



City of Highland Weekly Report

September 21, 2012

Three Vacancies declared on the Historic and Cultural Preservation Board

Community Development

Three Vacancies declared on the Historic and Cultural Preservation Board. On September 11, 2012, the City Council declared three (3) seats vacant on the Historic and Cultural Preservation Board.



The City of Highland Historic and Cultural Preservation Board consists of five Highland residents with a demonstrated interest in, or knowledge of, historic preservation and cultural resources of the City. Three vacancies have been declared by the City Council. The term of office for this vacancy will expire November, 2016. The City Council is tentatively scheduled to make the appointments at their meeting of November 13, 2012.

Appointees must be a resident of the City, serve without compensation, will have to submit an FPPC Statement of Economic Interests form and complete an ethics training course pursuant to AB 1234.

Highland residents wishing to be considered shall file an application with the City Clerk prior to the

close of business **OCTOBER 17, 2012**. Applications can be obtained at the City Offices, 27215 Base Line, Highland, CA, 92346, and on the City's Website.

Planning Commission determination: At its September 18, 2012, regular Meeting, the Commission considered the following Items:

1. 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 address is 25331 Court Street, Highland. Assessor Parcel No.: 0279-192-01. Representative: Jorge T. Raygoza, Property Owner [Continued from the Planning Commission Meeting of September 4, 2012]

The Planning Commission upheld the Community Development Director's Denial to permit an Illegally Constructed Room Addition by approving the following Resolution:

1. Adopted Planning Commission Resolution No. 12-016, Denying the Request to permit an Illegally Constructed Room Addition, located at

25331 Court Street, within City's Business Park (BP) Zoning District in accordance with the City's Land Use and Development Code Section 16.08.150, Nonconforming Parcels, Uses and Structures.

This decision can be appealed up to City Council.

2. 2014-2021 General Plan Fifth (5th) Cycle Housing Element Update (GPA-012-001) (Planning Period of June 30, 2014 - January 1, 2021). The location is City-Wide.

The Planning Commission took the following actions:

1. Reviewed and provided additional comments, as appropriate, on the 2014-2021 Fifth (5th) Cycle Housing Element Update, and;
2. Recommended the City Council direct Staff to submit the 2014-2021 Fifth Cycle Housing Element Update to the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) for their approval.

The Item may now proceed forward in the process and the Item will be scheduled for a future City Council Meeting.

Volunteer Services

BLOOD DRIVE - The time has come! Highland's next Blood Drive is this Monday, September 24, 2012 from 1:30pm to 6:30pm. 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 on-line 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.

HIGHLAND IMPROVEMENT TEAM -

The Highland Improvement Team "HIT" the pavement to clean up Highland this past Saturday. The cleanup took place along Palm Avenue south of Baseline. The scorching day did not deter volunteers as they picked up litter along the roadway and removed overgrown weeds in the right of way. Boy Scout Troop 45 and Pacific Key Club members joined in to help the Highland Improvement Team who all did an outstanding job. Something new that we are doing for community cleanups is designating a volunteer as the "Graffiti Buster." He documented graffiti on sidewalks, utility posts and fencing in the cleanup area. This information will be reported to our graffiti department for cleanup.



You can join in and help keep our community a clean and inviting place to live. The next Highland Improvement Team cleanup is Saturday, October 20 from 8am to noon. Anyone interested can sign up that morning at Highland City Hall, 27215 Baseline. Please contact Volunteer Services Coordinator, Denise Moreno, for more information at 909-864-6861 ext. 203.

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. Volunteer are still needed to help on this day. 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.



THE BASICS: Starting a Walking School Bus...

Why develop a walking school bus? Studies show that fewer children are walking and biking to school and more children are at risk of becoming overweight. Changing behaviors of children and parents require creative solutions that are safe and fun. Implementing a walking school bus can be both.

What is a walking school bus? A walking school bus is a group of children walking to school with one or more adults. If that sounds simple, it is, and that's part of the beauty of the walking school bus. It can be as informal as two families taking turns walking their children to school to as structured as a route with meeting points, a timetable and a regularly rotated schedule of trained volunteers.

A variation on the walking school bus is the bicycle train, in which adults supervise children riding their bikes to school. The flexibility of the walking school bus makes it appealing to communities of all sizes with varying needs.

Parents often cite safety issues as one of the primary reasons they are reluctant to allow their children to walk to school. Providing adult supervision may help reduce those worries for families who live within walking or bicycling distance to school.

Starting Simple. When beginning a walking school bus, remember that the program can always grow. It often makes sense to start with a small bus and see how it works. Pick a single neighborhood that has a group of parents and children who are interested. It's like a carpool - without the car- with the added benefits of exercise and visits with friends and neighbors.

take a test walk.

3. Decide how often the group will walk together.
4. Have Fun!

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

Administration

Forest Service to waive fees on National Public Lands Day - Volunteers provides helping hands for September 29th event. The San Bernardino National Forest Service is waiving fees on Saturday, September 29. No Adventure Pass is required for use of Standard Amenity Fee sites in recognition of National Public Lands Day.

The focus of National Public Lands Day is to instill a sense of shared stewardship and educate the public about the importance of natural resources. More than 170,000 volunteers are expected to provide assistance in the nation's largest, hands-on volunteer effort to improve America's public lands. Local Forest Service activities may range from maintaining trails and cleaning waterways to planting native vegetation.

