



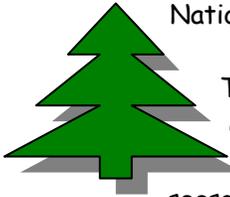
City of Highland Weekly Report

June 29, 2012

Have a Safe Holiday and Please keep in Mind, Fireworks are prohibited in Highland

Public Safety

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, Friday, June 29, 2012.



This past winter the forest experienced less than average winter snow and rainfall, and the seasonal outlook expects a warmer and drier summer this year with below average summer "monsoonal" rains, which could create the potential for large fires.

Forest officials are taking these 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 Fire Chief Shawna Legarza. "We want visitors to enjoy their public lands, but use common sense in the process."

Fire restrictions and guidelines effective Friday June 29, 2012 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, Fisherman's Camp, or the following Pacific Crest Trail Camps:

Bench Camp
Deer Springs
Doble
Holcomb Crossing
Little Bear Springs
Mission Springs

- 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 in 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

Volunteer Services

BLOOD DRIVE COMMITTEE. Many times people are not sure if they can or cannot donate blood due to a past experience and/or other underlying circumstances. The following are common misunderstandings, myths, and the answers to those questions from LifeStream.



COMMON EXCUSES...for not giving blood

"No one has ever asked me to donate blood."
Please consider yourself asked. The gift of life you can provide by donating blood could save the life of a pre-mature baby, a cancer patient, an accident victim or many others. YOU are needed.

"I'm too busy...with my job...with my family...working around the house."

If you think about the lives you can save by making a blood donation...you might decide you're not too busy after all. It takes about an hour to give blood - and the great feeling you get of doing good for others makes the time worthwhile.

"I think I'm anemic."

A sample of blood is taken from each donor prior to donation to test for iron (or Hemoglobin level) to assure you it is safe for you to donate. If you are anemic, blood will not be taken at that donation time, and you can check back in a few weeks to try again. Being anemic is not a permanent reason not to give; most of the time it is a temporary condition and can be changed with iron supplements and iron rich foods.

"I'm afraid to give blood"

Nearly everyone is afraid to give blood the first time, but the procedure is very simple and nearly painless. Most people enjoy the great feeling they get from doing good for others.

"My insurance will cover the blood I need if I ever have surgery."

Most insurance policies will cover the cost of processing and testing if you ever receive blood, but insurance cannot provide the blood. Blood must be donated by volunteer blood donors.

"My blood is no good because of illnesses I've had."

Not all illnesses keep you from being a blood donor. If you have any doubts, please call LifeStream at 1.800.879.4484.

"I already gave blood this year."

Many donors give five or six times a year. It's safe to donate blood every 56 days.

"We're leaving on vacation..." or "We're leaving town for the holidays."

That's a good reason to donate before you leave. Many people will be leaving town and this may create a greater risk of increased traffic accidents...therefore, more people will need blood.

"I don't have any blood to spare."

The average adult has about 10-12 pints of blood in their body. Slightly less than one pint is collected during each donation. Medical experts say that healthy people can donate regularly - every eight weeks. It just takes 48 hours for your body to replenish the fluids.

Visit LStream.org or call 1.800.879.4484 for more information.

Please look for more "COMMON EXCUSES...for not giving blood" in next week's report.

BLOOD DRIVE ALERT - Highland Community Blood Drive - Monday, July 23, 2012 from 1:30pm to 6:30pm at the Highland Police Station - 26985 Base Line.

Please contact Volunteer Services Coordinator, Denise Moreno, at 909-864-6861 ext. 203 for more information.

Community Development

Building Code Appeals Board (BCAB) Members appointed. On May 8, 2012, the City Council declared one (1) vacancy on the Building Code Appeals Board (BCAB) and directed the City Clerk to advertise the vacancies.



On June 16, 2012, the City Council reappointed Mr. Jeff Hinkley as the new Member. His term will expire in 2014, and the other two (2) Board Member's terms will expire in 2013. They all will be sworn in at the next BCAB meeting sometime in the future. Congratulations, Jeff!!!

Engineering

Highland Avenue to Be Closed for Gas Company Work. The Gas Company has applied for a City permit to work on a section of Highland Avenue between Summer Trail Place and Orchard Road that requires full street closure during working hours. The Gas Company needs to replace approximately 2,000 feet of new gas main that they installed in Highland Avenue about a year ago, immediately prior to the City rehabilitating the pavement on Highland Avenue in a joint project with City of San Bernardino.

Both Cities of Highland and San Bernardino have moratorium for issuance of excavation permits on newly-paved streets. However, in this particular case, an exception has been granted by the Cities for the Gas Company in order to address a potential safety concern as the gas pipes used

are being recalled by the pipe manufacturer.

In order to preserve the service life of the new pavement on Highland Avenue, the City permit has required that the Gas Company do special pavement repairs including pavement grinding and overlay the entire width of Highland Avenue along the entire length of the excavation work, although only a narrow trench will be cut to install the new gas lines.

During the daily work hours when the Gas Company works on the gas line installation and pavement rehabilitation work, due to the narrowness of Highland Avenue, the street will be fully closed in both directions from about 8:15 am to 4:15 pm, Monday through Friday. It is anticipated that the Gas Company will begin work on Monday, July 9, 2012. Construction is expected to take 8 weeks to complete. Detour signs have been posted on Highland Avenue to notify residents in advance of the upcoming street closure.

Mark Your Calendar

Tuesday, July 3, 2012

Planning Commission Meeting - Canceled

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

Community Trails Committee Meeting - Canceled

Tuesday, July 17, 2011

Planning Commission Meeting - Canceled

Monday, July 23, 2012

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

Thursday, August 2, 2012

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

Tuesday, August 7, 2012

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting,
Donahue Council Chambers

Thursday, August 9, 2012

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

Tuesday, August 14, 2012

6pm - City Council Regular Meeting
Donahue Council Chambers

Tuesday, August 21, 2012

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting,
Donahue Council Chambers

Tuesday, August 28, 2012

6pm - City Council Regular Meeting
Donahue Council Chambers

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