



City of Highland Weekly Report

September 24, 2010

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Public Services

September 25 is National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day

When cleaning out your medicine cabinet, what do you do with your expired medication? Many people flush them down the toilet or toss them into the trash can. Although this seems convenient, these simple actions may be contaminating your water supply.



In early March 2008, the Associated Press broke a story about traces of pharmaceuticals found in some of the nation's water supplies. The AP reporters compiled the results of tests from various water systems around the country and identified 36 pharmaceutical compounds. These compounds are not regulated by the EPA and water suppliers do not normally test for them.

The DEA will coordinate a collaborative effort with state and local law enforcement agencies to remove potentially dangerous controlled substances from our nation's medicine cabinets. The National Take-Back Day provides an opportunity for the public to surrender expired, unwanted, or unused pharmaceutical controlled substances and other medications for

destruction. These drugs are a potential source of supply for illegal use and an unacceptable risk to public health and safety.

Join us at the Highland Police Station (located at 26985 Baseline Highland, CA 92346) on September 25, 2010 from 10am to 2pm to turn in any unused, unwanted or expired medications. This take back event is **FREE** and open to the public.

The best way to ensure safe water is to keep our water resources clean. Consumers should never dispose of unused medications in the toilet, down sink or in the trash. Instead, contact the San Bernardino County Fire Department Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility at (909) 382-5401, for information about proper disposal of medications and other materials that could potentially harm the environment, such as cleaning products, pesticides, and automotive products.



REPETE'S WISDOM OF THE WEEK

How Did That Become Hazardous Waste?

So this month's edition of "Entertainment" magazine (a cross between *TV Guide* and *People*)

and has an advertisement for new CBS shows. When you turn to the advertisement and open the pages, it "plays" the theme from Hawaii 5-0, their new show.

...which means now this magazine is household hazardous waste (HHW). You are probably wondering why it's considered HHW, it's just a magazine right?

Wrong, just think about what is used to power the music to pay that song. It's a button battery and all batteries have been banned from landfill disposal. Improper disposal of batteries can be harmful to our health and the environment. Improper disposal and the correct conditions can cause batteries to explode.

Musical greeting cards and balloons also contain a button battery and circuit boards that cannot be disposed of in the trash.

To properly dispose of musical greeting cards, magazines or balloons remove the battery and circuit board (if applicable). Magazines and greeting cards are products that, without the battery, can be recycled in your curbside recycling bin at home. Balloons need to be placed in your household trash for disposal. The batteries and circuit boards can be taken to your local household hazardous waste collection facility.

For more information, please contact Public Services Coordinator, Andrea Saavedra, at (909) 864-8732 ext 271.

To find a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility nearest you, please call 1-800-Oily Cat for information.

Library



Food Focus at Eco-Matinee

"You'll never look at dinner the same way again" when you join the

Highland Environmental Learning Center for **Eco-Matinee** on **Monday, September 27, 2010 at 1:00pm** in the **Community Room**.

FOOD, INC. exposes the strangling grip that corporations have on the American food industry from how animals are treated to how humans are consuming natural resources. Adults are invited to view the film for FREE and participate in a discussion immediately after the film.

For more information, please contact Lauren Bergh at the Highland Sam J. Racadio Library and Environmental Learning Center at (909) 425-4706 or HGLENV@lib.sbcounty.gov.

Shake Things Up With Family Science!

Will your family know what to do when the next big earthquake strikes? What if your family is separated with the children at school and the parents at work? **Family Science Exploration** investigates **Earthquakes** on **Saturday, September 25, 2010 at 10:30am** in the **Science Lab**. Patrons of all ages will examine models and try to build a quake-proof tower as they learn how and why earthquakes happen. Videos presenting different earthquake scenarios and tips for creating a family emergency plan will also be included. This program is FREE and open to all patrons; children must be accompanied by an adult. Program begins promptly at 10:30am.

For more information, please contact Lauren Bergh at the Highland Sam J. Racadio Library and Environmental Learning Center at (909) 425-4706 or HGLENV@lib.sbcounty.gov.

