



City of Highland Weekly Report

August 30, 2012

- Highland Improvement Team - Helping Keep the Community Clean

Volunteer Services

HIGHLAND IMPROVEMENT TEAM -

Highland Improvement Team (H.I.T.) members met last Saturday to discuss ideas and ways of improving our monthly cleanups. The primary focus is still helping senior and disabled residents with yard and garage cleanups, but in addition, we will hit the streets to clean up things that we all see on a day-to-day basis.



We will focus on picking up litter and trash along the curb and sidewalk areas, Remove weeds that are growing in sidewalk cracks and along curb areas and possibly remove graffiti that can be cleaned up by hand and if not document for cleanup. Overall, members of the H.I.T. agreed that they want to volunteer to keep their community free of blight, which will invite residents and others to visit, dine and shop in Highland in addition to keeping crime out, The Highland Improvement Team will also assist in City cleanups to prepare for special events, tackle graffiti and assist in upkeep of our City Trails.

If you are interested in joining this wonderful group of volunteers or know of an area in

Highland that needs our help, please contact Volunteer Services at 909-864-6861 extension 203.

Residential cleanups wanted...The Highland Improvement Team (HIT) wants to help neighbors in need. HIT can help senior and disabled homeowners that need help with yard cleanup and minor landscaping needs such as planting flowers, shrubs and small trees. We can lend a hand to help clean out a garage and help with light painting such as fencing, house trim and exterior doors. Please reach out to us...we are here to help. There are no income eligibility requirements and absolutely no charge to the homeowner. A fabulous team of volunteers completes all work and repair at H.I.T. cleanups.



Here are the few qualifications:

- « Must be 55 years and older OR disabled
- « Must own and reside in your home

The Highland Improvement Team schedules one cleanup per month. Each cleanup requires enough work to fill the allotted four-hour period, usually from 8:00am to Noon.

Please contact Volunteer Services at 909-864-6861 extension 203, to find out if you qualify or know someone who may qualify for a HIT cleanup.

BLOOD DRIVE COMMITTEE -NEW LOCATION! NEW LOCATION! NEW LOCATION! Highland's next Blood Drive is Monday, September 24, 2012 from 1:30pm to 6:30pm at our new location: the Highland Police Station - 26985 Baseline.

LifeStream has many incentives for those wishing to donate the "Gift of Life"...all donors will receive a discounted coupon for Knott's Soak City in addition to points that can be redeemed for items at LifeStream's on-line store. You can help increase blood donations...please spread the word to family, friends and co-workers to donate!

For more information about the blood drives, please contact Volunteer Services at 909-864-6861 extension 203.



Public Services

REPETE'S WISDOM OF THE WEEK - Do Your Actions Impact the Seafood You Eat? No matter where you live in California you can



impact the ocean... for better or worse. There are actions we all take every day that can help to keep our ocean a healthy and thriving place. These are examples of small steps that you can take to do your part in ocean conservation and reduce energy consumption. It can be your way to say "Thank you Ocean".

What You Can Do At Home:

- Conserve energy. Turn off lights, radio, or TV when you are not in the room.
- Keep trash and chemicals out of storm drains. This includes pet waste. Storm drains flow into the ocean and can pollute the water and cause beach closures.

- If you own your home, install a water-saving toilet as seen in high-efficiency toilets (HET). California has a water supply shortage and conserving every drop counts.
- To save water (and cut down on expensive bills) take shorter showers and install low-flow shower fittings.
- To save water and energy (and cut down on expensive bills) only run a full dishwasher and air-dry your dishes.
- Hot out? Save energy by using fans instead of the air conditioner, keep your curtains closed to block out sunlight. If you must use the a/c set the thermostat to a higher temperature like 80 degrees instead of 75 degrees.
- Cold out? Save energy by using a space heater sparingly, set your thermostat to a lower temperature, and bundle up in sweater and extra blankets to stay warmer!
- Change your ordinary light bulb to a compact fluorescent bulb. These bulbs last longer and use less energy.
- Never flush your out of date prescriptions down the toilet, find a take back location to [dispose of your medications properly](#).
- Dispose of hazardous materials properly. Household cleaning products, paint, pesticides, fluorescent light bulbs, and batteries pose a threat to water quality.
- Don't buy live saltwater fish caught in the wild for your aquarium. Be sure to choose marine life that is acquired safely, and sustainably.
- Don't flush kitty litter. Cats can host a deadly pathogen, called *Toxoplasmosis gondii*, which appears to contribute to

nearly 40 percent of the mortality in California sea otters observed in the past several years. Dispose of kitty litter in trash receptacles instead of flushing it down the toilet.

For more information on what you can do to protect water quality and conserve energy at work, school, in the garden, while shopping, traveling and dining visit the following website www.thankyouocean.org/take-action/what-you-can-do/

Finance Department

Commercial Business License Applications - There were no new business licenses for the week of 8/27/12 to 8/31/12.

Mark Your Calendar



Monday, September 3, 2012

Labor Day Holiday - City Offices are closed

Tuesday, September 4, 2012

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting,
Donahue Council Chambers

Tuesday, September 11, 2012

6pm - City Council Regular Meeting,
Donahue Council Chambers

Thursday, September 13, 2012

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

Saturday, September 15, 2012

8am to Noon - Highland Improvement Team Cleanup, Meet @ Highland City Hall - 27215 Baseline, Highland

Tuesday, September 18, 2012

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting,
Donahue Council Chambers

Monday, September 24, 2012

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

Tuesday, September 25, 2012

6pm - City Council Regular Meeting,
Donahue Council Chambers

Tuesday, October 2, 2012

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting,
Donahue Council Chambers

Thursday, October 4, 2012

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

Tuesday, October 9, 2012

6pm - City Council Regular Meeting,
Donahue Council Chambers

Thursday, October 11, 2012

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

Tuesday, October 16, 2012

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting,
Donahue Council Chambers

Tuesday, October 23, 2012

6pm - City Council Regular Meeting,
Donahue Council Chambers

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