



City of Highland Weekly Report

September 13, 2012

Walk to School on International Walk to School Day - October 3, 2012

Volunteer Services

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL - Cypress Elementary will host its first Walk to School Day for the 2012-2013 school year on International Walk to School Day, Wednesday, October 3, 2012. Cypress established their Safe Routes to School (SRTS) committee last year. There is a committee meeting scheduled at Cypress next week. Please contact Volunteer Services for more information about the meeting.

The help of volunteers plays a vital role in sustaining any SRTS

program. Volunteers are always needed to help coordinate and run SRTS events, including Walk to School Days.

Please contact Volunteer Services at 909-864-6861 ext. 203, for more information about the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) program and volunteer committee.

PREVENT PEDESTRIAN CRASHES: Parents and Caregivers of Elementary School Children. Elementary school children are very active and impulsive. Although they are learning

and growing, school-age children 10 and younger still need guidance and supervision when playing and walking near traffic.

Here are some common myths that children may believe about being a pedestrian. Make sure your child knows the facts.

Myth: A green light means that it is safe to cross.

Fact: A green light means that you should stop and search for cars. Before you step off the curb, look LEFT-RIGHT-LEFT for traffic, and if it is safe to do so, cross and keep looking left and right as you do so. Be alert for vehicles making a right turn on red.



Myth: You are safe in a crosswalk.

Fact: You may cross at a crosswalk but before you do stop at the curb and look LEFT-RIGHT-LEFT for cars. When it is clear, cross and keep looking left and right for cars.

Myth: If you see the driver, the driver sees you.

Fact: The driver may not see you. Make certain the driver stops before you cross the street.



Myth: The driver will stop if you are in a crosswalk or at a green light.

Fact: The driver may not see you. The driver may run a traffic light illegally. The driver may turn without looking for pedestrians.

Myth: Wearing white at night makes you visible to drivers.

Fact: White does not make you more visible at night. You must carry a flashlight and/or wear retro-reflective clothing to be more visible to drivers. Always walk facing traffic.

When crossing a street your child should always:

- Cross at the corner or at an intersection
- Stop at the edge of parked cars, the curb, or other vehicles.
- Look LEFT-RIGHT-LEFT for moving cars.
- Cross when clear, and keep looking left and right.
- Walk, don't run or dart, into the street.
- Look for signs that a car is about to move (rear lights, exhaust smoke, sound of motor, wheels turning)
- Walk alertly; use your eyes and your ears to increase your safety.

This information made available by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, NHTSA. Please visit the NHTSA website for more information. www.nhtsa.dot.gov

BLOOD DRIVE - Only one week to go...Highland's next Blood Drive is Monday, September 24, 2012 from 1:30pm to 6:30pm. All blood drives will now be at the Highland Police Station - 26985 Baseline. LifeStream is offering a fantastic incentive 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 online store. YOU can help increase blood donations...please spread the word to family, friends and co-workers. Donate TODAY!

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

COMMUNITY SERVICE - Earn community service credit by volunteering with the City of Highland! There are many opportunities available for volunteers of all ages. Join the Highland Improvement Team and earn community service credit by volunteering at our monthly HIT cleanup projects. Become a Blood Drive Committee member and earn community service credit while serving at our bi-monthly blood drives. Early morning risers can join the Safe Routes to School volunteer committee and help our students walk and bike safely to school on special Walk to School Days! Don't wait! Contact Volunteer Services now to join! You can reach Volunteer Services at 909-864-6861 extension 203 or you can send an email to dmoreno@cityofhighland.org



Highland Improvement Team (HIT) Cleanup this SATURDAY! Join us as we "HIT" the streets and clean up our City! Interested volunteers can sign-in at City Hall on Saturday, September 15 at 7:30am. The cleanup begins at 8:00am and volunteers will work through 12:00pm (Noon).

The predicted forecast for Saturday is HOT...Please wear a hat and sunscreen if possible. The City of Highland will provide bottled water as well as all equipment needed for the cleanup. Please contact Volunteer Services for more information about the HIT Cleanup at 909-864-6861 ext. 203.

Community Development

Last chance 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.

Last chance 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 meet 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. Three 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.