Volunteer Services



Highland community blood drives are now on Tuesday instead of Monday. Please support this change and the community of Highland by

donating blood at our next blood drive on Tuesday, September 28 at the Jerry Lewis Community Center, 7793 Central Avenue, from 1:30pm to 6:30pm.

This is your chance to give the "Gift of Life" by donating blood in your community. Your blood will be used in lifesaving treatments for individuals with cancer and leukemia, surgery patients, organ transplant recipients, for newborns, severe burn victims and trauma patients. 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*...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

For more information, please contact Volunteer Services at (909) 864-6861 ext. 203

Community Development

Historic and Cultural Preservation Board Member appointed. On September 14, 2010, the City Council appointed Mr. Patrick Sandford to be the newest HCPB member. He will be sworn in at the next HCPB's regular meeting. Staff is looking forward to working with him in his new position. Congratulations, Mr. Sandford!!!!

Planning Commission determination: At its September 21, 2010 regular meeting, the Commission considered the following Items:

1. A Conditional Use Permit application (CUP 008-012) for the entitlement of a three (3) phased project which includes:
 - a. Phase I - Service Station / Convenience Store
 - b. Phase II - Conversion of an existing apartment complex into a 36 room motel
 - c. Phase III- New three-story, 36 room motel adjoining Phase II motel for a combined total of 72 rooms

At its August 17, 2010 meeting, the Planning Commission continued this item to its September 21, 2010 meeting. The Applicant is now requesting the item be continued to the Planning Commission's November 16, 2010 meeting.

The property is an approximate 2.11-acre site consisting of four (4) adjoining properties located at the northwest corner of Highland and Victoria Avenues (26492 Highland Avenue and 6446 & 6476 Victoria Avenue) (APNs: 0285-742-07, -08, -09 & -10). Representative: Balbir Jhawar, Applicant

The Planning Commission continued this item to its November 16, 2010 regular meeting.

2. Environmental Review (CEQA) Clearance for the Fifth / Third Street Storm Drain System Project, (Mitigated Negative Declaration) (ENV 010-010). The project is located within the City Right-of-Way along Third Street (Between Palm Avenue and the Streets Easterly Terminus), Palm Avenue (Between Fifth Street and Third Street), Fifth Street (Between Palm

Avenue and City Creek Overflow Channel), and Flood Control Property within City Creek Overflow Channel (APN: 1192-561-03-0-000.)
Representative: Dennis Barton,
Assistant Public Works Director

The Planning Commission:

1. Approved Resolution No. 10-015 adopting a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Fifth / Third Street Storm Drain System project, Environmental Document (ENV 010-010), and;
2. Directed Staff to file an Environmental Notice of Determination with the San Bernardino County Clerk of the Board for ENV-010-010.

The Application may now proceed forward in the process.

Public Works



What's New in Public Works:

The following activities were completed by the Public Works Crew between 9/1/10 - 9/22/10: Routine landscape/irrigation maintenance of LMDs and City facilities, and routine cleanup at City parks; cleared over 50 storm drains at various locations; marked USA ticket locations; picked-up trash at Aurantia Park and orange grove; cleaned storm drain catch basin and lateral pipe in front of Corporation Yard south to City Creek overflow channel; replaced broken fence rails on Browning Rd. Trail and trimmed tree limbs hanging over walls into trail; installed new signs at Victoria & Western, Millar/Mountain, Temple/Lynwood; moved sand from Fire Station 2 to 6th/Victoria, Church St./Highland Ave.; removed dumped furniture/debris at Abbey Wy./Church St., Victoria s/o 5th St., Ward e/o Cunningham,

