



City of Highland Weekly Report

September 10, 2010

Repete's Wisdom of the Week Top Ten Water Conservation Tips

Public Services



REPETE'S WISDOM OF THE WEEK -

It's easy to take for granted a resource that is abundantly available in our daily lives. But the ease with which we can access this vital commodity often obscures the reality that it is in fact a limited resource.



There is now growing concern that California, after several years of drought like conditions and one of the driest winters on record, may be in another period of major drought. Because of global climate change, our weather is changing each year. While we can hope for wetter years in the future, it is important that we begin to plan for dryer years. California residents are asked to cut back water use by 10%, here are a few tips to help you cut back.

Top Ten Water Conservation Tips:

1. Schedule two short cycles of irrigation rather than one long single cycle.
2. Find and repair leaks now.
3. Inspect and tune-up irrigation system monthly.
4. Irrigate between midnight and 6:00 a.m. to reduce water loss from evaporation and wind.

5. Use a broom, not a hose, to clean driveway, deck or patio.
6. Use a bucket and a hose with an automatic shut-off nozzle when you wash the car, or take your car to a carwash that recycles.
7. Cover pools and hot-tubs to reduce evaporation.
8. Use front-load washing machines.
9. Run the dishwasher and clothes washer with full loads only.
10. Prevent and report water waste.

If you would more information on what you can do to conserve water, contact your local water agency or Public Services Coordinator, Andrea A. Saavedra at 909-864-8732 ext. 271.

Community Development

Public Nuisance Hearing Board determination. At its September 1, 2010, Special Meeting, the Board considered the following Items:

1. A Public Hearing to Appeal Administrative Citation Nos. 04384 and 04385, in accordance with Chapter 2.56 of Title 2, of the Highland Municipal Code, at Property located at 26854 Stratford, Highland, California. Citee: Alan

Bobowicz. PNHB Case No. 010-008.

The Public Nuisance Hearing Board (PNHB) conducted the required Public Hearing, and recommended an alternative recommendation and did not uphold Administrative Citation No. 04385 and did not adopt Resolution No. PNHB 10-008.

No action was taken by the Board on Citation No. 04384, as this Citation was voided by Building and Safety on August 20, 2010.

Planning Commission determination: At its September 8, 2010, regular Meeting, the Commission considered the following Items:

1. Revocation of Staff Review Permit (SRP-008-001) initially approved by the City's Planning Division on January 22, 2008, to operate a "Philanthropic Headquarter" use. The Property is located at 7709 Victoria Avenue (generally located at the southeast corner of Victoria Avenue and Cypress Street). APN: 1192-491-01. Representative and Applicant: Monica King

The Planning Commission adopted Planning Commission Resolution No. 10-014 revoking Staff Review Permit 008-001 to operate a "Philanthropic Headquarter" use at 7709 Victoria Avenue.

Building and Safety

Building and Safety Division Activity Update. The following statistics were provided by the Building and Safety Division for the number of Permit Totals and Valuations for the month of August, 2010.

Description / No. of Units

Plumbing, Electrical, Mechanical, Re-roofs, Patio Covers, Special Inspections, etc. / 59
Warehouse / 1

Other Buildings and Structures / 11
Single Family Additions, Alterations / 12

Grand Total Valuation \$1,193,591.00

Building and Safety Division in Total Fees collected

Plan Check	\$ 3,620.82
Building Permits	\$ 28,156.95
S.M.I.	\$ 149.23
Microfilm	\$ 1,523.55
Green Building \$	92.00
Code Enforcement	\$ 5,574.81
Police	\$ 345.10
Lien Release	\$ 432.00

Total Inspections Performed for the month of August: 234

If you want additional information, please contact the Building and Safety Division at (909) 864-8732.



Fire Prevention

Fire Prevention Division Activity

Update. The following statistics were provided by the Fire Prevention Division for the number of Permit Totals and Valuations for the month of August, 2010.

Some of the Permits / Inspections include, but are not limited to the following: Fire Suppression, Various Types of Fire Sprinklers, UL 300, Fire Alarms, Various Types of Certificates of Occupancy, and Fire Construction Review.

