



# City of Highland Weekly Report

June 17, 2011

## Roads Re-Opened, Road Closures and Road Improvements are Underway!

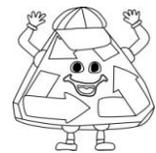
### Engineering

**Greenspot Road "S" Curve Opened to Traffic.** Greenspot Road was re-opened to the public at 5:00 pm on June 13, 2011. While the majority of the improvements have been completed, this week the Contractor will continue with compaction of the shoulders on both sides of the road, and other work outside the travel way. The project is anticipated to be completed July 2011. The City thanks the Highland residents for their patience and cooperation during the temporary closure.

**5<sup>th</sup> Street/Greenspot Road Bike Lane Construction Underway!** The City of Highland and City of San Bernardino are working jointly to construct 4 miles of bike lanes from Waterman Avenue to Palm Avenue, and 0.5 mile of bike lanes from Boulder Avenue to Valencia Court. Construction items of this project include striping, signage and some slurry seal on 5<sup>th</sup> Street from Waterman Avenue to Victoria Avenue. Additionally, the project also includes asphalt concrete dike, infill paving, striping and signage on Greenspot Road from Boulder Avenue to west of Valencia Court. Construction began June 2, 2010. This week the Contractor is continuing with pavement improvements on

Greenspot Road between Orange Street and west of Valencia Court. Construction of the project is funded with a combination of State TDA Article II Grant, and City funds. Construction is anticipated to be completed June 30, 2011.

**SR 210 Ramp Closures.** Caltrans will be performing pavement rehabilitation work on portions of SR 210 between 5<sup>th</sup> St. in Highland and Interstate 10 in Redlands. This project will also include placing a "Fog Seal" on the pavement surface of the on and off ramps at the 5<sup>th</sup> Street interchange and the San Bernardino Avenue interchange. Construction work on the ramps will be done at night from 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. between July 6 and July 31. Advance ramp closure signs have been installed at the on and off ramp locations.



### Public Services

**REPETE'S WISDOM OF THE WEEK -E-Waste, Hazardous or Not? You Decide.** Chances are you have used an electronic device today. That means the computer or mobile phone that allows you to check your email or surf the web will one day become what is known as electronic waste (e-waste).

Sadly, there are a lot of computers, televisions and other electronic gadgets out there that will be joining your computer and cell phones in a heap of plastic and metal debris. Every year Americans dispose of almost 400 million e-waste items alone. Of that, the EPA estimates that only 20% is being recycled. We are here to change that and we need your help.

While electronic waste only accounts for 2% of all the trash in our landfills, these devices account for 70% of toxic waste. Toxic you ask? Yes, toxic. Almost all electronic devices contain potentially polluting components like lead, mercury and sulfur.

Not yet convinced you shouldn't just dump your old electronic goods in the ol' landfill? Here are some more facts to mull over. Cathode tubes in those old televisions and computers typically contain about 4 to 7 lbs of lead alone!

It is estimated that 50 million cell phones are replaced around the world each month with only 10% ever being recycled and even less are being reused. If we recycled one million of these cell phones, it would be the equivalent reduction in greenhouse gas emissions as taking 1,368 cars off the road for an entire year.

One last important item to keep in mind when thinking about e-waste's impact on our environment: electronic goods are more often than not trashed before they even stop working properly! So if you have old electronics that are working properly, why not donate it to someone who may be able to use it instead? It's something to consider before you throw it away.

We hope you will join us in keeping e-waste out of our landfills!

For more information regarding proper disposal of e-waste, please contact the San Bernardino County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility at 909-862-3180 or 1-800-OILY CAT.

## Volunteer Services

**JUNE Cleanup a SUCCESS!!!** This past Saturday, June 11, 2011 the Highland Improvement Team (HIT) completed another successful cleanup project with the help of several volunteers associated with the Neighborhood Housing Services of the Inland Empire. The task at hand was to help a senior Highland homeowner clean up his property. Due to an illness, the resident was unable to tend to the yard work for quite some time. The assistance of many helping hands was much needed to get this yard back into shape. That day, volunteers trimmed back shrubs, tree limbs and raked a whole lot of leaves from the property. Volunteers were able to fill an entire roll-off with green waste, making for a very successful cleanup.

The Neighborhood Housing Services of the Inland Empire is an organization that aids people with homeownership. Under the "Down Payment Assistance Program", the potential homeowner must complete 100 hours of community service within the City they are applying. Find more information at [www.nhsie.org](http://www.nhsie.org)

If you should have any questions or need more information, please contact Denise Garnsey, Volunteer Services Coordinator, at 909-864-6861 extension 203.

