



City of Highland Weekly Report

June 27, 2014

July 4th Fireworks, Parade and Community Event are Scheduled

Community Development

July 4th Fireworks Show and 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 Fireworks and 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. For more information, please contact IBC at (909) 425-1777.



The July 4th Parade will be held on Friday, July 4th. 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 visit their Website at the following web page 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. We wish all residents and visitors a happy and safe Fourth of July Holiday.

Fireworks, animals and the 4th of July.

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!!!

Public Nuisance Hearing Board (PNHB)

Members appointed. On June 24, 2014, the City Council reappointed Ms. Bonnie Baldwin and Mr. Ray Cadena and appointed Mr. Lewis Cantrell as the newest Member. Their terms will expire in 2018, and other two (2) Board Member's terms will expire in 2016. Congratulations, everyone!!!

It's that time of year!!! The first day of Summer was Saturday, June 21, and Fire Season is here!!! San Bernardino County Weed Abatement Teams are busily cleaning vacant fields and properties with tall weeds. The County has previously sent out notices to property owners advising them to remove the weeds and even has posted warrants to abate properties.

Volunteer Services

Highland Improvement Team - The Highland Improvement Team typically, goes "DARK" in the summer months of June through August. Most of our cleanup projects are outside, in the direct sunlight working in yards or next to the street pavement picking up litter or abating weeds. For this reason and due to the extreme heat of the summer, we go on hiatus to

ensure the safety of our volunteers. Please, don't fret; the Highland Improvement Team will be back in cleanup action in September. Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 20th and be on the lookout for more details soon! Have a great summer...and remember to stay cool!

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. Keep in mind that there are many senior residents that may need our help **but** are not aware that the Highland Improvement Team is out there to help them.



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

Grow a Garden with Your Kids -

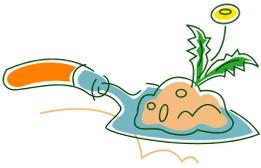
Starting a garden is a fun way to teach your kids about healthy fruits and vegetables and get some exercise as you work on a project together.

You don't have to be horticultural expert to grow a simple garden this year, just use these tips from Kids.gov and you and your kids can be growing your own food in no time.

Find a good site for your garden: You want an area that gets plenty of sunlight, at least six hours each day. You'll also want to make sure your garden is in an area that is protected from animals. You may need to put up a small wire fence to keep hungry rabbits, deer, or other

animals away from your growing plants. If you're tight on space, you can grow some plants in boxes on a windowsill.

Pick which plants to grow: Some fruits and vegetables grow better in some parts of the country than others. When you're shopping for seeds and plants, ask an employee for advice on what grows well in your area. You can also get tips from a Master Gardener, someone who has been trained by the USDA and volunteers their time to help people grow gardens.



Be careful when weeding: You don't want weeds to absorb all the nutrients in the soil or choke your crops, but you want to make sure you don't harm any of your crops when pulling up weeds. Weed carefully to preserve your plants.

Whether you and your child only grow a few herbs this year or if you have an entire gardening bursting with fresh produce, you can have a fun time playing in the garden and enjoy the taste of home-grown food. *Information courtesy of kids.usa.gov*

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, Inc. 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.

Get Rid of Pests and Weeds the Chemical-Free Way. If you have always wanted a chemical-free yard and garden, here are some tips that will get you on the right track.

Don't Try to Achieve a Golf Course Lawn - Perfectly manicured lawns come at a price and that price is often introducing toxic materials into the environment. Let a few of the "weeds" grow. They're not hurting anything. Take clover (sometimes called microclover) for example. It pops up when there is a lack of nitrogen in the soil. The cool thing is clover reduces the amount of fertilization needed to make grass grow. When clovers get mulched up when mowed, the clippings release nitrogen into the soil, helping to enrich it.

Use Pantry Items to Ward off Pests - There are things right in your pantry that ward off insects and help control weeds. Squirrels and bunnies—and dogs for that matter—hate cayenne pepper, so if you have furry pests eating at your greenery or garden vegetables, sprinkle some cayenne on them. Wildlife Animal Control lists cayenne pepper as one of the best ways to eliminate a squirrel problem and you better believe they will leave that stuff alone. Plus, if you sprinkle it on edibles, it's perfectly natural and washes off when you're ready to eat it.

Many garden departments sell chemical-free, garlic-based insect repellent. To make your own at-home version, simply purée a whole clove of garlic with a couple of cups of water. Let the mixture sit overnight and then strain it into

another container the next morning. Mix the garlic "tea" with a gallon of water and douse plants with it to repel pests. Plant oregano or basil (or both!) close to other plants; the strong scents repel most insects.

Natural Remedies for Weeds - For weeds that just won't die, try spraying them with undiluted white vinegar. Just be sure not to spray too much; vinegar doesn't discriminate between weeds and grass. It will just kill everything it's sprayed on. Dandelions can be totally annoying, so in the spring before they start growing, sprinkle corn gluten on your lawn to prevent them from germinating. Corn gluten also prevents the growth of crabgrass. If you've missed the window on preventing dandelions, go the vinegar route.

Each of these methods still allows good insects—pollinators like bees, ladybugs and butterflies—to hang out in your yard. You also won't have to worry about your kids or pets getting near these all-natural remedies; when everything's natural, there's no need to worry.

Administration

What is Emergency Preparedness?

Emergency preparedness means taking action to be ready for emergencies before they happen. The concept of emergency preparedness encompasses actions aimed at enhancing safety and stability when an emergency occurs, such as an earthquake, hazardous material spill, or wildfire. Think of it as insurance. A person may have car insurance, homeowners insurance and health insurance. While these are not items that are used every day, they are there for a reason; to provide a safety net and make life easier in the times that they are needed. Emergency preparation is just another form of insurance.

During a disaster or emergency, many systems you rely on may not function as well as they usually do. Familiar landmarks, bridges and roads may be altered or closed. Utilities like electricity,

water, gas and phone service may be disrupted. In a situation like this, it will be easy for no one. However, those that have a stocked emergency kit and a well thought out plan ahead of time will have an easier time dealing with the situation compared to those that have taken no time to prepare at all. The time to get prepared is NOW. Remember, a disaster or emergency can happen at any time. In the meantime, check out www.ready.gov for more information on getting prepared today.

Finance

Commercial Business License Applications - There was one new commercial business license for the week of 6/23 to 6/27/14. Julio's Auto Center located at 25436 E. 3rd Street, San Bernardino.



Mark Your Calendar

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

Thursday, July 24, 2014

10am - Special City Council 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 to 8pm - National Night Out, Begins at the Highland Family YMCA, 7793 Central Avenue
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

Tuesday, September 2, 2014

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Thursday, September 11, 2014

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

Tuesday, September 16, 2014

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

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