Fire Prevention Division in Total Fees collected

Inspection	\$ 946.06
Plan Check	\$ 142.50
Micro Film	\$ 28.25
Total	\$1,116.81

Total Inspections Performed for the month of August: 18

If you want additional information, please contact the Fire Prevention Division at (909) 864-8732.

Volunteer Services

The City of Highland in cooperation with LifeStream (formerly Blood Bank of San Bernardino and Riverside Counties) is hosting its next Blood Drive on Tuesday, September 28, 2010 from 1:30 pm to 6:30 pm. The Blood Drive takes place at the Jerry Lewis Community Center, located at 7793 Central Avenue.

Show your love for Highland by giving the "Gift of Life" and donating blood in your community. Each donor receives "points" as part of the "Gift of Life" Donor Loyalty Program. Donors can redeem these points for items such as travel coffee mugs, gift cards and special tests such as cholesterol screening through LifeStream's online store at www.LStream.org

Please remember to *hydrate, hydrate, hydrate*...especially during these HOT summer months. Drink plenty of fluids and bring photo identification with you. Please make sure at least 56 days have elapsed since your last blood donation. For those that are 15 or 16 years old, please bring a signed LifeStream parental consent form, also available on the LifeStream website, www.LStream.org

We can all help Highland increase its blood donations. Hope to see you there!

Should you have any questions or would like to volunteer, contact Volunteer Services Coordinator, Denise Garnsey, at 909 864-6861 extension 203.



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Works

August 2010 - Maintenance Report

Total Man-hours	1,776
Compensated Man-hours	1,062.5
Un-compensated Man-hours	713.5

MAN-HOURS PER ACTIVITY

General Clean-up	49.25
Parkway Maintenance	0
Potholes	51.5
Sidewalk	12
Storm Drains	186.75
Signs/Traffic Control	38
Trees Trimmed	3
Vehicle/Tool Maintenance	67.5
Building/Grounds Maintenance	315
Landscape Maintenance District	180.8
Park Maintenance	233.8
Trail Maintenance	42.5
Special Maintenance	117.5
Crack Sealing	0
Graffiti	238.5
USA Markings	11.5
Weed Spraying	0
Staff Meetings	177.8
Safety Training	24.25

SPECIAL: PARSAC Training; dug trench at YMCA to repair pipe leak; USA tickets; repaired rail on old Greenspot bridge; picked-up debris at accident scene at Highland/Victoria; disposed of fallen tree branch at Fisher/Rogers, removed dirt from sewer line on Hibiscus e/o Central; put-up barricades at Community Park due to fire ant problem; walk-thru w/CAM Services of all parks, facilities, LMDs in City; service requests.

Library News

Sustainable Landscape Workshop. University of California Cooperative Extension, San Bernardino County, is proud to offer the following workshop at the Sam J. Racadio Library & Environmental Learning Center, 7863 Central Avenue, Highland, CA 92346

Title: ABC's of Sustainable Landscaping

Date: September 11, 2010 (Saturday)

Time: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM (lunch on your own from noon - 1:00 PM)

The workshop is open to the public and will cover important information on:

- How to conserve water in your landscape through proper plant selection and irrigation
- How to make and use compost for soil enhancement
- How to select and apply mulch
- How to grow healthy pesticide-free garden and landscape plants
- How to keep our surface and groundwater clean
- How to conserve energy around and in your home

Bring your family, neighbors and friends! Please RSVP UCCE Environmental Horticulturist Janet Hartin at 951.313.2023 or jshartin@ucdavis.edu

Mark Your Calendar

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

8am - Public Safety Subcommittee Meeting, Upright Conference Room

4pm - Community Services/Recreation Subcommittee Meeting, Upright Conference Room

5pm - Finance/Personnel Subcommittee Meeting, Upright Conference Room

6pm - City Council Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Saturday, September 18, 2010

8:00 am to 12 noon - Highland Improvement Team Clean Up, Meet at City Hall - 27215 Baseline

Tuesday, September 21, 2010

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting,

Donahue Council Chambers

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

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

6pm - City Council Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Tuesday, October 5, 2010

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Thursday, October 7, 2010

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

Tuesday, October 12, 2010

6pm - City Council Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Thursday, October 14, 2010

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

Tuesday, October 19, 2010

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Tuesday, October 26, 2010

6pm - City Council Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

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