



# City of Highland Weekly Report

September 25, 2014

## Repete's Wisdom of the Week - Sept 27<sup>th</sup> National Prescription Take Back Day

### Public Services

Repete's Wisdom of the Week - September 27<sup>th</sup> is National Prescription Drug Take Back Day. On September 27<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. the Highland Police Station and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will give the public its ninth opportunity in four 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.

### Volunteer Services

**Blood Drive -Another Blood Drive Success!** This past Monday, September 22, 2014, the City of Highland in cooperation with LifeStream hosted another community blood drive at the Highland Police Department.

The demand for blood never stops. LifeStream must collect at least 600 units of blood a day to ensure that our local hospitals get the lifesaving treatments they need. Giving blood provides community members with the opportunity to contribute a lifesaving donation. Due to our wonderful community donors, Highland brought

in 58 registered donors. With only 5 deferrals, our blood drive was able to bring in 40 units of blood for the community! This is a huge increase in donor participation. Thank you to the many donors who took time to give back to the community.

The success our blood drive could not have been possible without the help of our wonderful volunteers, Brenda Borges, Pearl Crump, Debra Davis, Genevieve Davis, Harriet Foucher, Eileen Gutierrez, Ron Hopson, Audree Kraemer, Jeri Rich, Ada Scott, Sylvia Yzaguirre and the fabulous staff from LifeStream. A special thank you goes out to the Highland Police Station, for their hospitality and for providing the use of the Community Room during the blood drive.

Mark Your Calendar! The next community blood drive is set for Monday, November 24, 2014. Please join us and help Highland increase its blood donations.

Should you have any questions or like to volunteer your time, please contact Denise Moreno at 909-864-6861 extension 203.

**Highland Improvement Team** - There was a fantastic turnout of volunteers for Saturday's Highland Improvement Team cleanup. Over thirty volunteers participated in a litter abatement cleanup, which included members of the Highland Improvement Team and the San G Key Club. Volunteers were able to clean up litter from Highland Community Park and the entire surrounding complex, which includes the Highland YMCA and the Highland Sam J. Racadio Library. Thank you to all that participated in making this project so successful!



The next HIT cleanup is on Saturday, October 18, 2014. This will be a community tree planting project. To find out more information about this project or the Highland Improvement Team in general,

please contact Volunteer Services Coordinator, Denise Moreno, at 909-864-6861 extension 203.

## Administration

**September Is National Preparedness Month! Emergency Preparedness - Earthquakes.** One Of The Most Frightening And Destructive Phenomena Of Nature Is A Severe Earthquake And Its Terrible After Effects. An Earthquake Is The Sudden, Rapid Shaking Of The Earth, Caused By The Breaking And Shifting Of Subterranean Rock As It Releases Strain That Has Accumulated Over A Long Time.

For Hundreds of Millions of Years, The Forces of Plate Tectonics Have Shaped the Earth, as The Huge Plates That Form the Earth's Surface Slowly Move Over, Under and Past Each Other. Sometimes, The Movement Is Gradual. At Other Times, The Plates Are Locked Together, Unable To Release Accumulated Energy. When The Accumulated Energy Grows Strong Enough, The Plates Break Free. If The Earthquake Occurs In A Populated Area, It May Cause Many Deaths And Injuries And Extensive Property Damage.

The 2011 East Coast Earthquake Illustrated The Fact That It Is Impossible To Predict When Or Where An Earthquake Will Occur, So It Is Important That You And Your Family Are Prepared Ahead Of Time.

The Following Are Things You Can Do To Protect Yourself, Your Family And Your Property In The Event Of An Earthquake.

- To Begin Preparing, You Should Build An Emergency Kit And Make A Family Communication Plan
- Fasten Shelves Securely To Walls.
- Place Large or Heavy Objects on Lower Shelves.

- Store Breakable Items Such As Bottled Foods, Glass, and China in Low, Closed Cabinets with Latches.
- Fasten Heavy Items Such As Pictures And Mirrors Securely To Walls And Away From Beds, Couches And Anywhere People Sit.
- Brace Overhead Light Fixtures And Top Heavy Objects.
- Repair Defective Electrical Wiring and Leaky Gas Connections. These Are Potential Fire Risks. Get Appropriate Professional Help. Do Not Work With Gas Or Electrical Lines Yourself.
- Install Flexible Pipe Fittings To Avoid Gas Or Water Leaks. Flexible Fittings Are More Resistant To Breakage.
- Secure Your Water Heater, Refrigerator, Furnace And Gas Appliances By Strapping Them To The Wall Studs And Bolting To The Floor. If Recommended By Your Gas Company, Have An Automatic Gas Shut-Off Valve Installed That Is Triggered By Strong Vibrations.
- Repair Any Deep Cracks In Ceilings Or Foundations. Get Expert Advice If There Are Signs Of Structural Defects.
- Be Sure The Residence Is Firmly Anchored To Its Foundation.
- Store Weed Killers, Pesticides, And Flammable Products Securely In Closed Cabinets With Latches And On Bottom Shelves.
- Locate Safe Spots In Each Room Under A Sturdy Table Or Against An Inside Wall. Reinforce This Information By Moving To These Places During Each Drill.
- Hold Earthquake Drills With Your Family Members: Drop, Cover And Hold On.

