



# City of Highland Weekly Report

July 17, 2009

## Thank you for Making Public Safety Appreciation Week a Success!!

### Volunteer Services

#### Public Safety Appreciation Week.

Potluck luncheons were held throughout the week to honor our many Police Officers and Firefighters at our City's Police and Fire Departments. Thanks to everyone for their generous contributions in making these luncheons such a great success. All the community and business support really put into light just how much our local officers and firefighters are truly appreciated. Also, thank you to all police and fire personnel for welcoming us in to their busy schedules and for all their assistance during the luncheons.



All those who contributed to the many potlucks during this past week deserve a special thank you. Thank you to the many Highland residents, community businesses and service groups: Cuca's, JP's Villa Mexican Grill, Open Kitchen Buffet, Rosa Maria's, Thai Spoon, Two Guys Pizza and Pasta, Burrtec Waste Industries, Cal Disposal, Crafton Hills Emergency Training Center, Highland Area Chamber of Commerce, Highland Community News, Highland Family

YMCA, Immanuel Baptist Church, Highland Kiwanis -Morning and Noon, Radiant Rubies of Highland, Tarbell Realty, Highland Council Members and the many City Staff who helped support this very important event.

### Library News

**Library News.** Make Your Own Recycled Paper! The Highland Environmental Learning Center is ready to take paper recycling one step further by teaching the public how to make their own recycled paper! Come join us on Saturday, July 25, 2009 from 10:30 am - 11:30 am, as we shred old newspaper, office paper, and construction paper down to their fibers and create new paper perfect for use in scrapbooking, cards and other crafts. Participants will be able to see how the new paper can be used in scrapbooking pages and accessory samples created by our staff and create their own take-home recycled paper. This program is **FREE** and open to the public.

Location: Highland Sam J Racadio Library & Environmental Learning Center (7863 Central Ave Highland, CA 92346)

### Public Services



### It's Time to Test Your Water Sense!

Think you know everything there is to know about water? You can't be sure until you test your Water Sense. Circle your answers below. Use the answer key at the end to see how many questions you answer correctly!

1. When is the best time of day to water your lawn?  
A. Early morning or late evening  
B. In the afternoon  
C. All day long
2. Which of these ways to wash the car saves the most water?  
A. Wash it in the driveway with the garden hose  
B. Drive it into the lake  
C. Take it through a car wash that recycles water
3. How much water does a family of four use everyday?  
A. 50  
B. 100  
C. 250  
D. 400
4. True or False: It isn't important to save water because there is so much of it on Earth.  
A. True  
B. False
5. True or False: Keeping the water running when you brush your teeth wastes a lot of water.  
A. True  
B. False
6. Which of the following uses less water?  
A. Taking a 5 minute shower  
B. Taking a bath
7. Which of these everyday objects is a water-saving tool?  
A. A bucket  
B. A clock  
C. A broom  
D. All of the above

8. Which of these activities wastes the MOST water per day in the average home?  
A. Running the tap while washing dishes  
B. Using a garbage disposal  
C. A leaky toilet  
D. Long showers
9. True or False: It's okay to flush some trash down the toilet like cotton balls and tissue.  
A. True  
B. False
10. What should you do if you see or hear a leaky faucet in your house?  
A. Ignore it—drips are no big deal  
B. Do nothing—there is no way to fix a drippy faucet  
C. Tell your parents

### Answer Key:

1. Answer: A, Although it is fun to run through the sprinklers at the hottest time of day, your lawn should only be watered in the early morning or late evening when it's cooler. Watering the yard when it's really hot outside causes the water to evaporate before the plants have time to drink it.
2. Answer: C, Many car washes save more water than if you wash your car at home. They do this by recycling the water that they use instead of letting it run down the sewer drains. Tell your parents to search online to find a "water-efficient" car wash near your house.
3. Answer: D, How can a small family use so much water? It may seem hard to believe, but the average person uses 100 gallons of water each day—that's enough to fill 1,600 drinking glasses! There are many things you can do to save water.
4. Answer: B, although there is a lot of water on earth (75 percent of the earth's surface!), most of it is salt water so you can't drink it. It is very important to save the water we use every day because less than 1 percent of the earth's water can be used by people!

5. **Answer: A.** You can save up to 8 gallons of water by turning off the faucet when you brush your teeth in the morning and before bedtime. That adds up to more than 100 gallons of water each month!

