



City of Highland Weekly Report

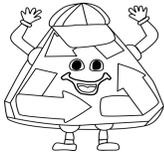
September 11, 2009

Do It Yourself Oil Changer? Ask About A Free Oil Drain Pan and Filter Bucket

Community Services

REPETE'S WISDOM OF THE WEEK

Used Motor Oil and Filter Recycling. Do you change your car's motor oil? If so, you are considered a *do-it-yourself (DIY)* oil changer! According to the American Petroleum Institute, over 50 percent of all motorists fall into this category. DIY oil changers generate about 150 millions gallons of used motor oil each year. This is approximately a quarter of all used motor oil that has the potential to be reused or recycled.



If you are pouring used motor oil on the ground, into a storm drain or throwing it in your trash can (even in a sealed container), you are improperly disposing of your used motor oil. The EPA estimates that the used oil from a single oil change can disrupt operations at water treatment facilities and contaminate a million gallons of fresh water. That's enough water for 50 people for a year! Oil doesn't necessarily need to be poured into the water supply to cause harm. Oil dumped on the ground can permeate the soil and contaminate ground water resources.

Recycled used motor oil can be re-processed into clean motor oil, fuel oils and lubricants. In fact, it takes 80% less energy to re-refine used motor oil than it does to process new oil from raw crude. If every do-it-yourself oil changer in the U.S. recycled their used motor oil, it would provide enough clean motor oil for 50 million cars! Recycling motor oil protects the environment, saves money and decreases our need to import oil from overseas.

Similarly, oil filters are composed of steel and are 100% recyclable; if all the filters sold each year in the U.S. were recycled, **160,000 tons of steel would be recovered.** Recycling one ton of filters yields 1,700 pounds of steel, 30 gallons of used oil and saves 10 cubic yards of landfill space. Used oil filters can be recycled into new steel products, such as steel cans, cars, appliances and construction materials (for example, rebar).

As a DIY oil changer, you can have a positive impact on your local environment by properly handling and recycling your used motor oil and filters. Join us at Discover Highland Night on Saturday, September 26, 2009, between 1 pm and 5 pm, to receive a coupon redeemable for a FREE used oil drain pan and filter bucket at City

of Highland Recycling Booth.

For more information of proper disposal of used motor oil and filters, please contact Public Services Coordinator, Andrea Saavedra at 909-864-8732 ext. 271.

Disposal of Home Generated Sharps. Effective September 1, 2008 - state law makes it **ILLEGAL** to dispose of sharps (hypodermic needles, pen needles, intravenous needles and lancets) in the trash, recycling or compost bins.



Finding ways to safely dispose of used medical sharps is an important public health priority. Since sharps can no longer be disposed of in the trash, those who use sharps must be aware of proper disposal methods to avoid haphazard disposal habits and accidental exposure to used sharps. Although needle-stick injuries are occupational hazards for sanitation, housekeeping, and janitorial workers, children and pets are also at risk for being stuck by improperly discarded used sharps.

The San Bernardino County Fire Department through their Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility offers a sharps program to all San Bernardino County residents which provide a safe, easy and free method for dispose of used sharps. Residents can pick up a container, return it when full and get a new container.

Please follow a few simple rules when disposing of your sharps to help yourself and others avoid needle sticks.

DON'T

- Put used sharps in the garbage/trash, whether at home or away from home.
- Put needles in your recycling cart or any recycling containers.
- Flush needles down the toilet.
- Handle someone else's sharps.

- Put needles into used plastic milk jugs, bleach or soda bottles.
- Overfill your sharps containers.

DO

- Use only approved sharps container for disposal.
- Place a secure lid on the sharps container.
- Check with your HHW collection facility to verify Home Generated Sharps Collection Sites.
- Ask you local HHW collection facility to clarification on sharps management and disposal, if necessary.

When traveling with needles don't forget, safe sharps disposal no matter where you are - at home, at work or even on the road. Never place used needles in the trash on airplanes, in hotel rooms or in public restrooms. When you make your travel arrangements ask about options for safe sharps disposal. If you are not sure that sharps containers will be available where you are going, be sure to buy a needle container that can hold your used needles until they can be properly disposed of.

For those of you who have home generated sharps and are in need of an approved sharps container, please visit the City of Highland Recycling Booth at Discover Highland Night on September 26, 2009 from 1pm - 5pm.