For More Information about Disaster Preparedness, Please Visit [www.Ready.Gov](http://www.Ready.Gov).

## Finance

**Commercial Business License Applications** - There were no new commercial business licenses for the week of 9/22 to 9/26/14.

## Community Development

**Committee and Board Member Appointments:** At the September 23, 2014 regular City Council meeting, City Council members reappointed Michael Haynes, Brent Merideth, and Julio Silva to serve on the Community Trails Committee. City Council also appointed Anthony Mistretta to serve on the Public Nuisance Hearing Board. Congratulations gentlemen!



If you are interested in becoming a member of a board or committee, you will find Public Service applications on our website at the following <http://www.ci.highland.ca.us/Downloads/>.

Currently, there is a vacancy on the Community Trails Committee and the Historic and Cultural Preservation Board. The deadline to turn in your Public Service application to the City Clerk is September 29, 2014.

If you have any questions, please contact Betty Hughes, City Clerk, at (909) 864-6861 and extension 226.

**Planning Commission Determination:** At the September 16, 2014, regular meeting, the Planning Commission considered the following items:

1. A Request for Revision (REV-14-001) to the Conditions of Approval for Conditional Use Permit (CUP-08-012) and Design Review Application (DRA-12-006) for the Construction and Operation of a Three (3) Phased Project

which Includes the Demolition and Reconstruction of a Service Station and Convenience Store, Conversion of an Existing Apartment Complex into a 36 Room Motel and Construction of an Expansion to the Motel to Accommodate 36 Additional Rooms, for a Total of 72 Rooms

The Planning Commission:

1. Adopted Resolution No. 14-014 for a revision (REV-14-001) to the conditions of approval for Conditional Use Permit (CUP-08-012) and Design Review Application (DRA-12-006), as amended, and;
2. Adopted the Findings of Fact.

**Community Trails Committee**

**Determination:** At the September 11, 2014, regular meeting, the Community Trails Committee considered the following items:

1. 2015 Community Trails Day Location Options

The Community Trails Committee discussed location options and recommended that staff obtain information for the San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation plan and the Harmony Specific Plan Area. The Community Trails Committee also recommended staff to coordinate with the Chamber of Commerce to determine possible dates for the 2015 Community Trails Day event.

## Public Works

### Public Works Construction Updates

**Base Line/Greenspot Road Traffic Safety and Bikeway Improvements** - Construction of the new traffic signals at Base Line and Browning Road/Streater Avenue and Greenspot Road and Weaver Street have been delayed due to various utility relocations with

Edison, AT&T, Time Warner and Southern California Gas Company. The only utility relocation item remaining involves relocation of a gas meter on the north side of Base Line east of Browning Road, which is scheduled for Monday, September 29<sup>th</sup>. This week the contractor is working with Edison to provide electrical service for both traffic signals. The traffic signals, speed feedback signs and lighted crosswalk are anticipated to be turned on by October 9<sup>th</sup>. The City thanks Highland residents for their continued patience on this project.

**Greenspot Road Widening Improvements** - This project is now substantially complete, including but not limited to SR-210 on and off ramps at Greenspot Road, roadway widening, striping and landscape median. This week the contractor is installing the up-lighting as well as installing wiring for the decorative street lights. They are also installing chain link fence on the north side of Greenspot Road, and completing irrigation and planting on the south side of Greenspot Road east of the SR-210 westbound off ramp. The decorative street lights on the median and parkway are estimated to be turned on by October 8<sup>th</sup>. City staff is continuing to work closely with Edison to complete the undergrounding of the overhead transmission lines in order to complete the roadway widening once the power poles are removed.

