

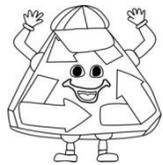


# City of Highland Weekly Report

August 1, 2014

## Repete's Wisdom of the Week - 5 DIY Recycled Bird Feeders

### Public Services



**Repete's Wisdom of the Week - 5 DIY Recycled Bird Feeders.** Invite your feathered friends into your garden this spring with these seven bird feeders you can make out of materials you might have otherwise thrown away or recycled - plastic bottles, milk cartons or scraps of wood. There's a project here for everyone, regardless of your age or skill level; from young children and DIY novices to crafting pros who are handy with drills and hacksaws.

**1. Soda bottle bird feeder.** A favorite of the elementary school classroom, the soda bottle bird feeder is a simple DIY project for bird lovers of all ages. After rescuing a 1-2 liter soda bottle from the recycling bin, look around your house or yard for two wooden spoons, dowels or twigs you can use for the project; these will create a place for the birds to sit while they eat.

Then follow the instructions on [BirdFeederPlans.org](http://BirdFeederPlans.org) to cut small holes in the bottle where you will insert the spoons or dowels; parents will need to help their kids with this step. Fill the bottle with bird seed, twist the cap back on and then hang the bird feeder from a tree or

porch with string or fishing line.

**2. Milk carton bird feeder.** Fashioning a bird feeder out of a milk or juice carton is just as straightforward as building one from a plastic soda bottle. Simply cut out equally sized "windows" in three sides of the carton, leaving 1-2 inches of space from the bottom of the carton. Then poke two holes at the top of the carton and feed in fishing wire or other sturdy string, so you can hang the feeder from a tree or porch. Read the complete directions at [99BirdHouses.com](http://99BirdHouses.com).

**3. Tray bird feeder.** Got leftover pieces of wood from a past house project? Then you can make the tray bird feeder featured on Disney's FamilyFun website. You'll also need an aluminum screen that you can buy at a hardware or home improvement store, as well as experience using a drill and hammer. You can even upcycle old windows, picture frames or other wooden household items into a tray bird feeder.



Tray bird feeders attract the widest variety of birds, but be careful if your yard is full of other critters: They are not squirrel-proof.

**4. Floppy disk bird feeder.** You haven't used a floppy disk in years, but if you still have a few disks buried in your desk drawer, you can recycle them into this funky bird feeder detailed on Instructables.com.

After taping together the bottom edges of three floppy disks comes the most difficult part of the project - dismantling the disks. First, slide off the metal shutter that holds the plastic housing together, and take apart the housing to remove the magnetic disk and paper ring inside. Use scissors or a utility knife to cut a window in the plastic housing that remains, and then assemble the housing into a cube, fastening the walls together with tape or a hot glue gun. Glue a string to the top of the box and add some bird seed; your retro-tech bird feeder is ready to hang in the yard.

**5. Plastic bottle hummingbird feeder.** If you're hoping to attract adorable hummingbirds to your yard, then here is what you need to get started. Grab your drill and make one hole in the center of the plastic bottle's cap. Then drill a hole in the center of the takeout container lid that is large enough to accommodate the plastic bottle's opening. You'll also want to make four small holes around the takeout container lid; this is where the hummingbirds will drink from.



Next, fill the plastic bottle with hummingbird nectar, which you can easily make by mixing one part white granulated sugar with four parts water. Then pop the takeout container lid onto the plastic bottle, twist on the bottle cap and attach the takeout container to its lid.

To catch the hummingbirds' attention, highlight the four feeding holes with the bird's favorite color - red. Cut out circles from red fabric scraps or even from a Coke bottle's label, and paste them around the feeding holes.

For more DIY bird feeder options visit <http://www.earth911.com/home/7-diy-recycled-bird-feeders/3/>

## Volunteer Services

**Blood Drive Success** - This past Monday, July 28, 2014, the City of Highland in cooperation with LifeStream hosted another community blood drive at the Highland Police Department.

