

City of Highland

Weekly Report



August 13, 2015

VOLUNTEER SERVICES

The Highland Blood Drive Committee is recruiting for

Committee Members

We need dedicated volunteers to join now. Anyone can volunteer.

Committee members are asked to attend recruitment/pre-planning meetings once every other month. The meetings are held two weeks prior to each blood drive. During the meetings the committee meets with a representative from LifeStream to go over statistics and goals. It is at this time that volunteers receive flyers to post and distribute around the committee to promote our upcoming blood drive.



Blood drives are held six times per year in January, March, May, July, September and November. During the blood drives, volunteers assist with registration and run the canteen. In the canteen, volunteers are responsible for keeping donor wait time, refreshments and assisting LifeStream staff with additional help where needed.

If you are interested in volunteering and this sounds like fun please join us at our next Blood Drive Committee meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 31, 2015 at 4:00pm at Highland City Hall – 27215 Base Line.

Please contact Volunteer Services for more information at 909-864-6861 ext. 203.

HIGHLAND IMPROVEMENT TEAM

The Highland Improvement Team is still on a summer hiatus during the month of August. Don't worry, our next scheduled HIT cleanup is just around the corner on Saturday, September 19th from 8:00am to 12:00pm (noon).

The Highland Improvement Team is always accepting VOLUNTEERS to join our team. Volunteers of all ages are welcome! Everyone and anyone is always invited to join us...come out and support the Highland Improvement Team and see what we are all about! If you would like to do your part to keep Highland a clean and beautiful place to live...Volunteer with the Highland Improvement Team!

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Repete's Wisdom of the Week



Mulch: Save Money, Control Weeds and Create Healthy Landscape

You can create beautiful, healthy landscapes that control weeds and conserve water by using plant trimmings as mulch. Tree pruning, brush, grass clippings, and leaves that are chipped or shredded are called “green waste” mulch. In nature, leaves and needles fall to the ground, creating an organic layer that protects and builds the soil. Using green waste mulch recycles plant material into a valuable resource.

Save Time & Money

Using mulch can simplify your maintenance by:

- Cutting weed growth, especially annuals by as much as 90 percent.
- Decreasing the costs of buying and applying herbicides.
- Reducing the need for trimming grass around trees.
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In summer, 2 inches of mulch cuts water loss by 20 percent and lowers temperature in the top 4 inches of soil by 10 degrees.

Create Healthy Plants

Mulch promotes healthy plants by:

- Reducing the competition from weeds.
- Keeping the soil moist and at an even temperature.
- Controlling erosion.
- Adding organic matter that feeds beneficial soil organisms.
- Preventing soil compaction.

Mulch Basics

1. Before applying mulch, remove weeds and water thoroughly.

You'll get the best weed control when you weed first, then spread the mulch. And it is often easier to wet the soil before applying mulch.

2. Keep mulch 6–12 inches away from the base of trees and shrubs.

Tree trunks are not suited to wet conditions. Placing mulch so that you can see the root flare keeps the trunk dry and reduces the risk of damage from disease, insects, and rodents.

3. Choose the application rate that will give you the best results.

• **General Use:** Apply a layer that settles to 2–4 inches deep. This is the best general application rate, especially for use in planting beds.

• **Fine Mulch:** Apply no more than 2 inches. Thin layers of fine mulch (particle size of half-inch or less) are less likely to impede air and water. Fine mulches decompose more quickly and need to be replenished more often than coarse, woody mulches.

• **Coarse Mulch:** Use 4–6 inches or more to control weeds in open spaces. Coarse mulch is best for weed control; it prevents annual weed seeds from germinating. Weeds that do sprout are easier to remove. For maximum weed control, replenish mulch once a year.

• **You can have too much of a good thing:** Use lesser amounts of mulch on poorly drained soils.

4. Keep mulch on top of the soil to prevent tying up nitrogen.

Any woody material that is incorporated into the soil will temporarily inhibit the soil's ability to supply nitrogen to the plants. However, according to research, mulch only uses nitrogen at the soil surface, and not from the root zone. If you do not turn mulch into the soil, you'll prevent nitrogen drag.

For more information on mulch please visit: <http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Organics/CompostMulch/default.htm>



FINANCE

Commercial Business License Applications — There was one new commercial business licenses for the week of 8/13/15:

**Options for Youth,
27941 Base Line, Suite D & F
Highland, CA 92346**

Calendar of Events



August 13, 2015

5pm – Community Trails
Committee, Donahue Council Chambers

August 18, 2015

6pm – Planning Commission,
Donahue Council Chambers

August 25, 2015

6pm – City Council Meeting,
Donahue Council Chambers

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