For more information on proper sharps disposal or to get the drop off location nearest you, please call 1-800-OILY CAT or (909) 382-5401.

Community Development

Fall ICSC Conference attendance was successful. City Staff and the Highland Area Chamber of Commerce attended the International Council of Shopping Centers Conference in San Diego last week. Attendees were from a concentrated area within the Inland Empire / Southern California area. There were at least forty-six (46) other Cities in the surrounding area who attended and staffed Booths at the Conference. City Staff also met

with various Businesses such as In-N-Out Burger, Sonic - America's Drive-In, Carl's Jr., Bridgestone Retail Operations, as well as other Retailers, Vendors and Developers. It was a great opportunity to seek out and meet with the decision-makers from this area. Attendees are familiar with the Inland Empire market and dynamics of the City of Highland.

Public Nuisance Hearing Board determination: At its September 2, 2009, Special Meeting, the Board considered the following Applications:



1. A Public Hearing to affirm the existence of a Public Nuisance in accordance with Chapter 8.32, Title 8 of the Highland Municipal Code, and subsequent abatement, as provided for in said Chapter at Property located at 30444 Greenspot Road, Highland, California, 92346. Legal Description: PTN GOV LOT NW 3 SECT 6 TP 1S R 2W BEG MOST SLY COR SD PAR 1 TH ALG SLY LI SD PAR 1 N 73 DEG 223 MIN 20 SECONDS E 32.90 FT. Property Owner: Louis Houplin Trust. PNHB Case No. 009-001. Continued from the April 15, 2009, and June 3, 2009, Special Meetings.)

The Public Nuisance Hearing Board (PNHB) conducted the required Public Hearing, and continued the Item to December 2, 2009.

2. A Public Hearing to affirm the existence of a Public Nuisance in accordance with Chapter 8.32, Title 8 of the Highland Municipal Code, and subsequent abatement, as provided for in said Chapter at Property located at the northwest corner of Church Street and Oak Ridge Road, Highland, California, 92346. Legal Description: Abbreviated Description: Parcel Map 5063 Parcel No 2; City/Muni/Twp: San Bernardino, APN: 1200-331-08-000. Property Owner: Gardner Family Trust. PNHB Case No. 009-002.

No action was taken by the Board as the

Property was abated.

3. A Public Hearing to affirm the existence of a Public Nuisance in accordance with Chapter 8.32, Title 8 of the Highland Municipal Code, and subsequent abatement, as provided for in said Chapter at Property located at 7801 Grape Street, Highland, California, 92346. APN: 1192-281-08-000. Property Owner: Jorge Garcia Denis. PNHB Case No. 009-003.

The Public Nuisance Hearing Board (PNHB) conducted the required Public Hearing, and continued the Item to December 2, 2009.

Volunteer Services

The Highland Improvement Team (HIT) clean ups scheduled for September and October have been cancelled due to unforeseeable circumstances. Our Highland resident scheduled for September has had to cancel his clean up due to a personal conflict.

Immediately, the resident scheduled for our October clean up was contacted to see if she would like to fill the September opening. Unfortunately, she is not available to host a clean up in September and in addition, has had to cancel her October clean up due to personal reasons. She will contact us to reschedule for a later date.

The Highland Improvement Team will surely miss helping these Highland residents at this time. We are eager to reschedule them soon. The Highland Improvement Team will resume our regular clean up projects in November. Please be on the lookout for more information on the specific details.

If you have any questions about joining the Highland Improvement Team or would like to inquire about qualifying for a HIT clean up, please contact Denise Garnsey, Volunteer Services, at 909-864-6861 extension 203.



Public Works

What's New in Public Works? The following activities were completed by Public Works Crew between 9/1 - 9/10/09: repaired drinking fountain at Community Park; placed numbers on all LMD controller cabinets, Edison meter pedestals, and water meter covers; trimmed trees blocking stop/street sign on Norwood/Palm and Sterling/6th; cleaned various storm drains; irrigation/landscape maintenance at City parks, public building, and LMDs; removed/replaced traffic signs at Boulder/Webster, Greenspot/Church, Guthrie/11th, Rogers/11th, Sterling/13th, Guthrie/Base Line, Sterling/Walker; repaired pot holes at various locations; checked USA tickets; checked service requests; did routine maintenance checks on City vehicles; installed new irrigation controllers at LMD #2 on Greenspot/Weaver and LMD #31 at Streater/Sycamore; checked video surveillance at City parks; picked-up trash and checked irrigation at orange grove at Aurantia Park; attended PARSAC training; picked up trash/debris/furniture at 25938 11th St., McKinley n/o 9th St., 25550 6th St., LaPraix/Messina, and Lankershim alley; repaired lifted sidewalk on Greenspot w/o Park View.