**Residential Cleanups wanted...**The Highland Improvement Team is currently accepting requests for residential cleanups. We urge Highland homeowners who need help with yard cleanup and minor landscaping to contact Volunteer Services as soon as possible. Requests are screened and scheduled on a first come first served basis.

*The mission of the Highland Improvement Team is to improve the overall environment of our city for all residents and businesses.*

Top priority is property cleanup projects for disabled and senior citizens. There are no income eligibility requirements and absolutely no charge to the homeowner. A fabulous team of volunteers completes all work and repair at H.I.T. projects.

Here are the few qualifications:

1. Must be 55 years and older or disabled
2. Must own and reside in your home

The Highland Improvement Team schedules one cleanup per month. Each cleanup requires enough work to fill the allotted four-hour period, usually from 8:00am to noon.

Do you qualify? If so, please contact Volunteer Services at 909-864-6861 extension 203.

## Library News

**University of California Cooperative Extension, San Bernardino County, is proud to offer** the following workshop at the Sam J. Racadio Library & Environmental Learning Center, 7863 Central Avenue, Highland, CA 92346

Title: ABC's of Sustainable Landscaping

Date: June 18, 2011 (Saturday)

Time: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM (lunch on your own from noon - 1:00 PM)

The workshop is free and open to the public! Participants will learn how to:

- Conserve water in your landscape through proper plant selection and irrigation
- Make and use compost for soil enhancement
- Select and apply mulch
- Grow healthy pesticide-free garden and landscape plants

- Keep our surface and groundwater clean
- Conserve energy around and in your home

BRING YOUR FAMILY, NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS! Please RSVP UCCE Environmental Horticulturist Janet Hartin at 951.313.2023 or [jshartin@ucdavis.edu](mailto:jshartin@ucdavis.edu)

## Public Works

**Graffiti Report.** During the period of 6/2 - 6/14/11, graffiti made known to Public Works staff, by the following means, was removed: **Reported to Hotline:** 27303 Base Line, Greenspot e/o Alta Vista, "old" library on Base Line, 14th e/o Olive, 6980 Victoria, Fisher/Church, Villa/Palm, Community Park, 7488 Victoria; **Reported by Staff:** Victoria/Base Line; **Routine Observation by Public Works:** Sterling s/o Byron, Fisher/Sterling, Golondrina/9<sup>th</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>/Del Rosa Dr., Clifton/Orange, 26021 Base Line, Palm s/o Cypress, Pacific e/o San Francisco, Palm/9<sup>th</sup>, 27447 Pacific, Nona/Orange, Church/Base Line, Church/Pacific, 268`3 Cypress, Bangor/14<sup>th</sup>, MPS/99cent Store on Victoria, Orange/Fisher, Clifton/Orange, Central s/o 13<sup>th</sup>, Central n/o Fisher, Del Rosa Dr. to 5<sup>th</sup>, 8023 Del Rosa Dr., 9<sup>th</sup>/Elmwood to Golondrina, Rogers Ln./9<sup>th</sup>, Palm/Cypress, Stratford/Central, 7100 & 7130 Victoria, 7308 Valeria, Temple/Victoria to 9th, 7534 Victoria.

## Mark Your Calendar

**Tuesday, June 21, 2011**

First Day of summer

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

**Monday, June 27, 2011**

4:00pm to 5:00pm - Blood Drive Committee Meeting, Jerry Lewis Community Center - 7793 Central Avenue

**Tuesday, June 28, 2011**

6pm - City Council Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

**Monday, July 4, 2011**

9am to 10:30am - Highland 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade  
Route: Baseline & Church Ave west to Central and south to Hibiscus

11am - July 4<sup>th</sup> Picnic, Highland Community Park - 27003 Hibiscus

4<sup>th</sup> of July Holiday - City Offices are closed

**Tuesday, July 5, 2011**

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

**Tuesday, July 12, 2011**

6pm - City Council Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

**Thursday, July 14, 2011**

5pm - Community Trails Committee Regular Meeting has been cancelled

**Tuesday, July 19, 2011**

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

**Monday, July 25, 2011**

1:30pm to 6:30pm - Community Blood Drive  
Jerry Lewis Community Center - 7793 Central Avenue

**Tuesday, July 26, 2011**

6pm - City Council Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

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