



City of Highland Weekly Report

September 07, 2012

3 Vacancies - Community Trails Committee 2 Vacancies - Public Nuisance Hearing Board

Community Development

There is still time to submit your Public Service Application. Three (3) Vacancies declared on the Community Trails Committee. On August 14, 2012, the City Council declared three (3) vacancies on the Community Trails Committee. The City of Highland Community Trails Committee consists of five (5) residents and meets on the second Thursday of each month for the purpose of making recommendations to the City Council regarding the development and maintenance of a community trails system within the City and its sphere of influence.

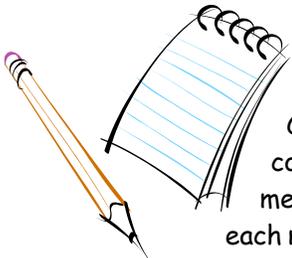
Three vacancies have been declared by the City Council. The terms of office for these vacancies will expire October 2012. The Government Code provides that the City Council may fill said vacancies by appointment. Each member shall be a resident of the City who has a demonstrated knowledge and interest in one or more of the following: equestrian activities, bicycling, hiking, nature studies or landscape/open space design.

The City Council is tentatively scheduled to make the appointment at their Regular Meeting of

September 25, 2012, pursuant to Government Code. All appointees serve without compensation, will need to complete an ethics training course and will have to submit an FPPC Statement of Economic Interest Form. Residents of Highland wishing to be considered shall file a Public Service Application with the City Clerk prior to the close of business on **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2012**. Applications can be obtained at City Hall, 27215 Base Line, Highland, CA, 92346, and must be returned to the City Clerk no later than the deadline.

There is still time to submit your Public Service Application. Two (2) Vacancies declared on the Public Nuisance Hearing Board. On August 14, 2012, the City Council declared two (2) seats vacant on the Public Nuisance Hearing Board. The Public Nuisance Hearing Board consists of five residents and meets as needed for the purpose of hearing the issues associated with the enforcement and abatement of various City laws and/or regulations as set forth in the Highland Municipal Code, and to hear appeals of Administrative Citations.

Two vacancies exist which terms of office will expire August, 2012. The City Council is



tentatively scheduled to make the appointment at their Meeting of September 25, 2012. Appointees must be a resident of the City and shall be qualified by experience and training to pass on matters pertaining to enforcement of the Highland Municipal Code. All appointees serve without compensation, will need to complete an ethics training course and will have to submit an FPPC Statement of Economic Interest Form. Residents meeting the criteria above who desire to be considered must file an Application with the City Clerk prior to the close of business **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2012**. Applications can be obtained at City Hall, 27215 Base Line, Highland, California, 92346.

Planning Commission determination: At its September 4, 2012, regular Meeting, the Commission considered the following Items:

1. An Accessory Sign Review Application (ASR-012-017) requesting the Planning Commission consideration of a Sign Program for the Highland Plaza, inclusive of New Building Mounted Signage and a New Monument Sign. The Project is located at 27212 Base Line, Highland, California. Assessor Parcel No.: 1191-50-184. Representative: Charles Sabbah, Property Owner

The Planning Commission Approved a Proposed Sign Application (ASR-012-017) for a Sign Program for the Highland Plaza, inclusive of New Building Mounted Signage and a New Monument Sign, subject to Conditions of Approval, as modified, and Adopted the Findings of Facts

The Application may now proceed forward in the process.

2. Appeal Application (APP-012-001) - an Appeal Application requesting reconsideration of the Community Development Director's determination requiring the Demolition of an Illegally Constructed Room Addition within the City's Business Park (BP) Zoning District.. The property is located at 25331 Court Street, Highland,

California. Assessor Parcel No.: 0279-192-01. Representative: Jorge T. Raygoza, Property Owner.

The Planning Commission continued this Item to September 18, 2012.

Volunteer Services

BLOOD DRIVE - 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.

COMMUNITY SERVICE - You can receive community service credit hours by joining the Highland Improvement Team (HIT). Volunteers fulfill community service hours required by school and other organizations when participating in HIT cleanups.



In addition, volunteers will receive a certificate of completion and other incentives for becoming a HIT member. Typically, cleanups are scheduled on one Saturday morning per month for approximately four hours each.