6. **Answer: A,** while it might be more fun to splash in a warm bath, it takes 70 gallons of water to fill a tub but only 10 to 25 gallons for a 5 minute shower. If you do take a bath, put the stopper in the drain right away and change the temperature as you fill the tub.

7. **Answer: D** put a bucket under the tap while you make the water the right temperature. The water you collect can be used to water plants or fill up a squirt gun. Use a clock to keep your showers under 5 minutes. Use a broom instead of the hose to clean your driveway or sidewalk.

8. **Answer: C,** A leaky toilet can waste about 200 gallons of water every day! Ask to help your parents test your toilets for leaks. Place a drop of food coloring in the tank and if the color shows in the bowl for flushing, you have a leak.

9. **Answer: B,** Flushing the toilet for silly reasons wastes a lot of water. Cutting out 1 flush per day saves enough water to wash 32 loads of laundry each year.

10. **Answer: C,** Leaky faucets are big water wasters. If you see or hear a leaky faucet, tell your parents about it so they can get it fixed. If you don't, those drips and drops can add up to 2,700 gallons of wasted water in 1 year!

Re-Pete would like to thank you for testing your Water Sense. Remember every drop counts!

## Community Development

**Building Code Appeals Board (BCAB) Members appointed.** On May 12, 2009, the City Council declared two (2) vacancies on the Building Code Appeals Board (BCAB) and directed



the City Clerk to advertise the vacancies. On July 14, 2009, the City Council reappointed Mr. Shawn Burch and Mr. Tom Fujiwara as the new Members. Their terms will expire in 2011, and the third Board Member's term will expire in 2010. They all will be sworn in at the next BCAB meeting sometime in the future. Congratulations, gentlemen!!!

**Public Nuisance Hearing Board (PNHB) elects Chairman and Vice Chairman.** At its July 15, 2009, regular Meeting, the Board went through the reorganization process and elected Member Ray Cadena as Chairman and Member Melvin Abeyta as Vice Chairman. This is Mr. Cadena first term as Chairman and Mr. Abeyta's first term as Vice Chairman, respectively. Congratulations, Ray and Melvin!!!

## Planning

**Applications Submitted.** The following Application was submitted to the City for review:

CUP 009-003 - ABC License Upgrade from Type 20 to Type 21 located at M&G Market located on the northeast corner of Fifth/ Cunningham. The address is 26710 Fifth Street. APN: 1192-542-38. App.: Ram Mann.

The above referenced Application has to be reviewed by the Planning Staff for completeness prior to proceeding any further in the process.

## Code Enforcement

**Weekend Update.** The weather was warm and the following action was taken by the Code Compliance Officers on July 10, 2009:

**Yard Sale Permits:** The following three (3) locations had a Yard Sale Permit:

7000 block of Sterling: Valid Permit, no violations.

25000 block Pacific: Valid Permit, but minor violation addressed.

7700 block Shasta: Valid Permit, but minor violation addressed.

The following six (6) locations had no Yard Sale Permits and were shut down:

26000 block of Fourteenth Street

26000 block of Ninth Street

26000 block of Base Line

26000 block Bruce Street

25000 block of Thirteenth

7000 block of Newbury

**Signs:** One hundred four (104) Illegal Signs were removed from utility poles, sign posts, etc. at the following locations:

210 / Base Line / Seine: - (7) Boulder / Base Line - (6)

Boulder / Highland - (13)

Base Line/Palm - (6)

Palm / Messina: - (1)

Palm / Ninth - (4)

Palm / Cypress - (6)

Palm / Fifth - (9)

Base Line / Reedy: - (2)

Central / Base Line - (2)

Vine / Base Line - (2)

San Francisco / Base Line - (2)

Victoria / Base Line - (6)

Fourteenth / Victoria - (3)

Pacific / Victoria - (4)

Victoria / Ninth - (9)

Victoria / Cypress - (3)

Victoria / Union - (3)

Central / Ninth - (2)

Drummond / Seventh - (4)

Central / Fourteenth - (3)

Base Line / Sterling - (7)

Total of 104 Illegal Signs were removed.

