-acre Site is located on the south side of Base Line approximately four hundred feet (400') west of Church Street. (Assessor Parcel Number: 1201-251-12.) Representatives: Greg Elmore, Lenity Group

The Planning Commission Approved Resolution No. 12-008 amending Conditional Use Permit (CUP 007-014) for a Planned Development Document.

In addition, the Planning Commission Approved Design Review Application (DRA-012-004) including Site Plan, Preliminary Grading Plan, Tree Survey, Typical Building Elevations, Planting Plan (Conceptual Landscape Plan), and Photometric Plan subject to the Conditions of Approval, as modified, and directives and Findings of Fact.

The Applications may now proceed forward in the process.

2. Amendments to the City's Land Use and Development Code Amending the City's Official Zoning Map to incorporate a new Special District called "Civic Center Zoning District" (CC) within the Town Center Policy Area (ZCO-012-01), and Amending the City Land Use and Development Code (Title 16) adopting new Civic Center Zoning District Development Standards (MCA 012-001) all in accordance with the City's 2006 General Plan Land Use and Community Design Elements (Chapters 2 and 10). Concurrent Approval includes Design Review Application (DRA 011-008) for the City's New Fire Station No. 1 (First Phase) which includes a 16,107 square foot four (4) Bay Fire Station Facility, 1,152 square foot detached Storage Building, and twenty-five (25) Standard Parking Stalls, and fifteen (15) Secured Parking Lot Facility for City vehicles, and

approximately 37,000 square feet of landscaping / open space. The Project is located at 27215 Base Line (City Hall) and 27177 Base Line (westerly and contiguous to the Highland City Hall Facility - previously the Highland Branch Library and Post Office) (APNs: 1192-421-01, 1192-421-02, 1192-421-03 1192-421-08, 1192-421-12, 1192-421-39) Representatives: Joseph A. Hughes, City Manager and GV Salts, Architect (STK Architects, Inc.)

The Planning Commission approved Resolution No. 12-009 recommending the City Council approve the following:

1. Determine the Negative Declaration is the appropriate environmental document for the proposed Zoning Map Amendment, and Land Use and Development Code Amendments (ENV-012-006);
2. Introduce an Ordinance to Amend the City's Official Zoning Map to incorporate a new "Civic Center Zoning District" within the Town Center Policy Area (ZCO-012-001), and;
3. Introduce an Ordinance Amending the City's Land Use and Development Code (Title 16) to include new Civic Center Zoning District Development Standards (MCA-012-001).

In addition, the Planning Commission approved the following City's Design Review Application for the future Fire Station No. 1 Facility (DRA-011-008):

1. The Site Plan / Plot Plan;
2. The Conceptual Grading Plan;
3. The Preliminary Planting Plan;
4. The Exterior Elevations and Material Sample Board for the City's "New Fire Station No. 1", all subject to the Conditions of Approval; and with directives

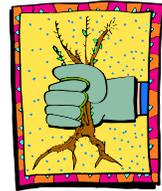
5. The Design Review Findings of Fact, and;

6. Determined that the construction of the City's New Fire Station No.1 is consistent with the City's General Plan in accordance with Government Code Section 65401.

The Applications may now proceed forward in the process and the Applications will be scheduled for a future City Council Meeting.

Public Works

What's New in Public Works? The following activities were completed by Public Works Crew between 5/17/12 - 5/29/12: Routine irrigation/landscape maintenance at LMDs and City facilities; USA markings; sprayed weeds on Red Hill, Shelton Trail and Aplin Trails, and on Streater horse trail; trimmed trees blocking sidewalk on Canyon Oak and Church St.; installed base/post/sign at Del Rosa Dr./5th St.; fixed street name sign at Country Oak/Summer Trail; repaired damaged sign posts at Rogers/Fisher & Central/Messina; repaired potholes at various locations throughout the City; picked-up trash at Aurantia Park and repaired irrigation in the orange grove; worked on concrete pads at Police Station at Veteran's Park; repaired air conditioning motor in staff office area at Corp. Yd.; repaired sinkhole at Sterling, northbound, left turn Jane at Pacific; misc. service requests; removed weeds/trash from drain outlet s/e Streater/Golden Oak; picked-up debris/lumber/furniture at Base Line/Victoria, 19th e/o Victoria; dug dirt from wiring pull box at Palm/5th; loaded trash/greenwaste and 157 tires into designated dumpsters at Corp. Yd.; cleaned-up Community Park; met with pest control company at City Hall; worked on park lighting at Seeley Park; worked on HVAC system at Athletic Center.



Mark Your Calendar

Saturday, June 9, 2012

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

Tuesday, June 12, 2012

4:45pm - Finance Subcommittee Meeting, Upright Conference Room
6pm - Regular City Council Meeting, Council Chambers

Thursday, June 14, 2012

Community Trails Committee Regular Meeting is cancelled

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

Tuesday, July 3, 2012

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Wednesday, July 4, 2012

4th of July Holiday - City Offices are closed

Wednesday, July 11, 2012

Public Nuisance Hearing Board Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Thursday, July 12, 2012

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

Tuesday, July 17, 2011

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

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