**5<sup>th</sup> Street Storm Drain and Water Pipeline** - The contractor is busy working to install storm drain and water pipeline on 5<sup>th</sup> Street between Central Avenue and Creek. However, construction will be delayed on this project for approximately 3 months after October 3<sup>rd</sup>. The City needs to obtain environmental clearances from California Department of Fish & Wildlife, Regional Water Quality Control Board, US Army Corp of Engineers prior San Bernardino County Flood Control District issuing an encroachment permit

to complete the work on this project. Clearances were previously obtained by the City prior to the start of construction but due to unforeseen design changes during construction it became necessary to go back to these resources agencies for another approval because of the revised scope of work.

### Upcoming Construction Public Works Projects

**City-Wide Sidewalk Repairs** - On August 12<sup>th</sup>, Council awarded a \$1 million contract to reconstruct damaged sidewalk and damaged or non-ADA compliant handicap curb ramps at various locations throughout the City; and construction of new sidewalk and new handicap ramps where none exist at various locations throughout the City. Construction of the project will be funded using RDA Bond Proceeds. Construction is anticipated to begin October 20<sup>th</sup> and be completed in 3 months.

**Vine Street Pavement Rehabilitation and Various Street Repairs** - On August 12<sup>th</sup> Council also awarded a contract to rehabilitate Vine Street from Base Line to 13<sup>th</sup> Street and Tippecanoe Street to east end. These segments of Vine Street will receive pavement repairs ranging from removal and replacement of existing pavement to placing an asphalt concrete overlay. The construction cost for Vine Street is \$154,000. Construction will be funded using Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. Additionally, this project includes isolated pavement repairs at seven (7) major streets throughout the City. The construction cost of the pavement repairs is \$267,000, which will be funded using local City funds. Construction is anticipated to begin October 13<sup>th</sup> and be completed in 2 months.

**9<sup>th</sup> Street and Palm Avenue Pavement Rehabilitation** - Advertising for construction bids for pavement rehabilitation on 9<sup>th</sup> Street (Del Rosa Drive and Palm Avenue) and Palm Avenue (Base Line to 5<sup>th</sup> Street) began

September 11<sup>th</sup>. Construction bids will be received until October 2<sup>nd</sup>. The estimated construction cost is \$1.1 million, which will be funded using a combination of Measure I and Local Funds. Bid award will be made at the October 28<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

**New Greenspot Bridge on Schedule to Open November 5<sup>th</sup>** The long awaited new bridge and road alignment on Greenspot Road at Santa Ana River will soon be open to traffic. Barring any unforeseen events, the new bridge and road is scheduled to open November 5<sup>th</sup>. Opening of the new bridge and realigned road will mark the completion of the first phase of the \$8.9 million two-phased project.

Immediately after the opening, rehabilitation work will begin on the existing 102 year old existing steel bridge. The rehabilitation work will ready the existing bridge to be incorporated into the City's trail system in the future.

## Mark Your Calendar

### **Saturday, September 27, 2014**

10am to 2pm -National Prescription Drug Take Back Day located at Highland Police Station - 26985 Base Line, Highland

### **Monday, September 29, 2014**

4:30pm - Oversight Board Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

### **Thursday, October 2, 2014**

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

### **Tuesday, October 7, 2014**

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

**Thursday, October 9, 2014**

5pm - Community Trails Committee, Donahue Council Chambers

**Saturday, October 11, 2014**

9am to 2pm - Used Oil Filter Exchange & Recycling Event, AutoZone - 27292 Base Line, Highland

**Tuesday, October 14, 2014**

6pm - City Council Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

**Saturday, October 18, 2014**

8am to 12pm (Noon)/Sign in from 7:30am to 8am - Highland Improvement Team Cleanup, Meet at Highland City Hall - 27215 Base Line

**Saturday, October 18, 2014**

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

**Tuesday, October 21, 2014**

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

**October 23, 2014 through October 31, 2014**

Red Ribbon Week

**October 27, 2014 through November 25, 2014**

Highland Community Food Drive - Food Donation Locations:

Highland City Hall - 27215 Base Line

Highland Police Station - 26985 Base Line

Highland YMCA - 7793 Central Avenue

Highland Community News - 27000 Base Line, Suite G

**Tuesday, October 28, 2014**

6pm - City Council Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

**November 4, 2014**

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

**November 11, 2014**

6pm - City Council Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

**November 13, 2014**

5pm - Community Trails Committee, Donahue Council Chambers

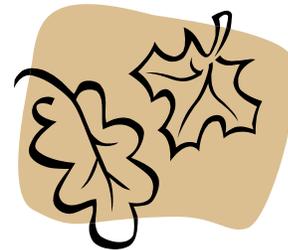
**November 18, 2014**

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

**November 25, 2014**

6pm - City Council Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

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