



City of Highland Weekly Report

June 19, 2014

Tips on Making Yard Work Easier for Senior Citizens

Volunteer Services

How to Make Yard Work Easy for Senior Citizens - When you bought your house, you spent many hours nurturing your family and career with barely any time to cut the grass. Now retired, you'd like to create the landscape of your dreams. It's not as easy as it used to be, but follow these tips, and yard work can be as much fun as you always hoped it would be.



Instructions:

1. Warm up for the task at hand. As with any exercise, it's a good idea to devote a little time to warming up before you begin your yard work. Start by doing light stretches, and take a short stroll through the neighborhood to loosen up.
2. Choose the best time of day for your yard work. The best time to work outside is either early in the morning or late in the day. If you do your gardening and yard maintenance during these hours, you avoid the hottest part of the day.
3. Dress properly and carry essential items. When you plan to do your yard work, be sure to dress in lightweight clothing that's loose and light-colored. Dark colors absorb the sun and make you hot. In addition, fill a small bag with your gloves, a bottle of water, a magnifying glass and a cell phone or a whistle in case of an emergency.
4. Keep maintenance to a minimum. When planning your new landscape, choose plants, shrubs and trees that are heat tolerant to minimize the need for watering, and make sure to line beds with plastic and cover with mulch to fight weeds. Choose perennials over annuals if possible so that you don't have to replant each year.
5. Plant your flower beds and vegetable gardens close to home. If your yard work includes planting annual or perennial flower beds or vegetable gardens, plant them right outside your front or back door if possible. This minimizes the distance you have to walk with garden tools in hand.
6. Buy the right tools. There are a lot of ergonomically made garden tools that can lessen strain on hands and wrists and hose

nozzles equipped with push buttons rather than squeeze triggers. Garden claws can replace shovels for mulch.

You can read more at the following website:
http://www.ehow.com/how_2097301_make-yard-work-easy-senior.html

Highland Improvement Team - Due to the extremely HOT weather we have been experiencing, the June HIT cleanup for this Saturday, June 21st has been cancelled. This cleanup may be rescheduled at a later date. Typically, the Highland Improvement Team goes "dark" during the hot summer months. The regular cleanup schedule should resume in September.

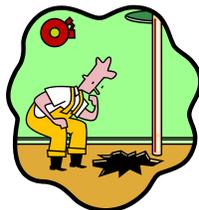
HIT needs your help! Please be on the lookout this summer for any potential HIT cleanup sites in Highland. Types of cleanup areas that are eligible for a HIT are residential yard cleanups or minor landscaping for senior homeowners or litter pickup, weed removal and graffiti abatement within the city of Highland.



Please contact Volunteer Services to report an area that may need help! If you should have any questions or need more information, please contact Denise Moreno at 909-864-6861 extension 203.

Open House - Open House Postponed.

We regret to inform you that due to an unforeseen circumstance, the Open House at Fire Station #1 scheduled this Saturday, June 21st has been cancelled. The Open House is likely to be rescheduled for a Saturday next month.



We apologize for any inconvenience and hope you will be able to join us in July. Keep an eye out for the new open house date.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Fire Station #1 at 909-862-3031.



Public Services

Repete's Wisdom of the Week - 4th of July Holiday Trash Pick-Up. Burrtec Waste Industries, Inc. and Cal Disposal Co. Inc. will be closed on Friday, July 4, 2014 in observance of the 4th of July holiday. Therefore, trash, green waste and recycling collection will be delayed by one day. Your regularly scheduled collection services will resume the following week. Please keep in mind that street sweeping will also be delayed by one day as well.

4th of July Holiday Schedule is as follows:

If regular pickup day falls on: Friday, July 4
Trash will be picked up on: Saturday, July 5

Should you have any questions regarding the holiday delay with collection services, please contact:

- ▶ Burrtec Waste Industries at (909) 889-1969
- ▶ Cal Disposal Co. Inc. at (909) 885-1023
- ▶ City of Highland, Public Services Coordinator, Andrea Saavedra at (909) 864-8732 ext. 271.

Community Development

Planning Commission determinations:

At its June 17, 2014, Regular Meeting, the Planning Commission:

1. Continued the action to July 1, 2014, for ENV 14-001/ CUP 013-004 and DRA 013-005 for the establishment and operations of a Service Station, and Convenience-Mart located at 8020 Palm Avenue in the Business Park Zone. Applicant: Aysar Helo.
2. The Planning Commission Adopted Resolution

14-012, making the three Findings required by Government Code Section 34875 and recommending the City Council consider changing from the City's "At-Large" System of Voting to a "By-District" System. The Resolution may now proceed forward and will be scheduled for a future City Council Meeting.