DON'T HESITATE...SIGN UP NOW! Contact Volunteer Services for more information.

HIGHLAND IMPROVEMENT TEAM -

Highland Improvement Team (HIT) members met late August to discuss ways of improving HIT cleanups projects. A majority of HIT members are Highland residents familiar with Highland neighborhoods in need of help.

Using a map of the City, members targeted specific areas in Highland that could benefit from a HIT cleanup. Members agreed that some of the City's major thoroughfares are prone to litter, weed overgrowth and graffiti and should be given priority when scheduling monthly cleanups. In addition, many agreed that they would like to be more visible to the community during projects. Many Highland residents do not know about the Highland Improvement Team and seeing volunteers in action may invite them to question who we are and possibly join.

Be on the lookout for the Highland Improvement Team...they will be hitting the streets in an effort to keep our neighborhoods free of blight and crime!

Join us for our next cleanup on Saturday, September 15, 2012 from 8am to noon. Sign in beginning at 7:30am at Highland City Hall, 27215 Baseline. Please contact Volunteer Services for more information!

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL -

Safe Routes to School (SRTS) programs are underway at several of our elementary schools in Highland.

Arroyo Verde, Cram and Cypress Elementary schools will hold their first SRTS meetings this month.



Arroyo Verde and Cram are in the early stages of the program. Meetings at these two schools will be aimed at educating parents about the program and recruiting volunteers to form SRTS committees at each school.

Cypress Elementary established an SRTS

committee last school year. The upcoming meeting will target new parents to join the committee, select a parent chairperson for the committee and to plan their first Walk to School Day for this year, scheduled for Wednesday, October 3, 2012.

Contact Volunteer Services to find out how you can volunteer with this exciting new program!



Public Services

REPETE'S WISDOM OF THE WEEK -

10 Uses for Common Household Products. With a little creative repurposing, you can breathe new life into many common household items—including those destined for the trash heap. These clever recycling tips are good for the environment and your wallet, too.

1. *Use Pennies to Space Tile:* When setting tile, place pennies on end between the corners of each piece for spacers that are easy to remove.
2. *Use a Window Screen to Sift Unmixed Grout:* Use a piece of screen as a sieve to un-cake powdered grout and remove any lumps before mixing with water.
3. *Use Coffee Grounds to Fortify Plants:* Give seedlings a nitrogen boost by stirring grounds into soil or a watering can.
4. *Use Mayonnaise to Erase Crayon from Walls:* Coat doodles on surfaces covered with scrubbable paint. After a few minutes, wipe off the mayo and crayon marks with a damp cloth.
5. *Use an Old Fork to Clean a Paintbrush:* Can't find your metal brush comb? Forks are just as good at getting between the bristles and whisking out every last drop.
6. *Use Old Magazines to Keep Glass Paint-Free:* Who needs tape? Before painting window muntins, wet the edges of magazine pages and press them

onto the panes, edges against the muntins. After painting, the paper peels off easily.

7. Use a Plastic Milk Jug to Scoop Nails: You've dumped a coffee can full of fasteners onto your workbench in search of an elusive 10d; now clean up the mess with a milk-jug scoop. Make one by slicing a liter jug diagonally from the base of the handle to the opposing bottom corner.

8. Use Chopsticks to Label Your Plants: Create markers by stapling a plant's seed packet to a chopstick and placing it inside the pot or bed.

9. Use Plastic Bags to Apply Waxes and Creams: Use a bag as a mitt to spread furniture wax or polish. Then buff to a shiny finish using a soft, dry cloth.

10. Use Car Wax to Unstick Hinges: Use car wax to lubricate the hinges of garden shears and scissors.

Re-Pete wants you to stay tuned for next weeks 10 uses for common household products.

Finance Department

Commercial Business License Applications - One (1) new commercial business for the week of 09/03/12 - 09/07/12. Premier Tire's Shop located at 7615 Sterling Ave

Mark Your Calendar



Tuesday, September 11, 2012

5:30pm - Finance Subcommittee Meeting, Upright Conference Room
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

Saturday, October 13, 2012

9am to 2pm - Open House at Fire Station #3 - 7649 Sterling, Highland

Tuesday, October 16, 2012

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Tuesday, October 23, 2012

6pm - City Council Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Assembled by: Elena Rodrigues