The demand for blood never stops. LifeStream must collect at least 600 units of blood a day to ensure that our local hospitals get the lifesaving treatments they need. Giving blood provides community members with the opportunity to contribute a lifesaving donation. Due to our wonderful community donors, Highland brought in 39 registered donors. With only 2 deferrals, our blood drive was able to bring in 37 units of blood for the community!

The success our blood drive could not have been possible without the help of our wonderful volunteers, Pearl Crump, Genevieve Davis, Harriet Foucher, Eileen Gutierrez, Audree Kraemer, Jeri Rich, Ada Scott, Sylvia Yzaguirre and the fabulous staff from LifeStream. A special thank you goes out to the Highland Police Station, for their hospitality and for providing the use of the Community Room during the blood drive.

**Mark Your Calendar!** The next community blood drive is set for Monday, September 23, 2014. Please join us and help Highland increase its blood donations.

Should you have any questions or like to volunteer your time, please contact Denise Moreno at 909-864-6861 extension 203.

**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 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Engineering

### Greenspot Road Improvement Project

**Weekly Construction Report** - Southern California Edison's contractor is making excellent progress with work to underground existing overhead transmission lines. Underground conduit, vaults and base paving has been completed at the intersection of Greenspot Road

and Webster Street. Construction of conduit and vaults is underway on Webster Street north of Greenspot Road and along the west side of Boulder Avenue north of Webster Street.



Motorists traveling southbound on Boulder Avenue can expect minimum impacts during construction of the underground work, which is taking place within a 30' utility easement in the parkway.



With the base paving completed at Greenspot Road and Webster, the City's contractor is now proceeding to prepare to cap Greenspot Road from approximately 200' east of SR-210 to Boulder Avenue with 0.1' rubber asphalt overlay. The contractor will grind and inlay isolated segments of the road to establish a uniform pavement section. The pavement cap is scheduled for Friday, August 1<sup>st</sup> and Monday, August 4<sup>th</sup>.

## Administration

**Emergency Preparedness - Preparation for Seniors.** The likelihood that you and your family will recover from an emergency tomorrow often depends on the planning and preparation done today. While each person's abilities and needs are unique, every individual can take steps to prepare for all kinds of emergencies. By evaluating your own personal needs and making an emergency plan that fits those needs, you and your loved ones can be better prepared.

There are commonsense measures older Americans can take to start preparing for emergencies before they happen.

Create a network of neighbors, relatives, friends and co-workers to aid you in an emergency. Discuss your needs and make sure everyone knows how to operate necessary equipment. If appropriate, discuss your needs with your employer.

In addition to a regular emergency supplies kit, seniors should keep specialized items ready, including extra wheelchair batteries, oxygen, catheters, medication, food for service animals and any other items you might need. Keep a list of the type and model numbers of the medical devices you require, as well as medication. Be sure to make provisions for medications that require refrigeration. Make arrangements for any assistance to get to a shelter.

## Mark Your Calendar



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

**Tuesday, August 12, 2014**

6pm - Regular City Council Meeting, Donahue  
Council Chambers

**Thursday, August 14, 2014**

4:30pm - Oversight Board Meeting, Donahue  
Council Chambers

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

**Tuesday, September 9, 2014**

6pm - Regular City Council 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

**Tuesday, September 23, 2014**

6pm - Regular City Council Meeting, Donahue  
Council Chambers

**Wednesday, October 1, 2014**

4pm - Tentative Public Nuisance Hearing Board  
Special Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

**Thursday, October 2, 2014**

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

**Tuesday, October 7, 2014**

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting,  
Donahue Council Chambers

**Thursday, October 9, 2014**

5pm - Community Trails Committee, Donahue  
Council Chambers

**Tuesday, October 14, 2014**

6pm - City Council Regular Meeting, Donahue  
Council Chambers

**Tuesday, October 21, 2014**

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting,  
Donahue Council Chambers

**Tuesday, October 28, 2014**

6pm - City Council Regular Meeting, Donahue  
Council Chambers

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