3. The Planning Commission heard Staff's presentation on SANBAG's 2014 San Bernardino County Regional Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan.

July 4th Community Event. On April 8, 2014, City Council approved a One-Day Special Event Permit issued to Immanuel Baptist Church (IBC) for its first Annual 4th of July Community Event to be held on Friday, July 4,



2014, from 5:30pm to 9:30pm. There will be a car show, food trucks, kid's zone and live entertainment followed by a Fireworks Display at 9:00pm. The Firework Display will be presented by Professionals from Pyro Spectaculars of Rialto. Bring your chairs and bring your family. IBC is located at 28355 Base Line, Highland and 5,000 is anticipated to attend this Event. For more information, please contact IBC at (909) 425-1777.

The Annual Fourth of July Parade is sponsored by the Highland Area Chamber of Commerce. The 2014 Parade will start at 9:00 a.m. and the Parade Route will be traveling west on Base Line on the north side of the street beginning at Palm Avenue. When the Parade comes to Central Avenue, the Parade will head south and will conclude at the Community Park at 7735 Central Avenue. At the Community Park, and after the Parade concludes, enjoy this free All American Picnic Family Event. For Parade Registration information in order to participate in the Parade, please contact the Highland Area Chamber of Commerce at (909) 864-4073 or you

can visit their Website at the following web address www.highlandchamber.org.

July 4th - Don't get burned on Independence Day. Leave the Fireworks to the Professionals. In recent years, many residents have complained about illegal use of fireworks throughout the City of Highland. This year, the Highland Police and Fire Departments wishes to remind residents that all fireworks (safe and sane included) are prohibited within the City of Highland. It is a violation to own, use or sell any type of fireworks within the City of Highland. Use of fireworks may result in citation and fine up to \$1,000 or arrest, or both. The Highland Police Department will have extra officers working over the July 4th Holiday period. Fireworks will be confiscated and violators may be cited or arrested. Possession of explosive devices such as M-80's, M-1000's and Rocket type fireworks is a felony. Individuals may be held liable for damages (and parents may be held liable for damages caused by their children) not only from the use of fireworks, but for the cost for response by the Fire and Police Departments. Violators will be prosecuted, Highland Municipal Code Chapter 8.58. There are many public fireworks displays planned throughout the area. In addition, there will be one community event that will be held at Immanuel Baptist Church located on Base Line. The City of Highland urges residents to attend these celebrations. To report the use of fireworks within the City of Highland, please call (909) 387-8313. We wish all residents and visitors a happy and safe Fourth of July Holiday.

Fireworks, animals and the 4th of July. As you know, the City of Highland does not allow fireworks and properties with weeds, trash, debris are strongly advised to clean your yards this weekend before July 4th in order to keep the fire danger at a minimum and the neighborhoods relatively safe. Also please remember your pets as they are terrified of the fireworks, loud bangs, etc. and usually will

run away if given the chance.

Please secure your animals in the house, garage, etc. with food and plenty of water for them and



reassure them. If they do run, (and they can run a long way!!!) remember to check at the San Bernardino County Animal Care and Control facility at (800) 472-5609, and even the Redlands Animal Control at (909) 798-7644. Have a safe and

happy 4th!!!

Administration

Emergency Preparedness - Family Communications. Your family may not be together when disaster strikes, so plan how you will contact one another. Think about how you will communicate in different situations.

Complete a contact card for each adult family member. Have them keep these cards handy in a wallet, purse or briefcase, etc. Additionally, complete contact cards for each child in your family. Put the cards in their backpacks or book bags.

Check with your children's day care or school. Facilities designed for children should include identification planning as part of their emergency plans.

Family Communication Tips - Identify a contact such as a friend or relative who lives out-of-state for household members to notify they are safe. It may be easier to make a long-distance phone call than to call across town, so an out-of-town contact may be in a better position to communicate among separated family members.

Be sure every member of your family knows the phone number and has a cell phone, coins or a prepaid phone card to call the emergency contact. If you have a cell phone, program that person(s) as "ICE" (In Case of Emergency) in your phone. If you are in an accident, emergency personnel will often check your ICE listings in order to get a

hold of someone you know. Make sure to tell your family and friends that you've listed them as emergency contacts.

Make sure family members know how to use text messaging. Text messages can often get around network disruptions when a phone call might not be able to get through. For more information, please visit www.ready.gov.

Fire Restrictions Increase on San Bernardino National Forest - As the seasonal fire danger rises, forest officials are increasing fire use restrictions on the San Bernardino National Forest, Thursday, June 19, 2014.

As California's three year drought continues, the forest has experienced below average winter snow and rainfall. During the spring, we experienced several Santa Ana wind events along with warm, dry weather, leading to drier fuel conditions. The seasonal weather outlook predicts temperatures above normal and low humidity, which could create the potential for large fires.