"We appreciate the work of so many volunteers who help us care for our special lands," said U.S. Forest Service Chief Tom Tidwell. "National Public Lands Day is a great opportunity for families to visit our national forests, experience the beauty of fall foliage, and perhaps be motivated to join in with other volunteers and help us restore America's precious natural resources."

Local activities on the San Bernardino National Forest include:



To form a "bus":

1. Invite families who live nearby to walk.
2. Pick a route and

Santa Ana River Trail - 10 am-2 pm - Maintain trail and learn about local recreation and volunteer opportunities. Hosted by the San Geronio Wilderness Association and REI. For more information, please contact SGWA at (909) 382-2906 or sgwa@earthlink.net

Cactus Flats Staging Area near Big Bear - 9 am-1 pm - Plant native vegetation at the Cactus Flats Staging Area. Hosted by the San Bernardino National Forest Association. For more information, please contact Juli Goss @ (909) 382-2826 or jgoss@nationalforestassociation.org

Lytle Creek - 7:30 am-12 pm - Clean up trash and graffiti. Remove debris from the stream beds. For more information, please contact Jennifer Jenkins (909) 382-2763

Visit <http://www.publiclandsday.org> for more information on these and other local events.

Last year's National Public Lands Day efforts resulted in building an estimated 1,500 miles of trails; planting an estimated 100,000 trees, shrubs and other native plants; removing an estimated 500 tons of trash from recreation sites and contributing an estimated \$17 million through volunteer services to improve public lands.

The mission of the Forest Service is to sustain the health, diversity and productivity of the nation's forests and grasslands to meet the needs of present and future generations. The agency manages 193 million acres of public land, provides assistance to state and private landowners, and maintains the largest forestry research organization in the world. Forest Service lands contribute more than \$13 billion to the economy each year through visitor spending alone. Those same lands provide 20 percent of the nation's clean water supply, a value estimated at \$27 billion per year.

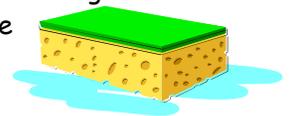
Typically, standard amenity fees are day use

fees, often covered by an Adventure Pass. Other fees, such as those in campgrounds, reservation, and group sites, are still required. Visitors who accidentally use their daily Adventure Pass on a fee-free day may have it replaced free-of-charge. For additional information about fee-free days and the recreation fee program on southern California national forests, please visit the Adventure Pass website at the following website: www.fs.usda.gov/adventurepass

Public Services

REPETE'S WISDOM OF THE WEEK -10
more 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 Sponges to Keep Water-Loving Plants Moist: Place a sponge in the bottom of a planter before adding soil, to keep water in reserve.



2. Use Carpet Scraps to Move Heavy Furniture: You've seen the infomercials for those furniture sliders, right? Well now you can make your own! Slide pieces of carpet pile-side down underneath the legs of a bureau, bed, or dresser, and then push it across the floor—much easier than lifting.

3. Use Shellac to Restore Old Hardware: After removing dirt and paint drips from hinges, knobs, and pulls, seal the pieces with clear shellac—it will keep brasses from tarnishing too.

4. Use Aluminum Foil to Sharpen Scissors: Fold a sheet of foil several times and cut through it with a pair of dull scissors to sharpen the blades.

5. Use Foam Packing Peanuts to Lighten Up Heavy Planters: Pour peanuts into a large pot and add soil to boost drainage and make it easier to move.

6. Use Vinegar to Revive Old Paintbrushes: Soak gunked-up nylon brushes in hot vinegar for up to 30 minutes to remove paint and soften the bristles. Afterward, wash them in hot, soapy water, brushing off paint as needed, then rinse and let dry—good as new.



7. Use Yogurt Cups to Catch Paint Drips: Cut a hole in a lid large enough for a paintbrush handle. Slip the handle through the opening, and paint mess-free.

8. Use Gift Cards to Get Rid of Air Bubbles: Rub the edge of a card along a freshly wallpapered surface—especially in corners and around tight spots near windows and doors—to help the paper lie smoothly.

9. Use Plastic Plant Pots to Organize Hardware: Use seedling trays in drawers or on your workbench to sort and store nuts, bolts, nails, and odds and ends.

10. Use Coffee Filters to Keep Windows Clear: Spray panes with glass cleaner, then wipe away with a doubled-up coffee filter. No lint, no streaks.

Re-Pete wants you to keep an eye out for next weeks Money and Time Saving Tips!

Finance

Commercial Business License Applications - There were no new business licenses for the week of 9/17/12-9/21/12.

Mark Your Calendar



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

Friday, October 5, 2012

5:30pm - 19th Annual Volunteer Dinner, Jerry
Lewis Community Center, Highland

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

Saturday, October 20, 2012

8am to 12pm - Highland Improvement Team
Cleanup, Meet @ Highland City Hall - 27215
Baseline, Highland

Tuesday, October 23, 2012

6pm - City Council Regular Meeting,
Donahue Council Chambers

Saturday, October 27, 2012

3pm to 7pm - Discover Highland Night, Lowe's
Home Improvement Center located at 27847
Greenspot Road, Highland,