6th/Grape, and misc. locations; removed weeds outside of wall at Seeley Ct. n/o Base Line, Highland Ave. e/o Amber to Hamilton, 5th/Central, Victoria s/o Millar, Highland Ave. between Surrey & Church St., Boulder from Eucalyptus to Weaver, Weaver/Greenspot, Pacific/Orange; worked on cleaning floor and lawn sprinklers at Fire Station 3; broke welding on storm drain grates underneath Central Ave. bridge, cleaned-out trash/debris and wired-down grate; attached sign holder to traffic trailer; assisted w/traffic control due to signal out at Boulder/Highland; video taped sewer line at Athletic Center with video camera company; did walk-thru of all LMDs with Lasting Images; fixed front door of Sheriff Station; worked on storm drain covers at 10th/Central, Highland/Summer Trail; removed fallen tree at Base Line/Guthrie area; repaired water leak at corner of Alta Vista/Greenspot and set barricades on sidewalk; did roof repair at Fire Station 2; re-boot solar tracking system at Environmental Learning Center; asphalt repair at various locations; misc. maintenance jobs at City Hall; re-set all parks e.t. systems online; install white boards and soap dispensers at E.L.C.; PARSAC training; dig-out sand bar from under Central Ave. bridge so that drains flow downstream; attended Microsoft Excel Seminar; washed City vehicles; replaced broken sidewalk at Community Park outside of s/e ball field; replaced parking lot lights and repaired drinking fountain at Aurantia Park; repaired sidewalk over storm drain channel box on east side of Palm, north & south side of Bessant and Fisher St.; hauled dirt/rocks from Summertrail/Country Oak drain basin area and delivered to 6th/Victoria.

Graffiti Report:

During the period of 9/1/10 - 9/22/10, graffiti made known to Public Works staff by the following means was removed: **Reported to Hotline:** Clubview/Greenbrier, 7612 Cunningham, Water e/o Starpine, across from 29412 Base Line, 7026 Del Rosa Ave., 25455 Pacific, 25677

Pacific, Rogers Ln./Pacific, 25840 & 25830 Fisher, 9th (Raintree Apts.), 9th w/o Cunningham, Flamingo/Bonnie; **Reported by Staff:** Cal's Disposal, Del Rosa Dr./Pacific, Atlantic/Boulder, Palm/Pacific, Cypress/Central; **Routine Observation by Public Works:** Seeley Ct./Base Line, Community Park, Sterling s/o Jane, Byron/Rogers, Base Line/Golondrina, Osburn/Base Line, Peacock/Cypress, Cypress/Palm, Pacific w/o Olive, 9th/Central, Central n/o Messina, Central/14th, Base Line/Guthrie, Sterling - s/o Jane to Byron, Newbury/Jane, 25646 Base Line, Base Line w/o Osburn, Del Rosa Ave./9th, Sterling/9th, 9th/McKinley, Pacific w/o Victoria, Pacific/Miller Ln., 7402 Palm, Palm at Flood Control, Pacific/Victoria, across from 7750 Palm, center median at Base Line/Sterling, Cole/Messina, Fisher/Orange, Barnes/Base Line, 27948 Millar, 14th/Colwyn to Dundee, Victoria northbound to Goodman Court, Victoria northbound to Pacific, 7576 Sterling, 26245 Base Line, 9th/Elmwood, 9th/Hillview, Church Ave./Norwood, Church s/o Base Line, Church Ave. at Thompson School, Villa/Palm to Fisher, Palm to Bessant, Fisher/Del Rosa Dr., (25889, 25870, 25850, 25865, 25885, 25895 Fisher), Elm/Base Line, Boulder at Beaver Medical, Pacific e/o Orange, Pacific e/o Center to Church Ave., LMD #47, Cole/Base Line, Lynwood, Alice/15th, 27447 Pacific, Pacific/Argyle, Del Rosa Ave./7th, 26838 9th, 9th/McKinley (Gene's Market), 7505 Golondrina, 5th/Cunningham, Central n/o 13th.

Mark Your Calendar

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

Saturday, October 9, 2010

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

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

Saturday, October 16, 2010

8am to 12 Noon - Highland Improvement Team Cleanup, meet @ City Hall, 27215 Baseline

Tuesday, October 19, 2010

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Saturday, October 23, 2010

4pm - 8pm Discover Highland Night - located at Lowe's on Greenspot Road

Monday, October 25, 2010

4pm to 5pm - Blood Drive Recruitment Meeting, Jerry Lewis Community Center
7793 Central Avenue - Highland

Tuesday, October 26, 2010

6pm - City Council Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

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