With the current and forecasted conditions, forest officials are taking steps to prevent human-caused fires and raise public awareness. Most wildfires on the San Bernardino National Forest are human-caused and increased restrictions are designed to reduce wild land fires.



Forest visitors are reminded to exercise caution when visiting the National Forest and maintain a higher level of awareness with the increased fire risk. Travelers through the Forest should remain on designated roads and never park on dry brush or grass.

"With the dry weather, we ask the public's help to prevent destructive wildfires" said Forest Supervisor Jody Noiron. "We want visitors to

enjoy their public lands, but use common sense in the process."

Fire restrictions and guidelines effective Thursday June 19, 2014 on the San Bernardino National Forest are as follows:

- Wood and charcoal fires are permitted only in developed campgrounds and picnic grounds and within agency provided fire rings or camp stoves.
- Wood and charcoal fires are not permitted at Yellow Post campsites.
- Campfire permits are required for propane and gas stoves and lanterns used outside of all developed recreation sites.
- Recreational shooting is limited to Public Shooting Ranges operated under special use permit only, except those engaged in legal hunting.
- An approved spark arrester is required for any internal combustion engine operated on designated forest routes. These include chainsaws, generators, motorcycles, and off-highway vehicles.
- Smoking is limited to an enclosed vehicle or building, or within a Developed Recreation Site.
- Fireworks are always prohibited on the San Bernardino National Forest.

The US Forest Service will be aggressively citing those who do not comply with the posted restrictions. Violation of these prohibitions is subject to punishment by a fine of not more than \$10,000 or imprisonment for not more than six months or both, as Class B misdemeanors under federal law. Persons may also be responsible for resource damage, suppression costs and any injuries that occur if they are found liable for causing a wildfire.

Forest visitors are encouraged to **"Know before You Go"** and call ahead to the local Ranger Station to check on location conditions and restrictions at the following offices:

- San Bernardino National Forest Supervisor's Office, 602 S. Tippecanoe Ave., San Bernardino (909) 382-2600
- 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) 382-2881
- Santa Rosa & San Jacinto Mountains National Monument Visitor Center, 51-500 Highway 74 Palm Desert, (760) 862-9984

Public Works

Graffiti Report: During the period of 06/02/14 - 06/13/14, graffiti made known to Public Works staff, by the following means, was removed: **Reported to Hotline:** Orange/Millar; 11th/Victoria; 7524 Victoria; Temple/Victoria; 26462 9th; 6383 Emmerton; Base Line/Seine (Valero Gas Station); 5th/Shirley; 8023 Del Rosa Dr.; Barnes/Base Line; Webster/Cherokee Rose; Community Park; Cunningham/Base Line; 27149 Messina; Cole/Messina; Atlantic/Boulder
Reported by Staff: **Routine Observation by Public Works:** East side Sterling to Pacific; south side of Pacific w/o Rogers Ln.; Osburn/Pacific; 25494 Base Line; 26471 Base Line; 25485 Base Line; east side Sterling s/o 13th St.; Seeley/Base Line; Sterling s/o Jane to Pacific; McKinley/Base Line; 26037 Base Line; Base Line/Barnes; 26297 Base Line; Valaria/Base Line 9th w/o Palm (Bella Terra); Sterling/9th; Victoria to 9th; 7100 Victoria; Sterling/9th; Victoria to 9th; Boulder at Beaver Medical Clinic; 26677 6th St.; 25481 Base Line; Elm/Base Line; 5th St. (Pinehurst Village); Ward St. alley; County Flood Control on 5th St.; 7836 Cunningham; 25899, 25979, 26009 Base Line;

Mira Vista/Base Line;26245, 26383, 26471 Base Line; Cunningham/9th; Central/Base Line; 27131 Messina;9th w/o Golondrina;3rd/Central; Pacific e/o Orange; 7046 Victoria; 7062 14th.

Finance

Commercial Business License Applications - There was one new commercial business license for the week of 6/16 to 6/20/14. Alberto's Mexican Food located at 27355 5th Street.

Mark Your Calendar

Tuesday, June 24, 2014

5pm - Special City Council Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers
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
Community Trails Committee Meeting - Canceled

Monday, July 14, 2014

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

Tuesday, July 15, 2014

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Monday, July 28, 2014

1:30pm to 6:30pm - Blood Drive at Highland Police Station, 26985 Base Line - Highland

Tuesday, August 5, 2014

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting,

Donahue Council Chambers

Thursday, August 7, 2014

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

Tuesday, August 12, 2014

6pm - Regular City Council Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Thursday, August 14, 2014

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

Tuesday, August 19, 2014

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Tuesday, August 26, 2014

6pm - Regular City Council Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

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