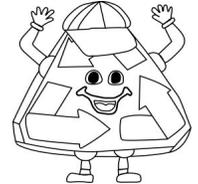


City of Highland Weekly Report



September 24, 2015

Repete's Wisdom of the Week



September 26th is National Prescription Drug Take Back Day

On **September 26th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** the Highland Police Station and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will give the public its tenth opportunity in five years to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs.

Bring your medications for disposal to the **Highland Police Station located at 26985 Base Line Highland, CA 92346**. The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked.

This initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet. In addition, Americans are now advised that their usual methods for disposing of unused medicines—flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash—both pose potential safety and health hazards.

For information on how to properly dispose of medications and other materials that could potentially harm the environment, such as cleaning products, paints, fertilizers/pesticides, automotive products like used motor oil and filters, please contact the City of Highland Public Services Division at 909-864-8732 ext. 271



ADMINISTRATION

SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH!

Preparing Makes Sense

Preparing makes sense. The likelihood that you and your family will survive a house fire depends as much on having a working smoke detector and an exit strategy, as on a well-trained fire department. The same is true for surviving a natural disaster or other emergency.

We must have the tools and plans in place to make it on our own, at least for a period of time, no matter where we are when disaster strikes. FEMA urges all Americans to: build a kit of emergency supplies; make a plan for what you will do in an emergency; and be informed about what might happen. Just like having a working smoke detector, preparing for the unexpected makes sense. Get Ready Now. For more information, visit www.ready.gov.

San Bernardino National Forest National Public Lands Day

The San Bernardino National Forest Service is waiving fees on Saturday, September 26. 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.

Local activities on the San Bernardino National Forest include:

Pinyon - 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. - Volunteers will meet at Pinon Flats Transfer Station Rd. at Highway 74 Sawmill Trailhead near Pinyon Flat Campground from where they will assist with trail improvements, trimming plants, planting native vegetation, removing weeds, sweeping and repairing fences. Please RSVP with Tracy Albrecht at 760-833-7127.

Fawnskin - 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. - 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Volunteers will meet at the Big Bear Discovery Center and caravan to the Cactus Flat staging area for a day of planting, watering, erosion control, and seed collecting until. Please wear sturdy shoes and dress for working in the outdoors and bring gloves. Volunteers of all ages are welcome. Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP with Deveree Kopp at 909-382-2831.

Lytle Creek - 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Volunteers will meet at the Applewhite Picnic Area from where they will pick up trash and also support clearing away dams, overgrown brush and overhanging tree limbs. Please wear sturdy shoes and dress for working in the outdoors. Volunteers of all ages are welcome. Contact Jennifer Jenkins for any additional information at 909-382-2763.

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

Public Services

Used Oil Filter Exchange and Recycling Event

The San Bernardino County Fire Departments Household Hazardous Waste Program and the City of Highland's Public Services Division are hosting a free **Used Oil Filter Exchange and Recycling Event**.

Date: October 3, 2015

Time: 9am to 2pm

Location: AutoZone (27292 Base Line Highland, CA 92346)

Keep in Mind...

1. Bring up to 3 used oil filters to recycle and exchange for new oil filters
2. Expiration: Saturday, October 3rd at 2pm
3. Valid In-Store Only at the address listed above
4. No exchanges or refunds
5. Recycle oil filter safely: drain for 12 hours and transport in non-leaking container or bag.
6. Bring ID or utility bill for residency verification.



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). For more information call 909-382-5401 or 1-800-Oily Cat (645.9228)



FINANCE



Commercial Business License Applications

There were no new commercial Business Licenses for the week of 9/21/15 to 9/25/15

VOLUNTEER SERVICES

The City of Highland hosted a Community Blood Drive on Monday, September 21st and due to our wonderful community members, we had 19 donors sign in and 14 units of blood were provided to Life Stream. We truly appreciate everyone who was able to come out and contribute a "Gift of Life" donation!

Blood Drive

Remember, unlike other blood banks, LifeStream is proud to say that all blood collected at our drive this past week will be used in Highland and surrounding communities. Blood is not sent outside of our local region. LifeStream is the only blood bank contracted to supply blood to our local hospitals.



Mark Your Calendar! The last community blood drive of the year is scheduled for Monday, November 23, 2015. So plan to join us and help Highland increase its blood donation. Hope to see you all there!

All Highland Blood Drives are hosted at the Highland Police Station which is located at 26985 Base Line from 1:30 pm to 6:30pm. Please contact Volunteer Services if you would like to sign up to help with the committee or to become a donor.

Volunteer Services can be reached at 909-864-6861 extension 203 for more information.



Calendar of Events

September 26, 2015

10am to 2pm—DEA National Prescription Drug Take Back Day, Highland Police Station 26985 Base Line

October 1, 2015

4:30pm—Oversight Board Meeting, Council Chambers
5pm — Historic & Cultural Preservation Board Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

October 2, 2015

10am—COPS Meeting, Indian Springs High School

October 3, 2015

9am to 2pm—Used Oil Filter Exchange & Recycling Day, AutoZone 27292 Base Line

October 6, 2015

6pm— Planning Commission Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

October 8, 2015

5pm—Community Trails Committee Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

October 13, 2015

6pm—City Council Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

October 20, 2015

6pm—Planning Commission Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

October 27, 2015

6pm— City Council Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

November 3, 2015

6pm—Planning Commission, Donahue Council Chambers

November 6, 2015

10am—COPS Meeting, Location TBD

November 10, 2015

6pm—City Council Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

November 12, 2015

5pm—Community Trails Committee Meeting Donahue Council Chambers

November 17, 2015

6pm—Planning Commission Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

November 24, 2015

6pm—City Council Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

December 1, 2015

6pm—Planning Commission Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

December 3, 2015

5pm—Historic & Cultural Preservation Board, Donahue Council Chambers

December 4, 2015

10am—COPS Meeting, Arroyo Verde Elementary School

December 8, 2015

6pm—City Council Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

December 10, 2015

5pm—Community Trails Committee Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

December 15, 2015

6pm—Planning Commission Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers



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