Code Enforcement

Weekend Update. The Labor Day Holiday Weekend has come and gone, and Code Enforcement is still out and about. The following inspections were conducted and action taken by the Code Compliance Officers:

YARD SALE INSPECTIONS: (13)

Shut down Five (5) Yard Sales with no Permit and issued a Notice of Violation at the following locations:
25400 block of Fifth Street

7800 block of Church Avenue
7600 block of Streater Avenue
7100 block of Olive Street
27200 block of Pacific Street

Compliance Insp. Previous Violators: (5)

7300 block of Lynwood (Abated)
7400 block of San Francisco (Abated)
7000 block of Devon (Abated)
7400 block of Los Feliz (Abated)
27200 block of Pacific (Abated)

Yard Sales with a Valid Permit: (3)

7600 block Central Avenue
6900 block of Center Street
26000 block of Tenth Street

RESIDENTIAL RENTAL

PROGRAM INSPECTIONS: (7)

7000 block of Victoria Avenue (2 properties):
Approved
7300 block of San Francisco Street: Issued Notice of Violation.
7300 block of San Francisco (2 properties):
Approved.
7900 block of Midhurst
7900 block of Pinehurst

COMMERCIAL BUSINESS LICENSE

INSPECTIONS: (1)

26800 block of Base Line: Notice of Violation Issued.
27000 block of Villa: No Violation found.

SHOPPING CARTS REMOVED: (4)

Base Line / Stoney Creek: (2)
7600 Seine Avenue (1)
Boulder / Base Line (1)

PARKING VIOLATIONS: (2)

Southwest corner of Greenspot / Church:
Posted 72 hr. Violation Citation
7200 block Catalpa Avenue: Posted Unpaved Parking Notice.

ILLEGAL CONSTRUCTION: (2)

7700 block of Lankershim: Issued Stop Work Order and Notice of Violation.
7100 block of Victoria Avenue: Garage Conversion lacks a Permit. Met owner to explain Notice of Violation, inspect interior.

ILLEGAL SIGNS REMOVED: (16)

Base Line / Stoney Creek (3)
Base Line / 210 / Seine (7)
7600 block Streater (2)
Boulder / Base Line (2)
7100 block Olive (2)

SUBSTANDARD HOUSING / NUISANCE INSPECTIONS: (12)

26300 block of Cypress: Posted & Served a Notice to Vacate Property
27200 block of Main Street
7400 block Cunningham
7500 block Cunningham
7300 block Lillian
25300 block Fourth Street
7900 block Primrose (2 properties)
8100 block Marilyn (3 units)
29000 block Red Tail
25300 block Court Street
6600 block Robinson



Mark Your Calendar

Tuesday, September 15, 2009

Planning Commission Meeting – canceled

Saturday, September 19, 2009

8:00 am to 12:00 pm - HIT Clean Up
Meet at City Hall, 27215 Base Line - Highland

Monday, September 28, 2009

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

Tuesday, September 22, 2009

6pm - City Council Regular Meeting,
Donahue Council Chambers

Thursday, October 1, 2009

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

Tuesday, October 6, 2009

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting,

Donahue Council Chambers

Thursday, October 8, 2009

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

Saturday, October 10, 2009

9:00 am to 2:00 pm - Open House, Fire Station
#3, 7649 Sterling Avenue - Highland

Tuesday, October 13, 2009

6pm - City Council Regular Meeting, Donahue
Council Chambers

October 17 - 25, 2009

Celebrate *RED RIBBON WEEK!*

Tuesday, October 20, 2009

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting,
Donahue Council Chambers

Monday, October 26, 2009

5:00 pm to 6:00 pm - Blood Drive Committee
Recruitment Meeting, YMCA/Jerry Lewis
Community Center, 7793 Central Avenue -
Highland

Tuesday, October 27, 2009

6pm - City Council Regular Meeting, Donahue
Council Chambers

Saturday, October 31, 2009

Halloween

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