**Home Occupations Permit Inspections:**

There were four (4) Home Occupation Permit Inspections conducted and approved at the following locations:

26000 block of Cypress Avenue

26000 block of Base Line

28000 block of Shadow Creek Lane

1000 block of Chandler Avenue

**Residential Rental Inspections:** There were nine (9) Residential Rental Inspections conducted at the following locations:

7000 block of Victoria Avenue

7000 block of Sterling Avenue

29200 block White Gate

7900 block Valencia

7300 block Webster

28900 block Clear Springs

72500 block Leedom

29000 block River Run

7600 block Sweet Water

**Shopping Carts:** There were no abandoned Shopping Carts on Base Line Avenue between Boulder and 210 Freeway.

**Substandard Housing/Nuisance Cases:** There were six (6) Substandard Housing/ Nuisance Cases Inspections conducted at the following locations:

7300 block Valaria

7600 block McKinley

7000 block Central

7200 block Quail Run

8100 block Marilyn

29800 block Watson.

## Public Works

**Graffiti Report.** During the period of 7/1 - 7/13/09, graffiti known to Public Works staff, by the following means, was removed:

**Reported to Graffiti Hotline:** Community Park, Palm Ave. s/o J.P. Villa, behind 27197 Fleming, Pacific/Osbun 25590 9<sup>th</sup>, 7710 Church, 25476 5<sup>th</sup>, alley at Cunningham n/o Ward, 7436

Cunningham, 6738 Victoria ; **Reported by Staff:** Aurantia Park, YMCA; **Routine Observation by P.W.:** 8023 Del Rosa Dr., Del Rosa Dr. s/o 5<sup>th</sup>, 25041 9<sup>th</sup>, Golondrina/9<sup>th</sup>, 25955 9<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>/McKinley, Central to Hibiscus, Central n/o Hibiscus to Base Line, 25809 & 25899 Base Line, Base Line e/o Olive Tree to Lillian, Base Line e/o Lillian to Kay's Café, Base Line/Bonita, 27268 & 27194 Base Line, Fisher/Central, Pacific/Victoria, McKinley, Sterling from Jane to Byron, Mira Vista/Base Line, 25454 9<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> e/o Del Rosa Ave., Golondrina/9<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>/Del Rosa Ave., 8023 Del Rosa Dr., Union/Cunningham, Cunningham n/o Fleming, Palm north & south of Harlan to Norwood, Peacock/Norwood, Central s/o Base Line to Cypress, Central at Environmental Learning Center, Church Ave. n/o Norwood, Church Ave. to Base Line, Sterling n/o Base Line (alley), 25809 Base Line, Base Line/Rogers, 9<sup>th</sup>/Lankershim, 9<sup>th</sup>/Sterling, Victoria/Cypress, Pacific east & west of San Francisco, 25490, 25454, 25426 9<sup>th</sup> St., Norwood to Temple, 7571 Church, Marigold/Base Line, Fisher/Central, Bangor/14<sup>th</sup>, Pacific/Miller, 6969 Buchanan, 25595 Base Line, 25578 Base Line, McKinley/9<sup>th</sup>, 25050 3<sup>rd</sup>, 25041 9<sup>th</sup>, Hibiscus/Cunningham, Villa Ct. s/o Villa Ave., Orange/Pacific, Church between Powell & Flood Control, Victoria at fwy. overpass, 6608 ½ Victoria, 9<sup>th</sup>/Rogers Ln., Rockford/Western, Boulder (Tutor Time), Del Rosa Ave. n/o 4<sup>th</sup>, Del Rosa Ave./Base Line, 25002 6<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> e/o Elmwood, Nona/Orange, Orange/Millar, Palm s/o Atlantic, Base Line w/o Valaria, 26122 Base Line, 26010 Base Line, 8023 Del Rosa Dr., center divider at 9<sup>th</sup> St., 26010 Base Line, 27447 Pacific, 27447 & 27465 Pacific.

## **Mark Your Calendar**

### **Saturday, July 18, 2009**

7:30 am to 11:30 am - Highland Improvement Team Clean Up, Meet at City Hall (7:00 a.m.)  
27215 Baseline - Highland

### **Tuesday, July 21, 2009**

5pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

### **Monday, July 27, 2009**

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

### **Tuesday, July 28, 2009**

6pm - City Council Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

### **Tuesday, August 4, 2009**

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

### **Thursday, August 6, 2009**

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

### **Thursday, August 13, 2009**

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

### **Tuesday, August 18, 2009**

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

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