Public Services

REPETE'S WISDOM OF THE WEEK - Water Conservation Tip of the Month: Choosing and Planting Low Water-Use Plants. September is the optimal time to prepare your yard for landscape color with low water-use plants. Two-thirds of household water-use takes place outdoors, making the yard the best place to impact water consumption. Below are the top landscape tips to incorporate into your landscape plan and information on planting trees and shrubs.

Yard Gardening: Grading your own yard provides a more natural look while creating more dimension and interest to the landscape. It also aids in capturing rainfall. Don't make mounds greater than one foot in height over grade or it may look unnatural. Mounds should be sloped and irregular in shape, not perfectly symmetrical. Create swales (low spots) to capture and direct water to your plants - not the street.

Boulders and Granite: Boulders make an excellent accent to the landscape. A grade of boulders called "surface boulders" look more natural, and the color usually matches the natural colored granites. Bury approximately one-third of the boulders and place plants nearby to soften the overall look.

Use one-quarter or one-half inch minus granite (not screened granite) of natural color - such as desert gold or beige. These colors provide a more natural desert look and the size is easier to walk on.

Views, Hardscape and Energy Conservation: Use your landscape to enhance scenic views, such as mountains. Or block less desirable views, like the truck your neighbor parks on the street. Strategically place your plants where they'll provide optimal beauty from any window of your home.

Hardscape is the inclusion of any non-plant features into the landscape, such as patios, benches, flagstone walkways, sculptures, boulders, bird features, etc. These accents can provide visually appealing sitting areas, barbecue space and places for entertaining, and will extend your living space to the outdoors. It's usually best to plan and install these areas before plant installation.

Use deciduous trees to block the southern and western exposures of your home from the summer sun - and to take advantage of the sun's warmth in the winter.

Common Themes and Grouping Plants: Don't plant one of every plant you like in a small landscape - it will tend to look like a botanical garden. Use the same plant in different locations of the yard to unify the look. For a list of landscape themes see 4 types of landscape themes and plant list.

Don't space plants evening around the yard.

Instead, place them in natural groupings as you would see in the desert. Cluster plants in groups of odd numbers, leaving open space for eye appeal.

Flowers and Native Plants: Plant wildflowers that will reseed themselves. They'll provide seasonal color and year-round charm to your landscape. Some suggested varieties include penstemons, desert marigold, golden dyssodia, tufted evening primrose, poppies, and lupines.

Use plants that are native to the Sonoran, Mohave or Chihuahuan deserts for best performance. These deserts are all found in the Southwestern United States and in Mexico. Plants from deserts of other continents (i.e., Africa or Australia) will usually perform well, but the look may not always fit (i.e. large Eucalyptus trees).

Planting Trees and Shrubs: There are many things you can do to enhance the value and appearance of your home. One of the easiest, most affordable and dramatic investments is the addition of trees and shrubs to your landscape. When planted in the right place and cared for properly, trees help increase property value, provide shade and conserve energy.

Plant Lists: Create Moods or Themes with Landscape Plants

Mediterranean

- Shades of Green
- Aromatic
- Small Leaves
- Textures

Sonoran Desert

- Unusual Shapes
- Cacti
- Green to Grey-White Foliage
- Natives



Southwestern

- Color Variety in all Seasons
- Diversity in Shapes and Sizes

For more information on landscaping please visit www.wateruseitwisely.com . Stay tuned for next months water conservation tip. If you have any questions on what you can do to conserve water and prevent storm water pollution, please contact Public Services Coordinator, Andrea Saavedra at 909-864-8732 ext 271.

Planning

Applications Submitted. The following Applications were submitted to the City for review:

CUP 12-004 and DRA 012-005 - The installation an eighty foot (80') tall Unmanned Wireless Telecommunication Facility along with Associated Equipment Shelter and replacement of an existing fifty-eight foot, two inch (58'2") tall Baseball Field Light Pole with a new eighty foot (80') Pole within the City of Highland's Community Park located on the southeast corner of Central Avenue and Hibiscus Street. The address is 7793 Central Avenue. APN: 1192-571-47 and 48. App.: Verizon Wireless

The above referenced Applications have to be reviewed by the Planning Staff for completeness prior to proceeding any further in the process.

Mark Your Calendar



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

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

3:30pm - Finance Subcommittee Meeting, Upright Conference Room

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

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