



City of Highland Weekly Report

September 26, 2013

National Public Lands Day ~ Sat Sept 28th Local Activities are Scheduled

Administration

The San Bernardino National Forest is offering a fee-free day on Saturday September 28 in conjunction with the 20th annual National Public Lands Day, the nation's largest, single-day volunteer effort for public lands. 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.

"National Public Lands Day is a good day to enjoy the great outdoors, both by visiting the national forest and taking part in one of the many volunteer opportunities around the forest," said San Bernardino National Forest

Supervisor Jody Noiron. "We appreciate all the volunteers that donate countless hours restoring and caring for their national forest."

Local activities on the San Bernardino National Forest include:

- Big Bear - Greenthumbs Ecological Restoration Project Work will consist of seed collection, native shrub and tree planting and the scattering of woody debris to disguise unauthorized routes. Contact: Juli Goss (909) 382-2826 or jgoss@mountainsfoundation.org
- Lytle Creek - Apple White Picnic Area Clean-up clear illegal dams from the streambed, trimming shrubbery, trash clean-up and more. Contact: Jennifer Jenkins at (909) 382-2851 or jenniferjenkins@fs.fed.us
- Palm Desert - Palm Canyon Trail Project Trail clean-up, rehabilitation and installing water bars to reduce erosion. Contact: Tracy Albrecht at (760) 833-7100 or talbrech@blm.gov

- San Gorgonio Wilderness- South Fork Trail. Trail work along the South Fork Trail just above Horse Meadows will include brushing, thread work and trail clearing. Contact: Alfredo Zarate at (909) 382-2900 or azarate@fs.fed.us

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

In 2012, about 175,000 volunteers worked at 2,206 sites in every state, the District of Columbia and U.S. territories, making it the largest participation in the event's history. Those volunteers collected an estimated 500 tons of trash and 23,000 pounds of invasive plants, planted 100,000 trees and other plants and built or maintained 1,500 miles of trails. Additionally, almost 108,000 volunteers and service members contributed 4.3 million hours or nearly 2,400 person years on critical projects on national forests, grasslands and prairies. Their service was valued at close to \$94 million.

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, visit the Adventure Pass website at: www.fs.usda.gov/adventurepass

About the U.S. Forest Service, San Bernardino National Forest - The San Bernardino National Forest is comprised of three Ranger Districts spanning 679,380 acres in San Bernardino and Riverside counties. From the desert floor to the pristine mountain peaks, the San Bernardino National Forest offers natural environments, spectacular scenery, developed

campgrounds and picnic areas, numerous recreational opportunities, and the solitude of quiet wilderness and open space for the over 24 million residents of Southern California and those visiting the area. The forest environment also provides habitat for numerous plants and animals and is crucial in sustaining drinking water, air, and soil quality. Learn more at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/sbnf>

September is National Preparedness Month! Emergency Preparedness - Water. In a disaster, water supplies may be cut off or contaminated. Store enough water for everyone in your family to last for at least 3 days.

- Store one gallon of water per person, per day. Three gallons per person per day will give you enough to drink and for limited cooking and personal hygiene. Remember to plan for pets.

If you store tap water:

- Tap water from a municipal water system can be safely stored without additional treatment.
- Store water in food grade plastic containers, such as clean 2-liter soft drink bottles. Heavy duty, reusable plastic water containers are also available at sporting goods stores. Empty milk bottles are not recommended because their lids do not seal well and bottles may develop leaks.
- Label and store in a cool, dark place.
- Replace water at least once every six months.



If you buy commercially bottled "spring" or "drinking" water:

- Keep water in its original container, and don't re-store a bottle once it's been opened.
- Store in a cool, dark place.

- If bottles are not marked with the manufacturer's expiration date, label with the date and replace bottles at least once per year.

Treating Water after Disaster:

If you run out of stored drinking water, strain and treat water from your water heater or the toilet reservoir tank (except if you use toilet tank cleaners). Swimming pool or spa water should not be consumed but you can use it for flushing toilets or washing.

Treatment Process:

Strain any large particles of dirt by pouring the water through layers of paper towels or clean cloth. Next, purify the water one of two ways:

Boil - bring to a rolling boil and maintain for 3-5 minutes. After the water cools, pour it back and forth between two clean containers to add oxygen back; this will improve its taste.

Disinfect - If the water is clear, add 8 drops (1/8 teaspoon) of bleach per gallon of water. If it is cloudy, add 16 drops (1/4 teaspoon) per gallon. Make sure you are using regular bleach— 5.25% percent sodium hypochlorite— rather than the "ultra" or "color safe" bleaches. Shake or stir, then let stand 30 minutes. A slight chlorine taste and smell is normal.

For more information on disaster preparedness, please visit www.ready.gov or www.72hours.org.

Engineering

Base Line Town Center Beautification. The contractor completed installation of the median trees. They are continuing to work on installation of the river rock, median up-lighting, irrigation, signing and striping. Beginning this Saturday, September 28, 2013

at 5 a.m. they will be installing the decorative pavers at the intersection of Base Line Church Avenue. This work will continue through 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 1, 2013. As a reminder, the intersection will be closed to traffic during this work.

Sterling Avenue Pavement Rehabilitation. The contractor completed the cold-in-place recycling on Sterling Avenue from Base Line to Pacific Street. Next week, they will re-roll the pavement and overlay with rubber asphalt concrete the full width of the pavement.

Boulder Avenue Bridge Construction Update. The contractor is back to finish the work on this project! Next week they will be grading the parkways on both sides of Boulder Avenue, grading adjacent roadway slopes, and installing irrigation and electrical conduit. The roadway will be capped with asphalt concrete October 14th and 15th, which will eliminate the bumps in the road.

Community Development

Community Trails Committee Members appointed. On September 24, 2013, the City Council reappointed Ms. Margaret Wright and Ms. Anne Viricel. Their terms will end in October, 2015. Staff is looking forward to continue working with Margaret and Anne in their new positions. Congratulations, Ladies!!!



Finance

Commercial Business License Applications - There were no new commercial business licenses for the week of 9/23 to 9/27/13.

Mark Your Calendar



Monday, September 30, 2013

4pm - Oversight Board Special Meeting, Council Chambers

Tuesday, October 1, 2013

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Wednesday, October 2, 2013

4pm - Public Nuisance Hearing Board Special Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Thursday, October 3, 2013

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

Saturday, October 5, 2013

9am to 1pm - Open House at Highland Police Station - 26985 Base Line, Highland

Tuesday, October 8, 2013

6pm - Regular City Council Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Thursday, October 10, 2013

5pm - Community Trails Committee Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Tuesday, October 15, 2013

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Saturday, October 19, 2013

8am to 12pm - Highland Improvement Team Clean U, meet at Highland City Hall - 27215 Base Line, Highland

Saturday, October 19, 2013

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

Tuesday, October 22, 2013

6pm - Regular City Council Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Saturday, October 26, 2013

3pm to 7pm - Discover Highland Night, located at the Highland Crossing Shopping Center in front of Lowe's Home Improvement Center on Greenspot Road

Tuesday, November 5, 2013

Election Day - Go out and vote!
6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Tuesday, November 12, 2013

6pm - Regular City Council Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Thursday, November 14, 2013

5pm - Community Trails Committee Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Tuesday, November 19, 2013

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Thursday / Friday, November 28-29, 2013

Thanksgiving Holiday - City Offices are closed

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